



CHRIST THE KING Herald July 2026

This month folks from sea to shining sea will be firing up the grill, striking up the Sousa band, putting on their best reds, whites, and blues, and kicking back to enjoy the fireworks as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That great treatise from the pen of Thomas Jefferson with all its self-evident truths and inalienable rights is surely among the most treasured pieces of writing in the history of these United States—with good reason. Whenever even a phrase of it is read aloud, it is sure to stir up all the feels in most every American heart. There is great pride to be taken in what this country—these people—have done, albeit imperfectly, in pursuit of human liberty. And no matter your pet cause or political stripe, those magnificent words of promise and purpose penned so long ago still tell us to this day what it means to be an American.

But what does it mean to be a Christian in America?

Like Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther was a gifted writer of treatises. Like old Tom and the other founding fathers, Luther took significant objection to the abuse of power that he felt himself and other faithful Christians had been subject to for far too long. Just a few years after posting his long list of 98 grievances and objections to the teachings and practices of the church leaders of his day, Luther wrote three important theological documents in the history of our church. In one of these great texts, “On the Freedom of the Christian” (1520), Luther writes “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.” This seemingly paradoxical phrase describes just what it means to be bearers of God’s grace. Because we have been set free by the salvific love of God in Christ Jesus, we are thus compelled to do the same for others. Put another way, because God has made us righteous in Christ’s name, we are called to live righteous lives in service to God and to the neighbor.

When we talk about what it means to be an American, we talk a lot about liberty and what it means to be free—free from taxation without representation, free from the tyranny of monarchs, free from the practice of a particular religion imposed by the state. On that fateful day 250 years ago, we made proud declaration of all that we sought to be free *from*, but as Americans—as Christians—we have a duty to also ask this question: What are we free *for*?

I have no doubt that the 4th will bring wonderful opportunities for celebration. The firework displays will be spectacular! The hot dogs will be delicious! “Stars and Stripes Forever” will resound! And Old Glory will awe us all with its gleaming red, white, and blue waving proudly in the wind. But as the smoke blows away, as the grills are cleaned and put away until Labor Day, I hope we can hold both the gift of our own liberty in the same hand that we seek to ensure freedom to others. After all, if we can’t do that, than what have we been freed for?

Independence Day blessings to you all!

-Pastor Per

Birthday Greetings

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



- Carol Juneau 7/17
- Marion Anderson 7/30



Office is closed on Monday, July 6th for the holiday. We are all working at the car show on Friday, July 3rd.

Usher Schedule for July

July 5 - Team G - Jack Bergerson & Mark Murray, Co-Captains

July 12 & July 19—Team AD—Jon Greiner & John and Marilyn Akimoto

July 26 - Team K— Roger Olson

Volunteers for July

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

Greeters 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Communion servers 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Reader 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Assisting 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Prayers 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Communion prep 7/19, 7/26

Please call the office or email Jane V!

Bloomington Richfield

Grief Coalition

Summer 2026

Thursdays—4:30pm-6pm

July 9 - August 27

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

2200 West Old Shakopee Rd

Bloomington, MN 55431

ogpc@oakgrv.org

Life Line Screening at CTK

Life Line Screening will be at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Tuesday, July 21st and are offering a special screening package for our members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-324-9458, and use code HABC001 or visit Life Line Screening's website at www.ilsa.social/habc.

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August Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, July 15

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

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ACME SPEEDSHOP

July 3rd Car Show



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

**CTK will be selling food and refreshments!
The event is free to the public, so invite
your friends and neighbors!**

Thank you!

Thank you for your in-kind gifts to support residents and service providers of Beacon's supportive housing! We are so grateful for the supplies and volunteer efforts that enhanced the welcoming environment this year at homes like Emerson Village, Bimosedaa, Prairie Pointe and Vista 44, 66 West, Prior Crossing and Kimball Court! We couldn't do it without the generosity of this collaborative. If you are looking for further opportunities for donations or volunteering, contact Anna Stamborski at anna.stamborski@beaconinterfaith.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.

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
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.

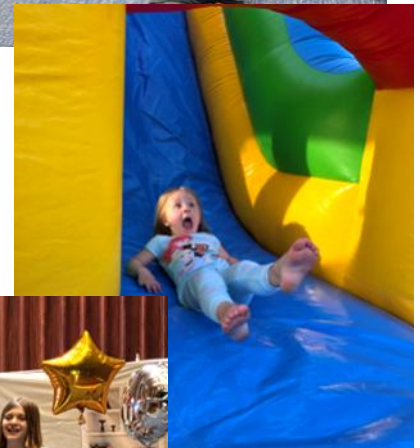
July Gift of Love

What can brighten a shut-in's day or bring tears to an ill patient? What can delight new parents with a hand knit baby blanket at their child's Baptism? The Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry has been at work for many years to provide shawls and blankets for CTK members. Yarn is provided by various means, such as the Gift of Love, and enables members of CTK to knit these gifts. Graduating seniors are presented with a prayer shawl as a token of love and caring from CTK as they begin the next chapter in their lives. Many thanks to the dedicated knitters and Gift of Love Ministry for the continued support of this ministry in the congregation. If you are a knitter and would like to knit a shawl please stop by the office and pick-up some yarn!

Children, Youth and Family

The big June event was VBS - Surprise Party

With much help from those who donated items, those who donated their time and more, 2026 VBS at CTK was a success. I had 3 kids ask if, in one way or another - if they could come back the following week to have more fun!



Upcoming activities found on page 5

July - I will be working on TONS of planning and building curriculum for the 2026/2027 program year here at CTK.

RESOURCE ROOM CLEAN UP

We are looking for volunteers to help clean out and organize the resource room. Week of July 13th: time Noon to 3pm - Specific days will be posted soon.

Mark your calendars

AUGUST:

28th-29th Youth Lock In: middle and high schoolers—Water balloons, Caramel rolls and more.

SEPTEMBER

11th- Family Game Night - starting at 6pm

13th - CROWD breakfast at Perkins after church service

26th - Youth event: Service project: Birthday Bags, Games, food and more



All those who are going into 8th - 12th grade are invited to participate. The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering which is here in Minneapolis. Please reach out to me if you and/or your youth is interested in attending the Youth Gathering event.

Please reach out with any questions ~ Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

The CTK Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships. The application deadline has been extended to July 10th. Apply at <https://forms.gle/rP4Y9dy9qFwzy29i8>

Treasurer's Report

For the month of May 2026 the income was \$33,219.92 and the disbursements were \$42,174.91 making us behind for the month by \$8,954.99. Year to date, we have received \$258,606.07 and spent \$228,158.96 making us ahead for the year by \$30,447.11 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!

thankful

| | May Budget | May Actual | YTD Actual |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Income | \$40,712.47 | \$33,219.92 | \$258,606.07 |
| Disbursements | \$42,485.72 | \$42,174.91 | \$228,158.96 |
| Margin (Deficit) | \$ -1,773.25 | \$-8,954.99 | \$30,447.11 |



July 2026



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 9:00a Bible Study-LG 2:00p Walk & Talk-MN River Bottom Trails 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship | 2 9am-Noon Country Jammers-SH 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | 3 9am-2pm Car Show  No Loaves & Fishes | 4 Independence Day  |
| 5 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LL 6:00p Walk & Talk-MN River Bottom Trails | 6 Office Closed 9a-4pm D & D-LL 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | 7 9a-4pm D & D-LL 10:00a Staff Meeting 11am Funeral for Brent Larson 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga | 8 9a-4pm D & D-LL 9:00a Bible Study-LG 2:00p Walk & Talk-MN River Bottom Trails 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship 7:30p Health Cabinet | 9 9am-Noon Country Jammers-SH 9a-4pm D & D-LL 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | 10 9a-4pm D & D-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | 11 11am Memorial for Reed Roloff Visitation 1 hour prior Luncheon following service |
| 12 8:30a KCC-WC 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 6:00p Walk & Talk-MN River Bottom Trails | 13 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | 14 10:00a Staff Meeting 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga 7p BSO-SH | 15 9:00a Bible Study-LG 2:00p Walk & Talk-MN River Bottom Trails 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship | 16 9am-Noon Country Jammers-SH 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 7pm BSO-SH | 17 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | 18 |
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| 26 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 6:00p Walk & Talk-MN River Bottom Trails | 27 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 9a-4p Ukulele Camp 3:30p AAM-LL 4:15p Witness Team 5-6pm L & F 6:00p BSO-SH | 28 9a-4p Ukulele Camp 10:00a Staff Calendar Meeting 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga | 29 9a-4p Ukulele Camp 2:00p Walk & Talk-MN River Bottom Trails 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship | 30 9a-4p Ukulele Camp 9am-Noon Country Jammers-SH 3:30p AAM-LL 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | 31 9a-4p Ukulele Camp 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal | |