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THE KING**
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When one thinks they're the leader of their path **...and suddenly God takes the lead**

There was a time when I thought as many of us do that, I knew approximately where the steppingstones of my life lay in front of me. How to make sure my feet hit the stone in the middle to ensure I would not slip or fall. I knew how far apart the stones were, how far to stretch. And even if a stone was a bit farther apart from the one before or was an odd shape. You know, not quite round, or if it was a bit smaller or larger. It took only a sudden glance, and I knew how to get from one to the other with ease. Even if a small slip occurred, the fall was not far.

What happens when suddenly one wakes up to a life that was not planned, that they didn't have time to pack for much less had the packing list. What happens when the environment we breathe in each day, was not where you were going. What happens when our clothes are not our own, and the faces that are around us are unfamiliar. What happens when the light of the day suddenly becomes the darkness of the night?

When fear and tears settle deep within you—beneath your heart and beyond your soul—when agony is all your breath can hold?

This may seem quite bleak. And let me tell you it feels that way... But there is a flip side to the darkness, to the falls, to suddenly I have not packed the right clothes.

There is this new air that one takes in...it calms the breath, lessens the tears, it opens one's eyes. It is silent and slowly the sound of the environment comes in.

In this state of being one or I realized that I was not leading my way from a stepping-stone to the next. That I was not the one making the lists or packing my bags. In fact, the less I did the more I gained.

I met people who would have never crossed my path. I met myself in all of them...for as God says - We all belong to him.

I prayed for many and they would call out to me..." Kristina you prayed for me today"? I responded "of course I did" I suddenly had a calling.

I prayed that they would find peace, love and calmness. That they would surround themselves with people who lifted them up, cared for them and helped them daily. To let go of the past as much as they can. To remember how strong, courageous, smart and kind they are. That they deserved all that is GOOD. I will continue to pray for them every single day.

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Birthday Greetings

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

- Jim Knutson 9/4
- Shirley Roloff 9/14



Volunteers for September

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

Greeter 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Assistant Minister 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Reader/Prayers 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Communion prep 9/6, 9/20

Communion servers 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Coffee server 9/20

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

Loaves & Fishes— Wednesday Night Dinner 9/9 and 9/23

Once again we will be volunteering for Loaves
and Fishes. Starting on Wednesday, 9/9 CTK will
be preparing and serving every other week. We
will prep their meals and hand them out, as well
as, have them available inside at CTK. If you
want to help, please contact the office—952-881
-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you!

Prep @ 2:30p Hand out 4:30p

Usher Schedule for September

Sept. 6 & 13 - Team G - Jack Bergerson & Mark
Murray, Co-Captains

Sept. 20 & 27—Team AD—Jon Greiner & John
& Marilyn Akimoto, Co-Captains

Bloomington–Richfield Grief Coalition Fall Series Thursdays, Sept. 24—Nov. 12 4:30pm–6:00pm at Christ the King—Lounge

More information about each week can be
found in the CTK Library or on their website
<https://brgriefcoalition.com/>

Open Forum

Sept. 6 — SHINE

Sept. 13 - God's Work. Our Hands.

Sept. 20 - Kick-off Sunday

**Sept. 27 - Open Forum Emilie Bouvier
- Mission Funding Director ELCA**

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October Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Please email newsletter articles to
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copy in the church office.

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For their smiles and tears were familiar, they may have a different sense of being, they may have had a different way of speaking, their stories though had a similar rhythm were different. There was something there that made my heart go out to them. There was something that made my heart cheer with glee as soon as I heard they were able to leave.

I am not quite sure the second it happened...but I realized that I was not the leader of my path. GOD somehow snuck in and took the lead. I know we hear it in church each Sunday as our pastor shares passages of the bibles and preaches on how GOD is the one that takes us to the path that leads us to him. But still I really thought this is MY life, MY choices, MY steppingstones. I Lead. With GOD.

And here I sit writing this and think of all the CTK programs, the families, the children, the adults, the faces that are so familiar and those new ones when I come in.

I think of how I decided where to lead, where to serve, where to sit in silence and observe. And when to use my voice...I have one now. These choices are different than they once were. There is a sense of where I need to be. No question, no hesitation.

I know that I am making the choices ...of course. BUT there is a pull beyond myself that is leading me to the work that fills my soul that makes me smile as I go. There is a sense that I cannot go in a different direction. It is calming, and carefree. There is still a lot of work to be done... but the work is lighter.

I pray that you are all well, that life is calm, that tears fall from laughter instead of fear. I pray that you will have a lighter load upon your shoulders, I pray that you know that you are strong, courageous and brave. I pray that you take a breath and let GOD lead your way. AMEN
-Kristina Elder

Children, Youth and Families Ministry Director

2026 Midyear Stewardship Campaign-Entertaining Angels



You can drop your donation in the offering plate (just put Entertaining Angels in the memo line), stop by the office or put it in the mail! OR go to our website and click on the GIVE button!

The campaign ends on Sept. 13. Thank you!

Kitchen Party Pack event is on September 13!!!

Please take the next few weeks to consider how you can participate in furnishing kitchens for folks getting assistance from Bridging. We would love to pack over 100 kits. Here are some ways:

1. Create and decorate a notecard with well wishes for the recipient. Something as simple as 'From your friends at Christ the King.' Use your crayons, markers and creativity.
2. Donate a can-opener. Maybe two.
3. Donate a complete basics kit. Flier on counter in commons
4. Donate a basics kit, plus some of the extra items as suggested from the flyer.

Feel free to drop off your donations at the office. Thank you!!

CTK Foundation

In 2027, we will need two new board members. Please reach out to any current members if you are interested in joining the board.

The CTK Foundation is excited and blessed to announce that we have approved four separate scholarships of \$2000 each for the 2026-27 school year.

We need your help! We work hard to share funds to serve and expand the mission of CTK. If you know of an organization that could benefit from our support, please apply today!

More info at <https://www.cktb.org/ministries/ctk-foundation>

Walk and Talks

Our twice weekly Walk and Talks continue through September. We meet each week at 6 pm on Sundays and 2 pm on Wednesdays.

September - Richardson Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot. 8737 E Bush Lake Rd. Text Lynn Lenort @ 612-770-5986 or email llenort@cktb.org, if you have any questions or wish to carpool.

Musicians:

Mark Your Calendars!!!

*Trinity Choir

Anthems, spirituals, uplifting and contemplative choral works for all high school through adult singers. Meets Wednesdays 7-8:00pm in the LL Choir Room

Starting date: Sept. 16, 2026

*Chapel Ringers

Dust off the gloves and polish the bronze! Join our bell choir for high school through adult ringers. Meets Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm in the choir loft.

Starting date: Sept. 15, 2026

*Acclaim Worship Band

Fresh instrumentation and arrangements for hymns and liturgies. Meets one Sunday per month.

1st Sunday worship date: Sept. 20



The Power of Home CTK Fundraising Luncheon Save the date: Sunday, Oct 11

The Health Cabinet and Public Witness Ministry team are Puttin' on the Soup for Vista 44!

Program by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and lunch following worship on Oct 11th.

Watch for details in your weekly CTK email.

Don't forget to mark your calendars now!



Gift of Love for September - Kennedy Community Alliance

We appreciate Christ the King for being our partner supporting Kennedy High School students/family who are economically vulnerable. Some statistics...

- At Kennedy High School 65% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Our feeder school, Valley View Middle has 70% of their students on Free or Reduced Lunch.
- We have an average of 35 students receiving a food bag on Fridays through our partnership with VEAP.
- Students received scholarships to participate in clubs, sports and activities including field trips.
- An average of 85 students visit the Pantry a month. 100% of your donation will go directly into the hand in need at Kennedy High School.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Kassie Ariza kariza@isd271.org

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to all who remembered us in our time of sorrow at the death of our dear Reed. Many thanks to all who helped with the funeral and the reception ... we were overwhelmed by all your kindness, attention, and hard work, especially that of the CTK staff. We appreciate the memorials that were made in his memory. Blessings to all. The Family of Reed Roloff

Thank you CTK Family for all the prayers and concern during our grandson and nephew's 3 1/2 years of fighting Ewing's Sarcoma. Thank you to CTK Foundation for their gift to Pinky Swear, which stocks a pantry at M Health Fairview Children's Hospital. Isaac's family found this so useful with his many hospital stays. Isaac John Hill, 19, lost his battle with Ewing's Sarcoma on July 23rd. The outpouring of love, cards and monetary gifts was overwhelming. Isaac is now with the angels. Thank you CTK for warming our hearts. John & Gail Hill and Melissa Hill

Christ the King Family,
Thank you for your kindness and support you showed while we were mourning the loss of Gene. Per, you were very patient with us in the steps planning the funeral, officiating and surviving the heat at the gravesite.
Jane, you were so helpful in putting together the bulletin, copies of the readings and DVD's and all the changes we made along the way.
Care Card Ministry group, thank you for the card and the kind words. (Mary Schmidt)
Bakers of CTK, thank you for the wonderful bars you baked, the food and beverages that were served and all the leftovers that needed to be boxed up.
Dan, thank you for all you do behind the scenes to record, play our pictures and help.
With heartfelt thanks from the family of Gene, ~ Kay, Jenell, Renee & Todd Lunderborg

The Bryant Community Garden Committee would like to give a shout out to Jan and Lynn Gasterland, Jack Carlson and Peggy Indahl for stepping up to help make our Garden Party a success! Thank you also to all who came to the event to support this ministry! It was wonderful having you there!

CTK COMMUNITY FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

SEPTEMBER 11TH



ALL ARE WELCOME
All ages - All of you -
Come and join us for GAME night!
Dinner and snacks

Christ the King
at 6 pm

Kristina-kelder@ctkb.org

CTK Community Friday night event: 2nd Friday of each month

These fun filled events
are for all to come and
join in the fun.

September 11th - GAME NIGHT

While enjoying a meal,
we will come together to
experience. Fellowship,
build friendships, while
having fun. Bring a
game to share.

Christ the King
Calling
All Singers

Come be apart of the
CTK Family Choir

- KIDS and ADULTS (Kindergarten and UP)
- All talents
- Come and SING

Christ the King
Bloomington
Kristina-kelder@ctkb.org

CTK Family Choir - For the Whole church - all ages!

Please join this
intergenerational Music adventure. We will
have a meeting

on September 6th @ 10:45am right after service for 20 minutes.

Children, Youth and Family

Looking Back -

August we slowly started getting back into the swing of things. You may have noticed a change in the "Pray Space" in the Sanctuary. There is now a space for younger kiddos. Look for more changes in this space and in the Narthex as we create more "Family friendly" environments.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



We combined our efforts with *T's Helping Hands* again as we collected school supplies. *T's Helping Hands* had their annual School Drive: on August 22nd - where they handed out school supplies and other needed donations to families in our community and surrounding areas. *T's Helping Hands* handed out more than 200 bags full of school supplies and other much needed items to students and families. Thank you for your kind contributions- I love when my office looks more like a storage room for such a wonderful cause!



YOUTH EVENT

The youth had fun at Bryant Park, as they enjoyed the playground and met some new little friends. We returned to CTK where they played their favorite game "Romains and Christians" and just had a good time hanging out. It was nice to have the group back together.



CYF Meeting

Thank you to all that were able to attend the CYF meeting on Sunday August 30th. It was a pleasure to share all the programming and ministry opportunities here at CTK. Please sign up to volunteer where and when you are able. We all are part of this CYF community.

We want to wish all students, teachers, educators and families a blessed school year!

September brings more family fun and some great programming for children, youth and adults here at Christ the King. We will kick off the Program Year on September 20th.

CYF programs/Ministries - 2026-2027

September - 20th - Kick off Sunday-Registration will be OPEN—Blessing of the Backpacks & more

SUNDAYS -

BLAST (Sunday school)- Starts September 27th

YOUTH Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of each month *Sept. it will be HS *Oct - Middle & HS

Parenting Village- Coffee and snacks—Starting September 27th

Will be on Sundays after church service in the Crossroads room. Please come share your parenting/teaching ups and downs. Get advice, Get support, Get a break... There will be more structure this year. For parents, grandparents, teachers...anyone who helps a child and or youth grow.

****If we need to figure out child care for those under 3 we will!**

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Confirmation – Starting October 4th

Will be at CTK on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Pastor Per and another adult will lead the 1st Sunday. Then two adult volunteers will lead the 3rd Sunday.

Multi-Generational Events:

Will take place after church (for the most part) throughout the year. So look for these wonderful opportunities where we all (ages) come together and learn with some food and lots of fun. Thank you all for being part of the CYF TEAM!
Kristina, Children, Youth and Families Ministry Director

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BAGS

Please consider donating one or more of the following items

- Cake mix
- Frosting
- Napkins
- Plates
- Candles- 12
- ONE small favor for each bag : playdough, coloring book crayons, bubbles, chalk - something small but fun.
- Birthday bags

CTK YOUTH are making Birthday bags for VEAP for Children 12 yrs and younger – ON **September 26th**

Memorials & Gifts to Christ the King

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Gifts from Mary Peterson, Marv and Shirley Roloff, Betty Schreuder, Karen Steige

In Memory of Issac Hill

Gifts from Roger and Verla Olson, Mary Schmidt

In Memory of Brett Larson (LuAnn Paul's dad)

Gifts from Bev Larson, Dan and Barb Rhodes, Mary Schmidt

In Memory of Gene Lunderborg

Gift from Mary Schmidt

In Memory of Steve Olson

Gifts from Roni Faber, Chris Gabel, Jan and Lynne Gasterland, Melissa Hill, Randy and Peggy Indahl, Roger and Verla Olson, Matt and LuAnn Paul, Don and Joan Perlich, Mary Peterson, Ron and Carol Rydell, Roger Stenson, Loren and Linda Thompson, Rick Turnquist, Bev Wegge, David and Bonnie Westermoe.

In Memory of Jean, Joan Perlich's Sister

Gifts from Matt and LuAnn Paul, Marv and Shirley Roloff

In Memory of Reed Roloff

Gifts from Sharon Anderson, Jack Bergerson, Kathy Casperson, Roger Domyahn, Roni Faber, Jan and Lynne Gasterland, Holly Hauer, Al Johnson, Bev Larson, Mark and Diane Meier, Roger and Verla Olson, Matt and LuAnn Paul, Don and Joan Perlich, Darlene Proehl, Mary Peterson, Dan and Barb Rhodes, John Roisum, Marv and Shirley Roloff, Ron and Carol Rydell, Randy Schulz, Del and Florence Smallfield, Roger Stenson, Loren and Linda Thompson, Rick Turnquist, Darin and Lynda Tysdal, Bev Wegge, Karen Youmans, and many more friends and relatives of Reed and the Roloff Families.

July's Treasurer's Report

For the month of July 2026 the income was \$27,364.59 and the disbursements were \$46,507.80 making us behind for the month by \$19,143.21. Year to date, we have received \$339,088.80 and spent \$335,299.05 making us ahead for the year by \$3,789.75 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

	July Budget	July Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$40,612.47	\$27,364.59	\$339,088.80
Disbursements	\$46,450.72	\$46,507.80	\$335,299.05
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -5838.25	\$ -19,143.21	\$3,789.75

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hello, September!		1 10:00a Staff Meeting -Office 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30pm Yoga 7:00p Emotions Anon	2 9:00a Bible Study - Lounge 2:00p Walk & Talk 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship	3 9:00a Country Jam-mers-Social Hall 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	4 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	5
6 8:30a KCC-WC 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Family Choir 6:00p BSO-SH 6:00p Walk & Talk	7 Labor Day Office & Building Closed	8 10:00a Staff Meeting -Office 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30pm Yoga 7:00p Emotions Anonymous - #110	9 9:00a Bible Study - Lounge 2:00p Walk & Talk CTK Volunteers for L&F 2:30p Prep 4:30p Hand out 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship	10 9:00a Country Jam-mers-Social Hall 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	11 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Family Fun Night - Lounge	12
13 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a God's Work. Our Hands. Kitchen Kits-SH 11:00a CROWD Breakfast 6:00p Walk & Talk 6:00p BSO-SH	14 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 9:00a Bartimaeus 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32 & 34 4:15p Witness Team 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	15 10:00a Staff Meeting -Office Noon Judean Circle -Lounge 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30pm Yoga 7:00p Council-Office	16 Newsletter Deadline 9:00a Bible Study - Lounge 2:00p Walk & Talk 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32 & 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship 7:00p Trinity Choir	17 9:00a Country Jam-mers-Social Hall 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	18 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	19
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