

## Pastor's Page

*...you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3*

Luther agrees with the poet George Herbert that the Christian life has a double motion, the daily rhythms of the life of love, lived with our neighbor and other people of faith, which holds on to the promise of life that awaits on the far side of death. *For Luther, the inner person lives "by faith alone, a person is justified before God and filled with the riches of Christ. This is the inward motion where faith takes hold of Christ as a ring encloses a gem, connecting the soul to Him as a bride to a bridegroom."*

*Outwardly, "because of this secure, justified state, the Christian is liberated to serve their neighbor out of voluntary love, not to gain salvation, but because they are already saved."* This double life is won in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is hidden with Christ, but it is a victory won and confirmed in the resurrection of our crucified Lord. George Herbert described it this way:

*MY* words & thoughts do both expresse this notion,  
That *Life* hath with the sun a double motion.  
The first *Is* straight, and our diurnall friend,  
The other *Hid* and doth obliquely bend.  
One life is wrapt *In* flesh, and tends to earth:  
The other winds towards *Him*, whose happie birth  
Taught me to live here so, *That* still one eye  
Should aim and shoot at that which *Is* on high:  
Quitting with daily labour all *My* pleasure,  
To gain at harvest an eternall *Treasure*.

Colossians iii. 3. "Our Life Is Hid With Christ In God" George Herbert

We keep our eye on Christ, by faith in heaven as we await an eternal treasure, we keep our eye on Christ in this life in the body of Christ we share and the Word of God we hear. We hear him call to us in the need of our neighbor. Jesus is always going on ahead of us, just as he promised Mary at the tomb.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Matthew 28:10

So we live with a forward lean, as Paul wrote: "I run toward the goal, so I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done." Philippians 3:14 Nothing can impede him, not, sin, not death, he leads us always forward. This is the power of Easter, we are pulled, driven, poked and prodded forward, to find our hidden life in Christ. Ever since the tomb was found empty, we have been focused ahead even when we live in the present. It is our strong confidence even in suffering and fear. We celebrate this Easter, the power of the resurrection in our living.

***"Christian individuals do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor, or else they are not Christian. They live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love."*** Martin Luther's 1520 treatise, *The Freedom of a Christian*

## **Worship Notes for April**

### **April 2 – Maundy Thursday**

**Readings:** Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Theme:** Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

### **April 3 – Good Friday at Our Savior’s: 12:00 noon or 7:00 p.m.**

### **April 5 – Easter Sunday**

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31:1-6; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

**Theme:** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

### **April 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Readings:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**Theme:** Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **April 19 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Readings:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

**Theme:** Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **April 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Readings:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**Theme:** For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **Changes to the Bible Studies for coming up in April**

**Women’s Study:** We will do a study of the Holy Spirit in the life of faith. The women’s study meets at 3:00 p.m. and will resume after Easter on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Men’s Study:** 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays. We will begin a study of Romans in the form of spiritual exercises on Paul’s letter on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The Monday Evening Bible Study:** We will read together Paul’s letter to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. The study meets at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings beginning on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Confirmation Classes continue will Resume on Wednesday,**

### **April 8<sup>th</sup> with meal at 6:00 p.m. and class at 6:30 p.m.**

April 8 Community life: People of Love and Service

April 15 Community life: People Practicing Peace and Reconciliation

April 22 Community life: People Celebrating Life in Hope

April 29 Community life: People Bearing One Another's Burdens



Sign up for **Subsplash Giving online** and set up a one time or recurring gift and giving will be easier than ever! Follow this link: <https://subsplash.com/u/christ-the-king-lutheran/give> or scan this QR code.



Thanks to all the volunteer workers and those who donated food items to make our Palm Sunday Douglas G. Larsen Scholarship Breakfast a success!!

Thanks to everyone who have so willingly volunteered for the worship services. You are making my life easier, and I appreciate all you do in the life of Christ the King . God's blessings, Helen Christenson

Thanks to the Project Group for filling over 1600 plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt!  
Thanks also to all those who donated the candy and toys and stickers to fill the eggs!

**Thanks to all who provided our Lenten Meals!**



Please consider a donation to the Little Pantry and thanks so much to everyone who has already donated! We continue to be a welcome Service to those in need.



- Pantry Items Needed**
- Macaroni and Cheese
  - Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup
  - Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
  - Canned vegetables
  - Canned fruit
  - Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os
  - Boxed meals such as Tuna Helper, can of tuna
  - Cake Mixes
  - Pancake Mix & Syrup
  - Cereal
  - Baby Food
  - Toilet paper
  - Paper towels
  - Cleaning supplies
  - Personal Hygiene products
  - Diapers & Wipes

**Stewardship Creed**

*I believe in the gifts of God and feel gratitude for all I have been given, These gifts are not mine to have, but mine to share.*

*When they are shared, my gifts will make a difference for others. And I believe the act of giving is more important than the gift itself. I will make giving a priority.*

*I will give to others because so much of what I have comes from others.*

*I will give of who I am, what I do, and what I have.*

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Curt Braun, Haley Novak's father, dealing with health issues

Ken and Mary Ann Thorn's son, Don, undergoing chemo treatments for cancer

Steve and Barbara Reinhart's son, Matt, suffering from a massive stroke

Stacy Rewitzer recovering from back surgery

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

Ron Fleischmann's family as his sister-in-law is now in hospice, and for his mother and brother who are her caretakers

Renee Osberg's Family as she has now passed away

Bob Wise as he is now in hospice care

Deb and Dan Alsleben dealing with multiple health issues

Kyle Howk recovering from surgery

Brian Kloos recovering from foot surgery

Char Klocke is now residing at Valley View Home in Lambertton

*\*\*There is a new Care List available in the office for those who would like to send cards\*\**

**Easter Flowers for the Altar - If you'd like to donate in memory or honor of someone, please let the office know by April 1st to be listed on the special insert. You are invited to bring lilies or other potted spring flowers to decorate the altar on Easter.**

Would you like to bring joy to those who are on Christ the King's Carelist at Easter time? The simple and loving sending of a card would let them know we at Christ the King are thinking of them and holding them in our hearts and prayers! We have the Carelist and addresses in the office





## Welcome to our New Members!

**Jon Paul Bregel** lives in New Ulm and joins Christ the King by transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He enjoys biking, motorcycle riding, walking, and playing cards and board games.

**Barbara George** is a resident of New Ulm. She enjoys crocheting with the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

**Jerome and Angelina Palmore** are residents of New Ulm and are joining Christ the King with their two children Kyson, and Nyla. The family enjoys traveling, Disney, coloring, cats, trucks, and playing outside. Kyson and Nyla were baptized March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Dusty and Joanna Scharbach** are residents of New Ulm and are joining Christ the King along with their daughter, Amelia, who was just recently baptized. They enjoy traveling to different beaches, walking their two dogs, and Dusty especially likes demo derbies!

**Sam and Brianna Tessmer** are residents of New Ulm and joining Christ the King by transfer from Trinity Lutheran in Sleepy Eye. They enjoy traveling, especially to National Parks, and sports, and cooking.

**Chris and Kelli Wacker** are residents of Courtland. They enjoy fishing, camping, reading, and trail riding.



If you are interested in becoming a member of CTK and would like more information, please contact Helen Christenson at 507-376-3551 or the church office at 507-354-4672.

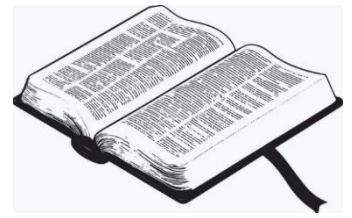
### *Christ the King Lutheran Church*

#### *Douglas G. Larsen 2026 Scholarship Recipients*

*Everett Brown  
Hunter Dauer  
Tyson Goold Jr.  
Kieryn Nachreiner  
Hayden Owens  
Ava Peterson  
Kolt Peterson  
Riley Wilson*

*Congratulations!*





## Shared Ministry in Worship

*In baptism, we are called to serve Christ and care for one another.  
We give thanks for those who will be serving in worship this month.*



### **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Sheri Leske  
Usher: Jason & Stephanie King  
Reader: Diane Simonson  
Communion Server: Sharon Olson

### **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Jim and Konnie Jensen  
Usher: Jason & Stephanie King  
Reader: Rick Jorgensen  
Communion Server: Rick Jorgensen

### **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Diane Simonson  
Usher: Jim and Konnie Jensen  
Reader: Carla Fjeld  
Communion Server: Rick Jorgensen

### **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Jim and Konnie Jensen  
Usher: Lanis Curtis, Tanner Pederson  
Reader: Rick Jorgensen  
Communion Server: Karen Sheie

### **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Staley family  
Usher: LuVerne Piotter, Tom Wersal, Scott Pederson  
Reader: Allie Staley/Leroy  
Communion Servers: Margaret Lund, Viktoria Davis, Karen Sheie, Laura Gaylord  
Coffee: Judy Traurig, Irene Piotter, Lois Wersal

### **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Beth Wendinger  
Usher: Rick and Joan Jensen  
Reader: Miriam Waldner  
Communion Servers: Margaret Lund, Sara Scherer, Diane Simonson  
Coffee: Emily Hutchins

### **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Josie Simonson  
Usher: LuVerne Piotter, Tom Wersal, Scott Pederson  
Reader: Beth Zambino  
Communion Servers: Mary Carlson, Amy Behrends, Michelle Gag  
Coffee: Jay and Traci Larson

### **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Greeter: Emily Hutchins  
Usher: LuVerne Piotter, Tom Wersal, Scott Pederson  
Reader: Viktoria Davis  
Communion Servers: Viktoria Davis, Mary Carlson, Allie Staley  
Coffee: Emily Hutchins

*We are grateful for all who share their gifts in worship. Your presence and willingness to help make our shared worship possible and reflect Christ's love in our community.*

## ***Sign Up to Serve Using the Church App***

*Did you know you can sign up to serve in worship ministries right from your phone?*

*Our church app makes it simple to view open opportunities*

*and choose what works best for you.*

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### **How to Get the App**

- Go to the App Store
- Search for **Christ the King – New Ulm**

### **How to Sign Up to Volunteer from the App**

- Tap **“Serve”** at the bottom of the screen
- Scroll down and tap whichever service you would like to sign up for
- You’ll be taken to our sign-up page
- Choose a date and role that works for you
- Enter your name and confirm

### **Why Use the App?**

- See available openings at a glance
- Sign up anytime, anywhere
- Choose what fits your schedule
- Help support our shared ministry in worship

### **Prefer Not to Use the App?**

That’s okay! You can always contact the church office, and we’ll be happy to help you get signed up.

### **Need Help Using the App?**

Stop by the office or ask Pastor Tim — we’d be happy to walk you through it.

# Youth News



- April 1 - Jr. High/HS Easter Event
- April 4- Easter Quest and Egg Hunt
- April 13 - Youth Ministry Meeting

**Club 1515** 3rd-6th graders are invited to come after school on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm throughout the year. We meet at Washington School and walk up to church. This year we are having a snack, devotion, and then trying to focus on Service projects in the community. Come and check it out!

**Jr. High/HS Easter Event on April 1** - There will be an Easter event for Junior High and High School students from 6 -8 pm.

**Easter Quest for the King and Egg Hunt** - There will be an Easter Event for children and families on **April 4** at 10 am. We will explore the events of Holy Week and celebrate with an Easter Egg Hunt.



*Thanks to everyone who ordered plants from Gerten's for the Youth Fundraiser!*

*30% of each order is donated to our Youth Activities Fundraiser. The plants will be delivered to the Church April 29<sup>th</sup> for you to pick up after 4:00pm.*

There has been some interest in people wanting to order Christ the King t-shirts or sweatshirts. If you are interested contact Geri. If we can get an order of 25 items or more we can put in another order.

Confirmation Classes resume April 8<sup>th</sup>.



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday  
Service 7:00 pm*

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday  
Services: At Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

*April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil  
Service 5:30 pm*

*April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter  
Service: 9:00 am*





**Caregiver Coffee Hour** - The *Caregiver Coffee Hour* started in March last year and we have had a great response – so many folks out there caring for others and it's great to know that there is support available, even if it's just a shoulder to lean on! This group will meet the first and third Thursday of each month.

**April dates are the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 1:00pm. *These dates are a departure from our usual 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday meeting because we are having a special guest speaker on the 9<sup>th</sup>.* Mark your calendars! Coffee and snacks will be served.

If you are a caregiver to a loved one and would like to get out and socialize with others that are in the same type of situation, this is the group for you! If your loved one can't be left alone, you can bring them along, and we will have some activities that they can participate in as well, while you have some time to yourself to recharge.

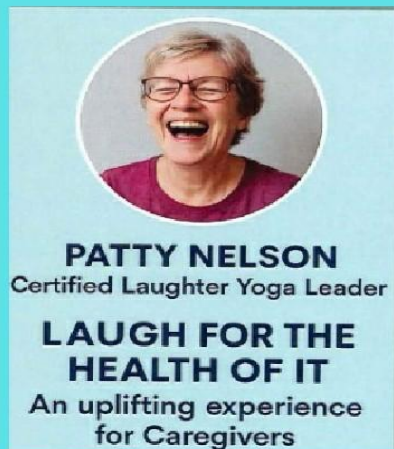
Please join us for a **FREE**  
*Caregiver Presentation*

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**1:00-3:00pm**

**Christ the King Church - 1515 North Garden St. New Ulm, MN**

**Are you a caregiver looking to recharge and connect with fellow caregivers? Take a well-deserved break and join us for a couple hours filled with laughter and fellowship.**



**1:00pm- Check in and snacks and refreshments**


**1:15- Patty presents Laugh for the Health of It**

**2:15- Connect and visit with others that are in like situations or just enjoy some time visiting with others**

**Please call the office and reserve your spot today!**

**507-354-4672**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:00pm Worship TV 7:00pm Jr High/Sr High Easter Event	<b>2</b> 1:00pm Sewing Group  7:00pm Maundy Thursday	<b>3</b> <b>Good            Friday</b> Services with Our Savior's at 12:00pm and 7:00pm	<b>4</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Quest  5:33pm Easter Vigil Worship Service
<b>5</b> 9:00am Easter Sunday  	<b>6</b> Easter Monday Office Closed  7:00pm Women of Today	<b>7</b> 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 3:45pm Personnel Comm Mtg	<b>8</b> 5:00pm Worship TV 6:00pm Confirmation Meal 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Sewing Group 1:00pm Caregiver's Group	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am League of Women's Voters 5:33pm Worship
<b>12</b> 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:15 Sunday School	<b>13</b> 1:30pm Parkinson's 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Mtg 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	<b>14</b> 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 4:30pm United Players 5:00pm Grief Support	<b>15</b> 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship 5:00pm Worship TV 6:00pm Confirmation Meal 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 1:00pm Sewing Group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study  5:33pm Worship
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## CtK's Helping Hands Fund

### For February

Given - \$	810.85
Utilities - \$	489.51
Housing - \$	2,783.00
Car Repairs - \$	.00
Gas Cards - \$	500.29
Groceries - \$	188.90
Misc - \$	300.00

### Financial Report for February

Given -	\$25,965.67
Budgeted -	\$28,367.27
Given YTD -	\$ 44,816.34
Budgeted YTD -	\$ 55,265.26

#### Christ the King Council Members

**President:**  
Kurt Johnson

**Vice President:**  
Josh Walth

**Secretary:**  
Amy Johnson

**Treasurer:**  
Beth Zambino

**Members:**  
Elmer Rettig  
Pat Novak  
Lauren Buckentine  
Miriam Waldner  
Ryan Meyer  
Allie Staley

#### Staff

**Pastor**  
Timothy Anderson

**Finance Manager:**  
Jen Kapolczynski

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Mary Lammers

**Visitation Ministry Coordinator:**  
Helen Christenson

**Youth Education & Youth Ministry Coordinator:**  
Geri Groebner

**Custodian:**  
Cindy Fahey

**Music Coordinator:**  
Connie Jacobs

**Choir Director:**  
Anne-Lise Johnson

## CtK's Council Minutes

### Minutes of the February Meeting

**Mission Statement of our Congregation:** "A Family of Christians welcoming all as we journey with God to teach, love, and serve others."

- **Highlights from past month** – Annual meeting was well attended with 51 members. The chili and puzzle event was a fun event with over 40 people attending and 11 chilis to sample. Confirmation reached its Lenten pause with services starting tomorrow.

#### Pastor's Report –

- Sound issues and streaming needs. Pastor Tim will continue talking with Muska about sound issues.
- **Adult Education continues:**
  - Men's study: We began a study of 1 Corinthians.
  - Women's study: Finishing a study of various Women of the Bible.
  - We will finish our study on the Parables of Jesus in one week.
- **Lenten Theme:** Lent begins on February 18 "The Shapes of a Christian Life" with the first shape being a broken heart.

**Youth Ministry Report:** There were 7 kids at movie night. There were 9 attending the tubing event at Mt. Kato. We have 10 kids who are going to do a mission trip for a half week in Madison, WI.

**Youth Education Report:** Club 1515 is going well. Sunday School numbers have been consistent with attendance. March 1 is first communion for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

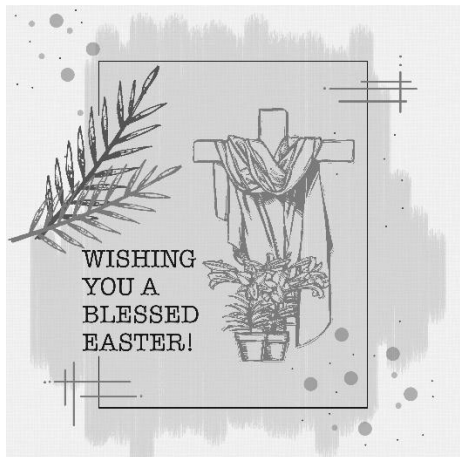
#### Committee Reports:

- Property Committee -New member Tom Farasyn joined and was given update about the building. This spring will focus on stripes in the parking lot and stump removal.
- Finance Committee – Met prior to council meeting
- Youth/Education Committee – Other possible events to support relationships
- Scholarship Committee – Planning for Palm Sunday (March 29) for fundraising event; Viktoria Davis and Patrice Luker are new members.
- Worship Committee – Meeting on March 26
- Outreach/Social Ministry Committee – Helped plan puzzle event
- Constitutional Committee –Congregational meeting after service on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## ***April 2026***

**Worship Services**      **Streamed on Facebook Live and**  
**Saturday 5:33pm**      **Available on Public Access Television**  
**Sunday 9:00am**      **Tuesdays 10am**  
                                 **Wednesdays 5pm**



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