

Pastor's Page

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
Romans 12:3

Who receives this sacrament (of the Altar) worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe. Small Catechism, The Lord's Supper

Of all the words in the Bible that seem most difficult, humility seems one of the worst. It is difficult, because we are so eager to take credit or ownership of our lives. Yet from birth to death it is obvious that we control very little. The world was there before us, the world will be there after us and even the things of which we are so often proud slip through our fingers and even our memories. Our dreams are easily shattered and our expectations are often disappointed. Luther points out that humility is required in receiving the gifts of God, one must be humble to truly receive. Yet, the humble person is not a pushover or weak.

The humble person is "comfortable in their skin" like Jesus, who is God in the flesh and who "he humbled himself, and became obedient even to death, yes, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:8 And in his humility, he also learned obedience. Obedience, like humility, is hardly a word that has any weight in our world, since we believe that we should only be true to ourselves. The question is then "who are you?" Christian life is a struggle in the world today for these and other reasons, but the good news is, each age has its own struggles.

The goal of Christian life and the source of our humility is to be like Christ, who is free Lord of all, and subject to none, and servant of all, subject to all. Humility is not the erasing of ourselves, but the possibility of finding our true selves in God. Our salvation is not predicated on better, just being who we are in Christ who lives in us through the Spirit. Our task is to *"Be steadfast in the sacramental life. Say your prayers. Repent everyday for everyone and everything (especially for yourself). Give thanks always and for all things. Give away stuff, practicing an audacious generosity."* Father Stephen Freeman

<https://glory2godforallthings.com/2015/08/03/churchly-humility/>

The whole of the Christian life requires attention to the humility to live by God's grace. *To learn takes time. And there are some who have grown old in the practice of spiritual endeavor, yet still have not learned humility, and they cannot understand why things are not well with them, why they do not feel peace and their souls are cast down.* Father Stephen Freeman

<https://glory2godforallthings.com/2010/08/10/humility-and-spiritual-warfare/>

Worship Notes for August

August 2 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Theme: The kingdom of God draws near in a feast of bread and fish. Everyday signs of the grace and mercy of God through whom we are fed and nourished in body and soul. The feast is now a sign of the kingdom and its breaking into the world in Jesus Christ.

August 9 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Theme: Keeping our eyes focused on Christ is the key to living in this world that both threatens and invites us. When we see Jesus, the world seems less threatening and close, but when we look to the world, Christ seems far away. Since we struggle with this, we are encouraged by the Scriptures to call out to God who gives us hope, strength and the courage to face what lies ahead.

August 16 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

Theme: In our modern world, Jesus sometimes seems hard, the story of the Canaanite woman is often cited as an example of Jesus offense against our modern desire not to offend. Yet Jesus reminds us that he is offensive, God's way of salvation by using and choosing the least in the eyes of the world is offensive, because it doesn't consult us. Yet here is the means by which Jesus word brings judgment and healing to us all.

August 23 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Theme: Pride and humility are opposites in the Bible. Pride a sin and not thinking to highly of ourselves is a sign of the measure of faith God has given. The humble are not weak, but are willing to risk the power and wrath of the prideful. A humble person offers their body as a living sacrifice to God as our worship and praise of the God who serves us and takes up the lowly position of servant.

August 30 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Theme: We ponder why, even if we know who Jesus is and what he has accomplished, we must always be humble and aware of the call to pick up our cross and follow him, for his ways are not natural to us, but must be learned and practiced.

10th Graders Being Confirmed Some Things to Do Affirmation of Baptism will be on Sunday, October 25th.

If you are entering 10th grade and have been through confirmation instruction, then you will need to prepare for Affirmation of Baptism. Affirmation of Baptism will be this fall on Sunday, October 26th.

Here are some items you should tend to this month of August. Also watch for a letter later in August with more information.

First, add October 25th to your calendar, the time will be 10:30 a.m.

Second, I need you to provide the office with **height and weight** so that we can order the robes. We will need this information **by the end of August**, if you don't get it in by then we will order your gowns by guess. That will be o.k. if you haven't grown since last spring, but.... When we meet in September, you will need to bring \$ 40 (cash or check payable to the church) to cover the cost of your robe rental and carnation.

Third, there will be a **meeting of the students and parents on September 20th at 10:15 a.m.** Confirmands and at least one parent are required to attend.

****Add this to your calendar now.***

It is not far off, so you might want to give it some thought and make sure those dates are on your calendars. Please try and be at the meeting, it is very difficult to make sure that we are on the same page if you don't and it is too easy to miss something you might want to know. There will be more information at the meeting in September, since it always seems to work best in small doses.

Confirmation Students in Grades 7-9 The New Confirmation Year begins September 9th with Parent/Student Meeting

Confirmation is a bit off yet, but just so you aren't surprised, **class begins on September 16th at 6:30 p.m.** We plan to have a meal again (6:00 p.m.). We will need adults and parents who might be willing to lead our small groups. We will need guides for the 7th grade small groups.

Our topic for the year is the Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Another thing to add to your early September calendar is the **Student/Parent meeting on September 9th at 6:30 p.m.**

One parent is required to attend with their student. We will go over a few new things

Special Note for 9th grade students: I would like to meet with 9th grader students and parents at the end of the introductory meeting to talk about possibly doing your Confirmation day in the Spring of 2027. I will give you all a vote to determine whether you will be confirmed in October of 2027 or late in April of 2027. I will give you an explanation as to why, but will let you know through a mailing later in August.

Adult Education

Women's Bible Study will return on September 14th. We will study the book of Tobit which until the time of Luther was part of the Christian scriptures.

Men's Bible Study We will begin meeting in October 10th at 8:00 a.m. We will study the book of Ezekiel. The **Monday evening study** will be the book of Job. We meet at 7:00 p.m. starting on September 14th

October 4th, Pet Blessing at 11:00 a.m.

We will have our pet blessing this year on October 4th at 11:00 a.m. so that we can have it at the end of Sunday School. It is a way off, but because the date is early in October, we want you to know soon enough.

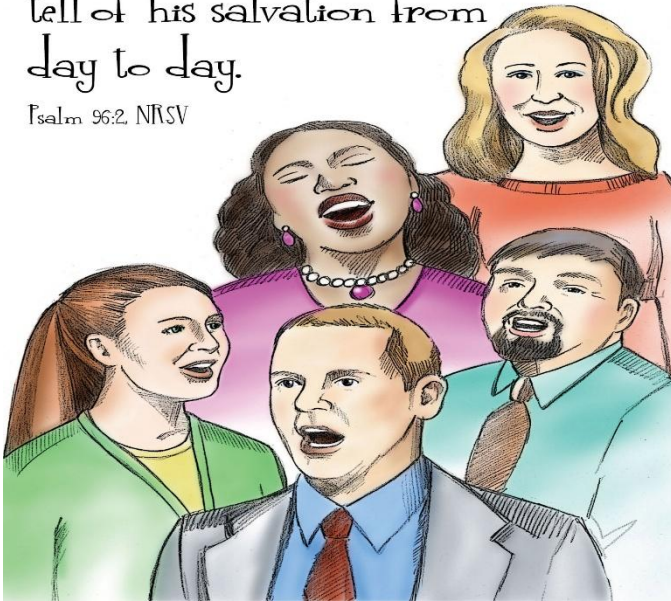
Bring your pets, a treat and your love and we will celebrate the first of the creatures God blessed us to care for and share this world.

You should also provide a means for your pet to be secure and feel safe, leash, kennel, or even an aquarium if you have a reptilian friend.

Do you like to sing?

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from
day to day.

Psalms 96:2 NRSV



Hello singers! Remember to keep choir in mind while you are doing your fall planning. We meet Wednesday's from 6:45 - 7:45 pm. No pressure, no guilt, no auditions - and FUN! Feeling rusty? You can warm up your voice at worship on Saturday evening or Sunday morning (hint hint). See you in September!



Thank you Lanis and Helen, for bringing in the yummy snacks for our Caregivers meetings. They are very much appreciated.

Thank you to Dennis and Mary Carlson, for their hard work maintaining our flowers outside. They are looking beautiful.

Thank you to Sofia Engel for watering and maintaining our inside plants.

JoAnn Cherrington wishes to thank Patrice Luker for the delicious Hearthstone Meal. She appreciated it very much.



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

Mike Buechner recovering from knee surgery

Terry Prange as he is receiving PT from a fall at Benedictine Living Community in St. Peter.

Lloyd Christenson recovering from a blood clot on the lung

Joanne Cherrington recovering from a fall.

Lanis Curtis sister, Mary Zachman is in hospice in the Cities

Pete Lemke recovering from triple bypass

Sheila Friske recovering from foot surgery

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

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

Kyle Howk further complications from cancer

Brian Kloos recovering from foot surgery

Char Klocke is now residing at Valley View Home in Lamberton

Duane Strasse, Bonnie Hubert's brother, in nursing home after stroke

Diane Mikkelsen and family upon the death of **Dan Mikkelsen**

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



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.



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.



Shared Ministry in Worship

As you figure out your August schedule, please sign up as soon as you know which Sundays you'll be in worship. Advance sign-ups provide the worship team with confidence that every ministry is covered, as they prepare for each week's services.

You can sign up on the church website, on the church app, on a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or by contacting the church office at 507-354-4672.

Saturday, August 1st

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: _____
Communion Server: _____
Hospitality: _____

Saturday, August 8th

Greeter: Diane Simonson
Ushers: _____
Reader: _____
Communion Server: _____
Hospitality: _____

Saturday, August 15th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: _____
Communion Server: _____
Hospitality: _____

Saturday, August 22nd

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: _____
Communion Server: _____
Hospitality: _____

Saturday, August 29th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: _____
Communion Server: Diane Simonson
Hospitality: _____

Sunday, August 2nd

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: Beth Zambino
Communion Servers: Diane Simonson, _____, _____
Coffee: _____

Sunday, August 9th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: Viktoria Davis
Communion Servers: Viktoria Davis, _____, _____
Coffee: _____

Sunday, August 16th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: Beth Zambino
Communion Servers: _____, _____, _____
Coffee: _____

Sunday, August 23rd

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: Diane Simonson
Communion Servers: _____, _____, _____
Coffee: _____

Sunday, August 30th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____
Reader: _____
Communion Servers: _____, _____, _____
Coffee: _____

We are grateful for all who share their gifts in worship. Your presence and willingness to serve 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.*

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.



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.

August dates are the 6th and 20th at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 1:00pm. 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.

Youth News



- August 2nd – Moondogs Faith Night
- August 13-15 – Flandreau Concession Stand

Club 1515 is on hiatus until the new school year starts.

Sunday August 2 Moondogs Faith Night- Let's get a group together to go to the Moondogs game. With a group of 10 or more we can get tickets for \$12 which includes a grandstand ticket and a meal deal (hot dog, bag of chips, and a pop). Game starts at 5:05pm.

Flandrau Concession Stand - If you are interested in helping work the concession stand on Aug. 13-16. Please reach out to Geri. Youth will earn 50% of the sales this weekend.

Youth will be selling **Gertens Mums** coming up at the end of July into August so watch for more details to come!

Valleyfair - August 12th - We will plan to leave at 8:30am and leave Valleyfair about 6pm. This event is open to youth 4th grade and up - cost is \$30. If you are interested in chaperoning this event, please let Geri know.

*****Thanks for your support!!****

Stuff the Backpacks

The United Way of the Brown County Area will again be hosting a "Stuff the Backpacks" promotion to benefit students in the Brown County school districts. Last year more than 450 backpacks filled with school supplies were given to children throughout Brown County in grades K-8 who qualify for the free lunch program.

We are once again asking for donations which will then be sorted, packed, and then distributed to children in Brown County. A Collection Box will be placed in the Narthex.

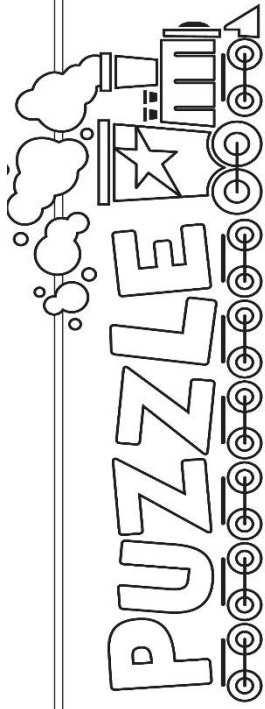
This year due to some unexpected expenses, the Backpack Program could greatly benefit from a financial donation as well if you are able to support us in that way.

Deadline is Sunday, July 27th

WHAT WE NEED:

- Elmer's Glue-4 Oz Bottles
- Crayola 24 Count Crayons
- Crayola Broad Tip Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Large Pink Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Pencil Bags & Boxes
- Fine Tip Sharpie Markers
- Rolls of Scotch Tape
- Dry Erase Markers
- Composition Notebooks
- 1" 3-Ring Binders
- Fiskars Kid Scissors
- Spiral Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Hand Sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- #2 Pencils
- Facial Tissue –**Need lots**

Thank you for your donation!



A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid.
Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY
a = 7 e = 8
i = 10 o = 9
u = 11 y = 6

"He _____nd _____ll h _____s f _____m _____l _____

w _____r _____d _____v _____t _____nd _____

G _____d-f _____r _____ng; h _____g _____v _____

g _____n _____r _____s _____l _____t _____th _____s _____n _____

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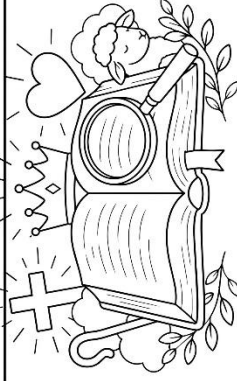
r _____g _____l _____rl _____." _____cts 10:2, NIV

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A _____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High
God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One





AUGUST

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:33pm Worship
2 9:00am Sunday Worship 1:00 Memorial Service	3 5:00pm Youth Ministry Mtg	4 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 3:45pm Personnel Comm Mtg 5:00pm Grief Support	5 5:00pm Worship TV	6 1:00 Caregivers Support	7	8 9:00am League of Women's Voters 5:33pm Worship
9 9:00am Sunday Worship	10 1:30pm Parkinson's 7:00pm Women of Today	11 Primary Election 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 4:30pm United Players	12 5:00pm Worship TV	13	14	15 9:30 Birthday Party 5:33pm Worship
16 9:00am Sunday Worship	17	18 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 3:00pm STAY Group 6:15 pm Finance 6:30pm Council Mtg	19 5:00pm Worship TV	20 1:00 Caregivers Support	21	22 5:33pm Worship
23 9:00am Sunday Worship	24 6:30pm Adoption Group	25 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access	26 5:00pm Worship TV	27	28	29 9:00 Baby Shower
30 9:00am Sunday Worship	31					



CtK's Helping Hands Fund

For May

Given - \$	1,256.00
Utilities - \$	.00
Housing - \$	674.00
Car Repairs - \$	.00
Gas Cards - \$	60.00
Groceries - \$	00.00
Misc - \$	400.00

Financial Report for May

Given - \$25,742.67

Budgeted \$27,701.37

Given YTD - \$115,026.85

Budgeted YTD \$149,909.29

Christ the King Council Members

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CtK's Council Minutes

Minutes of the June Meeting

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

45th Anniversary – Laurie Austvold attended the meeting and invited ideas from council members to help guide her committee. November 1st will be the celebration day. Ideas discussed were pig roast, pitchfork fondue, potluck, possible committee members and youth activities. Discussed inviting previous pastors, current bishop, interns and past members who are now pastors.

Pastor's Report –

- **Sound issues and streaming needs.** The video doesn't show up on the television in the nursery and we are using an iPad to record. We are waiting to hear from Muska Electric to reboot the system and Pastor Tim is waiting for a microphone.
- Work was done on the air conditioners with a fan replacement; all the air conditioning units will eventually need to be replaced.
- **Synod Assembly**—Pastor Tim watched a bit and participated in votes. Next year, there will be an election for bishop.
- **Adult Education continues:**
 - Next year we are looking at studies on the book of Tobit (from the Catholic collection Protestants don't use, but some people were interested.)
 - Job
 - Maybe the Sermon on the Mount
 - History of Israel and Palestine conflict
 - Others things as well

Youth Ministry/Education Report Campfire planned for tomorrow night depending on weather. Church camp is next week with the Mission Trip the following week with 10 kids and 2 chaperones headed to Madison, WI. There will be a commissioning that Sunday. VBS will be the end of July.

Committee Reports

- **Property Committee**-We won't do the back patio right now due to finances. They'll have a siding person come to assess and replace siding that's rotting and then painted. We'll also have some landscaping work that needs to be done.
- **Outreach/Social Ministry Committee** – talked about the anniversary and reconnecting with people who've recently joined the church; there was discussion about doing a fundraiser for NUMAS Haus

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Return Service Requested



August 2026

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



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