

Pastor's Page

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way. 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

The Spirit of God pours out gifts upon the people of the church. The people of the beloved community are inspired by God with special gifts as opposed to talents. Talents generally are things we have by nature, abilities which we can use as we see fit, like being able to sing. A spiritual gift exists in order to serve the common good of the body of Christ. So, the gift may make use of my talents, but my talents are not the gift itself.

Though Paul gives an order to these gifts, they are all given that order in that they serve to bind the church together and make possible the hearing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We human beings are often tempted to turn these gifts into our possession or accomplishment, a talent of sorts, as the people of Corinth did. We make our own hierarchy of what is important in church so that we appear better or superior. Like the Pharisees who as Jesus why he ate with tax collectors and sinners we want to protect our position of being special.

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Martin Luther on the gifts of the Holy Spirit

“But those are truly gifts of the Holy Spirit which make drunk with the richest knowledge of the Son of God, just as when John Hus was led to martyrdom, he prayed with great and unbroken courage: “Jesus, Son of God, Thou who hast suffered for us, have mercy on me.”⁶³ This is not said without the Holy Spirit. No one else would have spoken this way unless he had been made drunk by that wine. He was one of the colts bound to the excellent vine.”

— Martin Luther, *Luther's Works*, Vol. 8: Genesis Chapters 45-50

new way of looking at spirituality by seeing these abilities as a means through which God is at work with grace and mercy for the whole community. It is that dynamic which transforms talents into gifts of the Spirit. When, by God's grace and power, talents are reoriented away from us and our own interests and when they become vehicles for God's love, they are truly the Spirit's gifts to the church." (Brian Peterson, Working Preacher, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/day-of-pentecost/commentary-on-1-corinthians-123b-13-5>)

One of my best Sunday School teachers was the owner of a gas station. Some of the people who brought spiritual growth in church are often not the most empathetic or feeling oriented people, but those who are empowered to speak truth in love. Paul warned the Corinthians by saying that in the church, the inferior is given greater honor than the superior member of the body of Christ. Jesus tells the Pharisees that they need to learn what it means to say, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

We are not called because we have a talent or skill, but because we are gifted. A doctor or nurse may be skilled or talented to practice their trade or profession, but others may be gifted to heal or bring a gift of grace to bear on the sick in our midst. The doctor or nurse may also have that gift, but it can be independent of their profession or give their skill its direction in service to God.

Luther wrote in his explanation to the third article of the creed that the Spirit has "Enlightened me with his gifts"

The Spirit gives us gifts for the fruit of ministry; every single one of us is called, gathered and enlightened for faithful service. Read 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12 and Ephesians 4 sometime and you will hear several lists and the variety of things given to the entire body of Christ. My favorite are the fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23 that we receive in Christ, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things." (Pastor Geoff Sinbaldo, <https://sinbaldo.wordpress.com/about/>)

The Spirit reveals and connects us to God, teaching, guiding, and even speaking for us when we need. "*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.*" (Romans 8:26) It is God's power to make us instruments of his love, peace and joy.

Worship Notes for June

June 7 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Hosea 5:15–6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Theme: We need these words of Jesus today. *“Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”* The world is clamoring for people to pay, to redress sins of the past, real and imagined, or face justice. The ranks of the Pharisees have been filled by social justice warriors on the left and right-wing grievance crazies, all trying to question why anyone would speak of mercy on those who they see as undeserving. Jesus answer remains the same. “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”

June 14 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35–10:8 [9-23]

Theme: These are the words I heard on the night before my graduation from seminary: *“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles.* The sermon was about how untrue it seemed at the time in 1987 and yet how easily it could change. The preacher was right, things look different today, 39 years later. The lack of interest in the Christian faith borders on intolerance of Christian faith. We ought to heed these words of Jesus.

June 21 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Theme: Losing my life so that I can have the life of Christ in me. It is not easy in a world that is so wound up in who I am. The problem, of course, is that I am meant for God, who is my life. *“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”*

June 28 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Theme: Human desire is the great problem for us, it is twisted and broken by turning in on ourselves. Sin is having to do what you want to do, but Paul reminds us: *Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness* even in Finland a Lutheran leader was charged with a crime for reading from the Scriptures because it was deemed offensive.

We are not talking about being “gifted” individuals who have the talents required to get ahead and earn a good salary or the admiration of others. Paul wants the Corinthians to adopt a new way of looking at spirituality by seeing these abilities as a means through which God is at work with grace and mercy for the whole community. It is that dynamic which transforms talents into gifts of the Spirit. When, by God’s grace and power, talents are reoriented away from us and our own interests and when they become vehicles for God’s love, they are truly the Spirit’s gifts to the church.

Commentary on 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, Brian Peterson, Working Preacher,

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revision-common-lectionary/day-of-pentecost/commentary-on-1-corinthians-123b-13-5>

A Message from the Church Council

At our Church Council meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, we spent time discussing the Church's financial situation as we always do. While we realize this is a difficult time to discuss money with groceries and gas costing more, the church is also experiencing rising costs and expenses.

A review of our current financial situation and giving leads me to be concerned because we are heading into the summer months when we see a downturn in worship attendance and giving. We are \$32,923.74 behind in our budget. Our staff works very hard to contain costs and expenses. The result is that we have a positive checking account balance of \$6,416.11. We have bills and salary to pay, so we hope to avoid allowing that budget gap to continue to grow or it will trouble us later in the year.

In addition to our regular monthly expenses we anticipate continuing to maintain our building. We will be updating our sound system in the Sanctuary, repairing and staining the exterior of the building, replacing the back patio and sidewalk, and repair and maintenance on our air conditioning.

We have been richly blessed and have been fortunate to retain our excellent staff and maintain our building. Please continue to give what you can to support our church home and staff. We thank you for your gifts to Christ the King and anything you can do to help cushion the congregation's financial position at this time.

Thank you,
Kurt Johnson,
Council President



To the Choir - Thank you to ALL our singers, occasional and consistent, for joyfully embracing Psalm 108 to "sing and make music with all my soul". We had a wonderful year and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

If you didn't sing with us this year, please consider joining us in the fall! We are a "no guilt" group and auditions are not required. We have a lot of fun, too. Please plan on joining us for fun and fellowship and singing!

Anne-Lise Johnson

Thanks to Diane Simonson and her committee for their diligent work to increase volunteer participation in our worship services. They have made an amazing difference!

Thanks from Stacy Rewitzer for all the care and support she received during her recent surgery.

Thanks from Everett Brown for the Douglas G. Larsen Scholarship award. He will use the money for tuition at Luther College, and it is much appreciated.

Thanks to Susan Johnson for pinch-hitting directing the choir during Anne-Lise's illness!

CORRECTION Thanks **FROM** Carol Green **TO** Pam Klossner and Alison Miller for their kindness and thoughtfulness; with the reminder of God's presence everyday.



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

Elaine Poulson and Family upon the passing of Richard Poulson

Pete Lemke recovering from triple bypass

Sheila Friske recovering from knee replacement surgery

Jill Wise and Family upon the passing of Bob Wise

Alan Lamm recovering from back surgery

Ken and Mary Ann Thorn and Family upon the passing of their son, Don

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

Stacy Rewitzer is recovering at home from back surgery

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

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



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 we continue building our monthly worship schedule, we invite you to serve in one of these simple and meaningful roles. Signing up in advance helps us prepare for worship each week and reduces the need for last-minute recruiting. We know that many people are away during the summer, so advance sign-up from those who know they'll be present is especially helpful and appreciated!

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, June 6th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: _____
Communion Server: Diane Simonson
Hospitality: _____

Saturday, June 13th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: _____
Communion Server: _____
Hospitality: _____

Saturday, June 20th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: _____
Communion Server: _____
Hospitality: _____

Saturday, June 27th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: _____
Communion Server: _____
Hospitality: Diane Simonson

Sunday, June 7th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: _____
Communion Servers: _____

Coffee: _____

Sunday, June 14th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: Viktoria Davis
Communion Servers: Viktoria Davis
Mary Carlson
Miriam Waldner
Coffee: Marlys Christensen

Sunday, June 21st

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: Beth Zambino
Communion Servers: _____

Coffee: _____

Sunday, June 28th

Greeter: _____
Ushers: _____

Reader: Diane Simonson
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.

Youth News



- June 4-7 – Flandreau Concession Stand noon until 5:00pm
- June 14th- Brat Stand
- June 17th – Smore's and Songs Campfire Night
- June 28-July 1- Youth Mission Trip to Madison Wisconsin
- July 27-30 - VBS
- July 31st – Outdoor Movie Night
- August 2nd – Moondogs Faith Night
- August 9th - Brat Stand

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

June 17th 6:30-8:30- Smore's and Songs - Bring a lawn chair and come and enjoy an evening by the fire, have a smore, sing songs, and play games. This is open to anyone and it is a come and go event.

July 31 - Outdoor Family Movie Night - Help us wrap up a fun week of VBS with an Outdoor Family Movie Night. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and we will have a movie, fire, snacks and games. Fun for the whole family!

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.

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis next summer June 28-July 2. More information will be coming this summer and we will want to start registering this fall, so start pondering whether this will be an event for you. Youth in 8th-12th grade in the fall of 2026 are eligible. There is also a Young Adult Gathering as well for ages 18-35 during the same dates. If you are thinking about this event, please let Geri know so she has an idea of who is interested.

NEED HELPERS! The Youth will be working the CashWise Brat Stand June 14th and August 9th. We are seeking volunteers to help with this fundraising activity. Please contact Geri if you can help!



Build VBS will be July 27-30 from 9-11:30am. Registration is now open. Scan this QR code to go directly to the registration link. If you are interested in helping with making props and decorations, please contact Geri.



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.

June dates are the 4th and 18th 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.

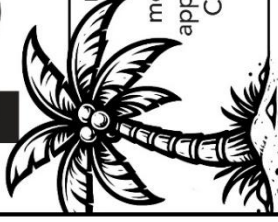
Christ the King Softball Team



We are looking for 10-15 (the more the merrier) slow pitch softball players for games on Sunday nights at Harman Park in New Ulm. This is a co-ed league, and games start at 6:00 PM. All are welcome, from experienced players to those just looking to get out of the house and have fun. The league is open to men, women, boys, and girls, with a minimum age of 13 to play. If you have any questions, contact Chris Weymann at cjweymann@gmail.com or 507-276-2115, or better yet, scan the QR code..

Flandrau Concession stand - June 4-7 from noon to 5 - Youth and their families are asked to consider helping out at the Flandrau State Park Concession stand as the funds raised will be used for youth activities and scholarships. If you are interested or able to help out with this, please let Geri know.

Puzzle!



Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.

Answers go: → ↓ ↗ ↘

- Genesis 2:15 Isaiah 23:1 Luke 24:13
- Genesis 11:9 Isaiah 23:2 John 2:1
- Genesis 35:1 Isaiah 23:3 Acts 8:5
- Exodus 13:18 Jonah 1:2 Acts 11:22
- Ruth 1:1 Matthew 3:6 Acts 17:16
- 1 Kings 18:19 Matthew 4:18 Romans 1:15
- 1 Chronicles 11:4 Matthew 26:36

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Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome



Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.

ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pureinheart, 6 Across: hunger, 7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poorinspirit, 3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn



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



CtK's Helping Hands Fund

For April

Given - \$	\$1,219.31
Utilities - \$.00
Housing - \$	\$300.00
Car Repairs - \$.00
Gas Cards - \$.00
Groceries - \$	\$75.00
Misc - \$.00

Financial Report for April

Given -	\$23,484.17
Budgeted	\$35,281.66
Given YTD -	\$89,284.18
Budgeted YTD	\$122,207.92

Christ the King Council Members

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Kurt Johnson

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Connie Jacobs

Choir Director:
Anne-Lise Johnson

CtK's Council Minutes

Minutes of the April 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 Scholarship breakfast was well attended and had a lot of volunteers. Holy week with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter, Caregiver group had a special event with 20-25 people attending.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Tim will be on vacation starting on April 23 so will be absent for the April 25/26 services. Anna and Ron Fleischmann will take care of services. Pastor Tim will return on May 1.
- **Sound issues and streaming needs.** Pastor Tim will have microphone coming soon, and they will be in to go over the needs, locations and details for the system. We can't get streaming on Facebook on the computer and need to use a tablet.
- **Adult Education continues:**
 - Men's study: We began a study of Romans.
 - Women's study: Finishing a study of various Women of the Bible.
 - The Monday study will resume in April with 1 Corinthians
- **Lent Worship:** Lenten services went well with The Shapes of a Christian Life series. We have had pretty good attendance.

Youth Ministry Report: Sunday school and Club 1515 is continuing. Confirmation helped with Lent and restarted again after Easter. Gerten's Fundraiser went well with earning around \$900.

Committee Reports:

- **Personnel Committee** – Committee met with different staff and had positive reports. There was a recommendation for more people to receive training on Subsplash. With the youth, there is visioning with having intergenerational activities and promoting learning within the family.
- **Volunteer Committee** – Would like to create a worship ministry guide so there is a brief description of the volunteer roles. April was completely filled and May is almost filled with volunteers.

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Return Service Requested



June 2026

<i>Worship Services</i>	<i>Streamed on Facebook Live and</i>
	<i>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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