

Pastor's Page

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

We don't talk about the Holy Spirit, because it is like the wind, we don't know how to locate it easily or talk about it except as we see it stir things up or put things in place or make us suddenly say, “Aha!” “The question remains: What do we really think about the Holy Spirit, since we don't think about the Spirit much?”

Martin Luther's explanation to the third article of the creed begins this way: *“I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel...”*

So I tell you that no one who is speaking with the help of God's Spirit says, “Jesus be cursed.” And no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” without the help of the Holy Spirit.

Luther says “I believe...I cannot believe.”

So faith is not my work, but it is the fulfillment of the work of the Spirit. The Spirit not merely gives us faith, but empowers us with gifts and love and courage and kindness to fulfill this life. On our own, we are not capable of the Christian life of faith and the obedience of love. God poured out, sent upon us the Spirit, and continues to do so, in order that the world might be renewed and rescued from the powers of this world.

Here is Martin Luther's full explanation in his Small Catechism,

“I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Christ in the one common true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins – mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give me and all believers eternal life. This is most certainly true.” (Martin Luther, “Small Catechism.” The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. ed. Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert. [Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000], Third Article to the Creed, 355-356.)

Two things I will point out for this month:

“Called”

There are a variety of ways faith comes to us – we are experiential beings. But the way we can be certain of our faith is that the Spirit calls us to faith “through the gospel” – the good news of Jesus Christ in his life, death, resurrection and new life promised among us. Just as Jesus called the disciples to “follow” our daily call points us to the word that is Christ himself. Later on Luther further explained the gospel is given to us in God's word of forgiveness, holy baptism, holy communion, confession and forgiveness and (my favorite) the mutual consolation of believers, ‘where two or three are gathered’ (Matthew 18:20). (Luther, “Smalcald Articles,” Book of Concord, III.4, 319.) Pastor Geoff Sinbaldo, <https://sinbaldo.wordpress.com/about/>

That gift of faith is received from the one who lived and believed for us. Jesus, the way the truth and the life, sends the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, fill us with love and send us. The Spirit also gives us the gifts we need to build up the body of Christ. We will look at those in our next pastor's page in June.

Worship Notes for May

May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Theme: Who is God? If you don't know, look to Jesus who said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." This is the truth that has strengthened the faithful in living and in their moments of witness we call martyrdom.

May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Theme: The Spirit is the one who comes to teach us and lead us into truth. The history of the church is the history of the working of the Spirit among us. It is the Spirit's poking, prodding and leading of God's people to learn what it means to fulfill these words of Jesus. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Theme: Jesus prays for his disciples, because he knows their tendency to compete, compare and divide. He prays for unity, because as we can see in the church today, our division weakens the church, even if each part of the church reveals some of the strengths of our calling. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

Theme: The diversity of the body exists only as it serves the unity of the body. Diversity is not an end in itself, but is bent to serve the whole body of Christ and the world. Celebrating our diversity, as the Corinthians discovered, is the source of our divisions and tends toward worship of ourselves. "For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

May 31 – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Theme: The word trinity does not appear in the Bible, but the Trinity is everywhere present. At Creation, in the exodus, in the prophets, in the life of Jesus, God is found as the one who is creating, redeeming and making a holy people. The God we worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is the God of all things and the source of all things. We join with all creation in in praising the Lord this day, calling out the name that gives us all things.

We will have a healing service this weekend and bless prayer shawls and quilts.

Changes to the Bible Studies coming up in May

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. on Mondays and will end with its last session on May 18th.

Men's Study: 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays. We will finish our study of Romans on May 16th.

The Monday Evening Bible Study: We will read together Paul's letter to 1st Corinthians. The study meets at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings, we will finish on May 18th.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 17

2026 High School Graduates- We would like to get a picture and future information from you to display on Graduate Sunday, May 17th. Please either drop off or email your information to the office by May 10th.



Many thanks to Patty Eveslage for leading the Cardmaking Events here at the Church! Everyone has a great time making the beautiful cards and \$270 was raised for Helping Hands!

Thanks from Grace Barie and Piper Kapolczynski for the Church's support of their Bake Sale to benefit Blood Cancer United!

Thanks from Carol Green and Pam Klossner and Alison Miller for the kindness and thoughtfulness of the church members, with the reminder of God's presence everyday

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, and offered prayers and words of encouragement after my surgery in February. Thanks to your support, my recovery has gone well and I'm back to my normal activities. I truly appreciate my Christ the King church family.

DuWayne Witt

Thanks to the Project Group for sending cards to the folks on our the Care List!

Thanks from The Crisis Nursery/Ivy House for the Church's donation of support. These funds allow the Crisis Nursery to continue to connect with families with resources to help them thrive.



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

Jill Wise and Family upon the passing of Bob Wise

Alan Forstner recovering from back surgery

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 at home

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.

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2026 High School Graduates

Candon Briggs

Everett Brown

Daniel Brownfield

Hunter Dauer

Cole DeGre

Collin Forstner

Tyson Goold

Braylon Jensen

Ella Jensen

Tegan Kral

Kieryn Nachreiner

Hayden Owens

Ava Peterson

Kolt Peterson

Landon Schweiss

Riley Wilson

Congratulations!!



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. You'll notice there are still some openings – if you're willing, we would love to have you take part. If you're new to serving, experienced volunteers will be there to guide and support you!

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, May 2nd

Greeter: _____
 Ushers: Gay Lynn Cowing, Paul Huseby
 Reader: Gay Lynn Cowing
 Communion Server: Peg Sundell
 Hospitality: _____

Saturday, May 9th

Greeter: _____
 Ushers: Lanis Curtis, Troy Gorsline
 Reader: Carla Fjeld
 Communion Server: Bette Puhlman
 Hospitality: _____

Saturday, May 16th

Greeter: _____
 Ushers: _____
 Reader: Josie Simonson
 Communion Server: Gay Lynn Cowing
 Hospitality: _____

Saturday, May 23rd

Greeter: Bette Puhlman
 Ushers: Christie Melzer, Bette Puhlman
 Reader: Rick Jorgensen
 Communion Server: Bette Puhlman
 Hospitality: _____

Saturday, May 30th

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

Sunday, May 3rd

Greeter: Carl Zeidler
 Ushers: Jon Bregel, _____
 Reader: Miriam Waldner
 Communion Servers: Allie Staley, Viktoria Davis, Miriam Waldner
 Coffee: Simonson family

Sunday, May 10th

Greeter: Kurt Johnson
 Ushers: LuVerne Piotter, Tom Wersal, Scott Pederson
 Reader: Leroy Staley
 Communion Servers: Miriam Waldner, Allie Staley,

 Coffee: Marlys Christensen

Sunday, May 17th

Greeter: _____
 Ushers: Jon Bregel, _____
 Reader: Beth Zambino
 Communion Servers: Viktoria Davis, Mary Carlson, Josh Walth
 Coffee: Judy Traurig, Irene Piotter, Lois Wersal

Sunday, May 24th

Greeter: Kay Anderson
 Ushers: LuVerne Piotter, Tom Wersal, Scott Pederson
 Reader: Miriam Waldner
 Communion Servers: Diane Simonson, Amy Johnson,

 Coffee: Judy Traurig, Irene Piotter, Lois Wersal

Sunday, May 31st

Greeter: _____
 Ushers: LuVerne Piotter, Tom Wersal, Scott Pederson
 Reader: Kathie Born
 Communion Servers: Kathie Born, _____,

 Coffee: Judy Traurig, Irene Piotter, Lois Wersal

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



- May 17th - Graduate Sunday/Sunday School Celebration
- June 4-7 – Flandreau Concession Stand noon until 5:00pm
- June 14th- Brat Stand
- June 28-July 1- Youth Mission Trip to Madison Wisconsin
- July 27-30 - VBS
- August 9th - Brat Stand

Club 1515 will continue until May 13th and then will be on hiatus until the new school year starts.

Thank you to all who ordered plants or gift cards from the **Gerten's Youth Fundraiser!** We were able to raise over \$900 to use toward youth activities and scholarships. The plants and gift cards arrived **Wednesday, April 29th.**

2026 High School Graduates- We would like to get a picture and future information from you to display on **Graduate Sunday, May 17th.** Please either drop off or email your information to the office by May 10th.

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.

May dates are the 7th and 21st 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.

Just a reminder.....Christ the King t-shirts and sweatshirts can still be ordered. The deadline to order is May 15th. Please see Geri to place your order.

PUZZLE

JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise. They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!



- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER



Answer: Praise the Lord!

2026

Congrats to the CLASS OF

PUZZLE

Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)



Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00am Men's Bible Study 5:33pm Easter Vigil Worship Service
3 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:15 Sunday School	4 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	5 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 3:45pm Personnel Comm Mtg 5:00pm Grief Support	6 5:00pm Worship TV 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	7 1:00pm Sewing Group 1:00pm Caregiver's Group	8	9 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am League of Women's Voters 5:33pm Worship
10 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:15 Sunday School	11 1:30pm Parkinson's 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Women of Today	12 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 4:30pm United Players	13 5:00pm Worship TV 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	14 1:00pm Sewing Group	15	16 8:00am Men's Bible Study 5:33pm Worship
17 Graduation Sunday 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:15 Sunday School	18 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	19 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 3:00pm STAY Group 6:15 pm Finance 6:30pm Council Mtg	20	21 1:00pm Sewing Group 1:00pm Caregiver's Group	22	23 3:00pm Wedding 5:33pm Worship
24 9:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am Baby Shower	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV, Public Access 5:00pm Grief Support	27	28 1:00pm Sewing Group	29	30 12:00pm Graduation Party 5:33pm Worship
31 9:00am Sunday Worship						



CtK's Helping Hands Fund

For March

Given - \$	1,513.31
Utilities - \$	490.24
Housing - \$.00
Car Repairs - \$.00
Gas Cards - \$.00
Groceries - \$.00
Misc - \$.00

Financial Report for March

Given -	\$20,983.67
Budgeted -	\$31,661.00
Given YTD -	\$ 65,800.01
Budgeted YTD -	\$ 86,926.26

Christ the King Council Members

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CtK's Council Minutes

Minutes of the March 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 – Lent has begun, first communion, sewing group, bible studies

Pastor's Report:

- **Sound issues and streaming needs.** I have had further conversation with Muska electric. They have ordered a new microphone for us to try and will try take care of the antenna relocation, the microphone connector plate in the front as well as a screen for the narthex. The screen will be covered by a gift. The rest of the cost will need to be from the king estate or a gift we received from Paul Wojahn. Cost will be approximately \$14,000-\$15,000. Miriam made motion and Pat seconded. Motion carried.
- **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.
 - The Monday study will resume in April.
- **Lent Worship:** Lent began on February 18 with the theme: "The Shapes of a Christian Life." We have had pretty good attendance.

Youth Ministry Report: Sunday school and Club 1515 continued. Confirmation is helping with Lent. Gertens Fundraiser is going on. Working on Easter Egg Hunts and Palm Sunday events.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee – Met prior to council meeting
- Scholarship Committee – Palm Sunday breakfast, scholarship recipients have been notified
- Volunteer Committee – Saturday services only 8 spots left to fill for all of April – Sundays in April 11 spots left to fill. Think about how we will move forward - how can we get people to learn to use the app
- Constitutional Committee – Congregational meeting after service on April 26th.

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May 2026

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Saturday 5:33pm ***Available on Public Access Television***
Sunday 9:00am ***Tuesdays 10am***
 Wednesdays 5pm



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