

Pastor's Page

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

The church is a people being built into a temple for God, a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. This month, we celebrate 45 years as a congregation of saints formed in Christ to serve and bear witness to God's kingdom. On November 1, we will gather for worship, food, and fellowship with past members and former pastor Jon Anderson. We give thanks for all that God has done through Christ the King while looking with hope toward the future. Change can stir anxiety and fear, especially when the past and present feel familiar and secure. Yet the church's joy rests in Christ, the one who holds our future. Forty-five years may not seem like a long time, but in a world of impermanent things, it is worth celebrating. Much has happened, and we pray that much may yet happen in this place and among the people of Christ the King. Moving faithfully into that future requires placing ourselves at the disposal of Christ, the one we will celebrate as King on November 22. The name of our congregation reminds us that we are a future-oriented people: rooted in the past and present, yet ready to follow wherever the Holy Spirit may be working.

We celebrate with great joy and festivity, and then we ask God to keep us moving forward. Happy moments can tempt us to settle where we are, but gratitude for the present can also strengthen us for the work to which God is still calling us.

Come and join the celebrations in November as we move forward together as God's pilgrim people in this place. With the saints and angels of heaven and earth, we rejoice in the great and glorious life of the church and in the reign of Christ the King.

Deep Within by David Haas

Refrain: Deep within, I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me; I will bring you back. You will be my own, and I will be your God.

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you, for I will be your strength.
 2. See my face, and see your God, for I will be your hope.
 3. Return to me, with all your heart, and I will bring you back.
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At the heart of genuine festivity is that primeval goodness, which God spoke at the beginning in creation — "and God saw that it was good" (Gen1:10). It's a goodness, made entirely by God and given to us, which despite everything (no matter how bitter and dark things get), still exists, because existence still exists; that, despite it all, children are still born, flowers still bloom, the sun still rises, creation remains, that God has not given up. "God saw that it was good." That's what's at the heart of festivity. Fr. Joshua J. Whitfield, <https://fatherjoshuawhitfield.com/true-festivity-or-on-reading-josef-pieper-at-christmas/>

Worship Notes for November

November 1 – All Saints Sunday

Readings: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Theme: We remember the saints and pray for those who will gather at Christ the King in the future. Today we celebrate our congregation of saints who have given witness to God for 45 years in New Ulm. Come join us for worship, meal and fellowship to celebrate. We will be joined by a former pastor and Southwest Minnesota Synod bishop Rev. Jon Anderson.

November 8– 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Theme: Justice is something God desires from us as the people of God's kingdom. To do justice requires that we allow God's just and righteous wisdom be our guide. For in our hurry to do justice we often sin. Martin Luther noted the danger, "The lawyer says: Let justice be done and the world be damned. The theologian says: Let sin be forgiven and the world will be saved, for justice is not done but sin is always committed."

November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Theme: The gift of trust that God has given to us as stewards is often used to refer to a time of fundraising. The gift with which we are entrusted is more than money, but money and our use of it is part of the witness to the new life we have in Christ. May we learn to be faithful in all things as stewards of the mysteries of God.

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Theme: On Sunday we will have Bishop Dee Pedersen as our preacher, come welcome her to Christ the King on this Sunday. We also come to the end of the church's yearly calendar with hope and expectation of the return of Christ in glory.

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Theme: Sometimes when watching the way the world is the words of Isaiah seem quite appropriate: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down..." God is described as doing this on occasion, most clearly in the coming of Jesus. Most often such visitations of God are less bold, but we still trust that God is the potter and we are the work of God's hand. We are all works in progress.

Bishop Dee Pederson of the Southwest Minnesota Synod Will Visit in November

Bishop Dee Pederson will join us on November 22nd to preach and spend some time celebrating with us. She hopes to bring greetings and maybe get an opportunity to meet with you during coffee hour.

Confirmation Calendar for November

November 4 The Fifth Commandment, LSC (Luther's Small Catechism), p. 14 & 85-92

November 11 The Sixth Commandment, LSC (Luther's Small Catechism), p. 14 & 93-104

November 18 The Seventh Commandment, LSC (Luther's Small Catechism), p. 14 & 105-109

November 25 *Thanksgiving Off*

Thanks to all who are helping with meals. November is filled, but if you can help out after that please let Geri know.

A Note for 9th Grade Youth and Parents about Confirmation Sunday in the Spring

At our September meeting you asked for a spring date for the Affirmation of Baptism for your students. We have settled on May 2nd as the best date. If you have concerns or questions, please contact Pastor Tim, since spring is busy. If you have no objections to that date, please get it on your calendar, since it is not the usual schedule for this event.

Sunday School News

Sunday School has started. We have a new curriculum that we are using this year, so there are a couple of changes. We will begin Sunday School at 10:15, but it will end at 11:15. This is a change from the past.

If you have not registered for Sunday School yet, you are still able to register by scanning the QR code.



Please remember to have your child(ren) bring their Bibles to Sunday School (especially 3rd-6th graders).

National Youth Gathering

What is the Youth Gathering?

Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It's not just an event but a movement in which faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith and be part of something bigger than yourself. Are you ready to join the movement?

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis next summer June 28-July 2. If you are interested in attending this event, please let Geri know as soon as possible. Registrations and payment of \$150 is due by November 8th.

Upcoming Events

Jr. High Youth Gathering

Nov. 20-21

Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 13 at 10:30 am

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Dale and Mickey Witt

Jan Borg, the mother of Anna Fleischmann

Barbara George

Lloyd Christenson

Diane Bode

Joanne Cherrington

Steve and Barbara Reinhart's son, Matt

Peg Isaacson

Kyle Howk and Allison Howk

Please pray in uplifting the family of Jason and Heidi Rewitzer.

Please pray for the families of Jackie Nelson and Baylee Geiger, Shelby and Keith Hartmann, also Patrick and Melissa Nelson.

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

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet the first and third Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be November 5th. The group is enjoying this social time to share stories and talk about issues surrounding being Caregivers. Anyone is welcome to attend – just come on by!



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.

Women's Bible Study is studying the book of Job, they meet on Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study is studying the book of Ezekiel. They meet on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

The **Monday evening adult study** will be the book of Job. They meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings

Grief Support – meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is **November 17th**.

Choir – confirmation parents—please consider joining us for choir on Wednesdays at 6:45 while your son or daughter is in confirmation. We welcome all people and you don't need to be an expert in the field. We even have some fun at the same time!!

Cardmaking - There will be **Cardmaking on November 21st**, 10:00 to 12:00 noon. All ages are welcome. There will be a variety of choices for different themes, and we also welcome special requests for the Holidays. Please RSVP by either calling or emailing the office so we have an idea of how many are coming, and so we have enough product to work with. There will be a free will offering toward the Helping Hand Fund, for these events. What a fun way to put your special touch on some birthday or Christmas cards!!



Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available early November for families to pick up and pack. Drop off week will be Monday, November 16 through Monday, November 23rd.

Jasmine Miller -- would love to hear from people and would appreciate some friendly correspondence. The Cardmaking event on November 21st would be a fun way to personalize some cards made by you, to send to Jasmine!

Her address is:

455 EFSS

OPC 1239 Box 06

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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.

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.*

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



Dear Christ the King members -

Thank you so much for your wonderful
donation of household items. Wow! Our
residents will be delighted when they are
ready to kit out their new apartments.
You are truly the hands & feet of Christ
- bless you all.

Your friends at NUMAS Haus

**Thank you, everyone, for your
donations of goods and money for our
NUMAS Haus collection project. The
total amount for the coins collected
was \$490.68! Awesome! We were also
able to take a nice sized pickup load to
NUMAS Haus. This is a good time of
the year to show our thanks to God for
what we have been blessed with, and to
share with others in need.**





Church Council Meeting

Christ the King Lutheran Church Congregation Council Agenda October 20, 2026

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

Council Members: Kurt Johnson (President), Josh Walth (Vice President), Amy Johnson (Secretary), Elmer Rettig, Lauren Buckentine, Allie Staley, Pat Novak, Ryan Meyer, Miriam Waldner Pastor Tim Anderson, Beth Zambino (Treasurer), Geri Groebner (Youth and Youth Education) & Jen Kapolczynski (Financial Secretary)

Call to Order-

Opening Prayer and Devotion –

Next month’s devotion –

Review and approval of agenda –

Highlights from past month – Sunday School, Confirmation, NUMAS Haus event, quilters, Prayer Shawl, women’s Bible study of Tobit and now Job, Adult Study of the Sermon on the Mount and Job

Secretary’s Report –

Treasurer’s Report –

Pastor’s Report –

- **Sound issues and streaming needs.** Muska Electric would like to begin our project in the near future, preferably not during our anniversary celebration. Screen in the narthex, repair the microphone outlets in the front and move our wireless antennas for the microphones are things we approved last Spring.
- **I did have a demonstration of the hearing impaired sound devices** and hearing aid connection. The sound is impressive and doesn’t have the hiss our current system has. It is run on a unique system I believe is called Aura. It has a very long range, but functions somewhat

like Bluetooth. If your hearing aids can work with your phone they will be able to pick up the sound from the sound system.

- **Adult Education continues:**
 - Women studying the book of Job
 - Adult study is on the book of Job as well.
 - Ezekiel men's study
 - Possible Sunday mornings a History of Israel and Palestine conflict
- **Confirmation** is going well and Geri and I are continuing to work on the material for this year. We are also planning ahead for transition time as well next Fall.

Youth Ministry Report:

Youth Education Report:

Committee Reports

- Personnel Committee –
- Property Committee --
- Finance Committee –
- Youth/Education Committee –
- Scholarship Committee –
- Worship Committee –
- Outreach/Social Ministry Committee –
- Gifts & Bequests Policy committee-
- Volunteer Committee –

Old Business:

- Things to consider:
 - Candidates for the call committee who are committed
 - Important qualifications for the next pastor; What do we need as a congregation?
 - How do we get feedback from congregants about qualifications and needs?
 - Reaching out to congregation members to see if they know anyone
 - Consider a specific time frame so that is not a significant time lag for getting a new pastor.
- October meeting: Council members will come with 3 priority areas for congregation.

New Business:

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer –

Next Council Meeting: November 17, 2026

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.

Shared Ministry in Worship

Worship Volunteering – What Works Best for Christ the King?

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent Worship Volunteer Survey! One of the biggest things we learned is that many people find it difficult to commit weeks in advance because they don't always know their schedules.

With that in mind, we won't be publishing the monthly volunteer calendar in the newsletter anymore. Instead, whenever you know you'll be attending church, please consider checking the volunteer sign-up through the church app or SignUp.com to see if there are opportunities open.

And if you arrive at worship and see on our sign that volunteers are still needed, feel free to jump in!

We’d also love to see more members of our congregation participate in worship volunteering. If you're interested in helping out, but aren't quite sure what's involved, just ask someone who’s done it before. They’ll be more than happy to guide you. Thank you to all who contribute to making our worship ministries a shared effort!

Thank you!!

Thank you to our mystery harvest decorator! The church exterior looks beautiful, but no one has claimed credit. Who could it be? 😊 We appreciate your hard work and thank Keith Hartmann for providing the straw bales!

Thank you to the following who shared what Christ the King means to them, during the worship service:

Preston and Gay Lynn Cowing, Miriam Waldner, Karl Davis, Carls Fjeld, Tyson Goold, Terri Arnoldt.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Helping Hands fundraiser at Pizza Ranch, especially our volunteers: Diane and Josephine Simonson, Brian and Dawn Kloos, and David Loken. We greatly appreciate your help.



Thank you!

Thank you for the words, cards, and gifts that you shared with me during Pastor Appreciation Month. They are greatly appreciated,. It has been good to be your pastor.

~~Pastor Tim



CtK's Helping Hands Fund

CTK's Helping Hands fund for September:

Given	\$1,966.80
Groceries	\$81.95
Gas Cards	50.00
Car Payments	\$0.00
Car Repairs	\$0.00
Utilities	\$100.00
Housing	\$1,890
Misc	\$100.00

Financial Report for September:

Given	\$22,961.67
Budgeted	\$30,354.87
Given YTD	\$235,207.20
Budgeted YTD	\$268,851.25

Staff

Pastor

Timothy Anderson

Finance Manager:

Jen Kapolczynski

Administrative

Assistant:

Miriam Waldner

Visitation

Ministry

Coordinator:

Helen Christenson

Youth Education & Youth Ministry

Coordinator:

Geri Groebner

Custodian:

Cindy Fahey

Music Coordinator:

Connie Jacobs

Christ the King Council Members

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Members:

Elmer Rettig

Pat Novak

Lauren Buckentine

Miriam Waldner

Ryan Meyer

Allie Staley

November 2026

October '26
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December '26
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Worship and CTK web streaming CTK 45th Anniversary Celebration	2 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl 3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	3 9:00 AM Staff Mtg 10:00 AM Worship TV Public Access GENERAL ELECTION	4 5:00 PM Worship TV 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:45 Choir	5 1:00pm Caregiver Coffee Hr 1:00 Sewing Group	6 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:33 PM Worship	7 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:33 PM Worship
8 9:00 am Worship and CTK web streaming	9 3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Youth Ministry	10 9:00 AM Staff Mtg 10:00 AM Worship TV 3:45pm Personnel Comm 4:30 United Players	11 5:00 PM Worship TV 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:45 Choir	12 1:00 Sewing Group	13 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00am League Womens 5:33 PM Worship	14 Silent Auction 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00am League Womens 5:33 PM Worship
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22 Silent Auction 9:00 am Worship and CTK web streaming BAKE SALE	23 Coat Drive 3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 Adoption Group	24 Coat Drive 9:00 AM Staff Mtg 10:00 AM Worship TV	25 Coat Drive 5:00 PM Worship TV 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at CTK with OSL	26 Coat Drive THANKSGIVING DAY 	27 Coat Drive 5:33pm Worship	28 Coat Drive 5:33pm Worship
29 Coat Drive 9:00 am Worship and CTK web streaming	30 Coat Drive 3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study			OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	

Helping Hand's

All proceeds from the auction will go towards CtK's Helping Hands Fund

Helping Hands Fund is used to help many families in our community. The fund helps in a variety of ways such rental assistance, utilities, groceries, minor car repairs, fluids/gas, medical bills, subsidizing counseling, and much more.



Auction dates are November
14th through the 22rd in the
Church Fellowship Hall

Please bring items before November 11th

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Do you have a gently used winter coat you would like to donate?

Are you in need of a gently used winter coat?

Donations and the opportunity to choose a coat will be available until December 13th. Whatever is left will then be given where needed.

November 23rd through December 13th, 2026

Drop offs can be made after November 2nd at the Church Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:00pm and Fri 8:00am to 12:00 noon

Drop offs can also be made at the home of Kathy Christensen

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November 2026

Worship Services:

Saturday, 5:33 p.m

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

***Streamed on CTK
Website and
available on Public
Access TV Tuesdays
at 10 a.m. &
Wednesdays at 5:00
p.m.***

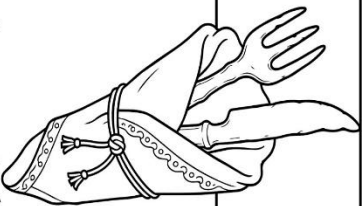


**"A Family of
Christians,
welcoming
as we journey with
God
to teach, love,
and serve others."**

Puzzle!

A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.



Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____.
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____—five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, “Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____.
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They’d need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____—five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done,
ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

Puzzle!



FOLLOW THE STAR

Start at Clue 1. Choose the correct answer,
record its star letter, and follow its number.

1

The Wise Men
came from the:

East
J
go to 4

West
P
go to 2

2

Herod asked when
the _____ appeared.

angel
T
go to 3

star
S
go to 5

3

Warned in a dream,
they returned:

another way
S
Bethlehem
go to 6

Herod
D
go to 4

4

The prophecy
pointed to:

Nazareth
R
go to 5

Bethlehem
E
go to 2

5

They found the
child in a:

house
U
go to 3

stable
M
go to 1

Who did they find?

Matthew 2:1–12

Answer: Jesus