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Christ the King Lutheran Church

Grounded in the promise of God's grace, we are called to extend Christ's welcome to all people.... Our journeys in life often look very different on the surface, but we believe that God's love changes everything for everybody.

No matter where you find yourself on the journey of faith, we warmly welcome you here.

From Ctk's Welcome Statement, adopted February, 2018.

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Worship with us this Summer

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship

12 noon Worship en Español
4th Sunday of the Month

5:00 p.m. "Connect"

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Editor's Note: Extraordinary Ordinary Time

While we usually refer to our this time of the church year as the "Season after Pentecost," another term for this liturgical season is "Ordinary Time." This phrase comes from the way the Sundays are counted—as in "ordinal numbers"—and does *not* mean that this time is somehow unremarkable! Still, since there is no major church festival between Trinity and Reformation Sundays (roughly the end of May through the end of October) we run the risk of things becoming too routine during these days.

Here at Ctk, though, we believe that the summer can really be an extraordinary time to be together.

News flash: our congregation doesn't close for the summer! There are chances to worship, grow in faith, serve others, and build community together. There are also some uniquely summer opportunities at Ctk, from VBS to the community garden, from SUNNY lunches to the National Youth Gathering.

This Summer 2018 edition of *The Herald* tells the story of Ctk's extraordinary ministry during the months of June, July, and August. In the pages that follow, I invite you to discover some of the extraordinary things our community does during ordinary time.

--Pastor Peter Hanson

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“This Changes Everything!” CtK Youth

This summer, the youth of Christ the King/Cristo Rey will be involved in many different events, trips, and ministries, both close to home and as far away as Texas. Check out what our young people are involved with, and keep them in your prayers this summer:

- **National Youth Gathering, June 23-July 1**
A group of 25 youth and adult leaders will be traveling to Houston to take part in the ELCA's National Youth Gathering (NYG), held once every three years. Under the theme “This Changes Everything!” they and nearly 30,000 others from all over the ELCA (as well as guests from around the world) will take part in stirring music, rousing worship, challenging speakers, and hands-on service opportunities in and around Houston. This is a first for CtK youth to be heading to a NYG. Thanks to all of you who helped support their participation through your generous offerings and participation in different fundraising efforts!
- **Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE)**
Just ahead of the NYG, our youth will take part in MYLE at the University of Houston. At MYLE, culture is explored, leaders are formed, faith is deepened and friends are made. What a blessing to be at the center of the increasing diversity of the ELCA!
- **Late Night!** Begins Weds, June 13 @9:00 pm. HS Youth meet at CtK, then head out on an adventure (often involving ice cream...).
- **Summer BTD (Bible Talk, Donut Time)**
This discussion group for Middle and High School youth continues through the summer, meeting Sunday at 9:30 am.

Youth Theological Institute @Augsburg University: For the second year in a row, youth from Christ the King/Cristo Rey will be taking part in Augsburg's Summer Theological Institute. They will be meeting in a cohort of about 20 young people, taking theology courses from university professors, and exploring a variety of exciting ministry programs in Minneapolis and throughout the Twin Cities. Last year, **Alex Calle** participated in this program. Here are selections from his final essay “Diversity in the Church.”

“**A diverse church is a better church.** The church is not only a place to worship, sing, and learn, it's also a place to meet new people and make new friends. Imagine being in a church with people you may identify as “different” due to their skin color or the language they speak; but these people have a story just like you. You can share these stories and sooner or later you will create a bond, and no longer will you see them as different or a stranger. *Isn't this what God wants, all of us to be united?* ‘I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.’ (1 Corinthians 1:10)

“If we make friends with the diversity within the church, it will give us the chance to grasp other cultures. You get the chance to experience other foods, traditions, and music. This will give you a taste of how things are in different parts of the world, and it will also allow you to share your own culture as well. Not only this, but it could potentially mean having a bigger church community, which means more stability for the church and more hands to help.

“How do we get our church diverse? How do we overcome the language preference and barrier? We can put up signs saying, ‘All Are Welcome’ in different languages, and we can have bilingual services; (sure it may make the service longer, but can't we make the *sacrifice* to stay a little longer at church?) ‘And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.’ (Hebrews 13:16).

“Remember we are all God's people, and God wants us to be united, to share love with one another, and to worship in harmony. He created us with different physical traits, but that shouldn't stop us from loving one another!”

This year it's **Joshua Becerra Jimenez's** and **Diara Velez's** turn. We look forward to whatever new insights and increased leadership they have to share with us after their time at Augsburg!

In the Neighborhood for Good

Christ the King is congregation that exists within our neighborhood, works with our neighbors for the common good, and seeks to encounter God among our neighbors. Here are some of the ways we are involved in the life of our neighborhood. See page 5 for ways to help out:

- **SUNNY Lunches.** Begins Mon, June 11th For several years, Ctk has provided “grab & go” bag lunches for families on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer months

- **Ctk Community Garden.** Our garden continues to expand as members and neighbors tend to their vegetables and herbs. Even if you don't have your own plot you can take part in the abundance: a sharing table is set up every Sunday morning in the narthex.



- **CPY Summer.** Housed at Ctk since its founding over 20 years ago, Community Partners with Youth (CPY) provides children and youth with activities and opportunities after school and during the summer. Find out how you can help with this life-changing work by calling 651-633-6464.
- **Walk a Mile to End Homelessness** July 29th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Silver View Park, Mounds View, **Note the New Venue!** Proceeds from the walk will be used to help families in our local community facing eviction or other dire emergency through the New Brighton Community Support Center (CSC). Watch for details in upcoming *What's Happening*, or log on to lifeatctk.org/social_ministry.
- **National Night Out with Garden View Apartments** Tuesday, Aug. 7th from 6:00—8:00 pm. For more information contact Vern Rice (vernrice2000@yahoo.com).

- **Habitat for Humanity** Ctk members will take part in a one-day build in White Bear Lake on Monday, August 13th.

- **Summer-long Food Drive** Many of our Bible readings this summer focus on Jesus' ministry of feeding the hungry—and our call to do the same. Each Sunday, we will bring in non-perishable food items to be collected during the offering and stacked around and behind our altar. In August, we'll present these gifts to Ralph Reeder food shelf in their new location.

- **Ralph Reeder Food Shelf is moving!** You are invited to their Open House Tues., Aug. 21 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at their new location: 2544 Mounds View Boulevard, Mounds View, MN (intersection of Co. Rd I/Co. Hwy 10) Bring a donation of food or cash to help make the food shelf sustainable in the face of both increasing demand and additional rent.

- **Caring for Creation** This Ctk task force is looking into ways to reduce our carbon footprint here at church. For more info contact Diane Shallue, deshalluenew@gmail.com.

- **Paul Douglas/NOVA Event.** If you'd like to take another look at the Ctk-hosted “Decoding the Weather Machine” event from April 19, log on to <https://www.facebook.com/NOVApbs/videos/10155415575892196/UzpfSTE1MzYyNTQzMdu6MTAyMTU2OTI1NDk3NzY4NzE>.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Video Volunteers Needed

Operate a camera during the 10:30 service once or twice a month. Training will be provided. Contact Lynn Redlinger at redlynn@aol.com or 651- 631-2457.

Offering Counters Needed

Serve on a team counting offering once a month. Training will be provided, along with an experienced partner. Contact KC Gubrud at KC@lifeatctk.org.

Prepare and Serve SUNNY Lunches

Assemble the ingredients for folks to put together their own lunches, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, June 11- Aug. 24. Contact Cheri Aldridge (cheri.aldrige@comcast.net) for more info.

Volunteer at National Night Out with Garden View

Tuesday, Aug. 7th from 6:00—8:00 pm. Share food, games, entertainment, and useful information with our neighbors on 7th St. Contact Vern Rice (vernrice2000@yahoo.com) for more information.

Build with Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Builds

Help build a home in White Bear Lake, Monday, August 13. Contact Karen Hillerman at karenhillerman@gmail.com for more information.

Sing in the Summer “Pop Up” Choir

Meet at 9:00 for rehearsal, then sing at the 10:30 service, June 17th, July 22nd, and August 12th. Contact Heather Nelson at heather@lifeatctk.org for more information.



Summer Bible & Book Study Opportunities



Monday Men’s Bible Reading. 7:00 am at Denny’s (University Avenue NW, Blaine)

Join a continuous reading of the Bible. Bring your favorite version, plus money to cover your breakfast.

Monday Men’s Bible/Book Study, 6:30 pm at CtK

Begins June 4th and runs each Monday through July 16th. Join study leader Greg Block and other men for a lively discussion of *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton.

Wednesday Text Study, 3:00 pm in the CtK Library

Discuss the texts appointed for the coming Sunday worship services. Typically, the pastor preparing to preach the sermon that week will lead this discussion.

Cristo Rey Estudio Bíblico y Yoga, Weds at 6:30

¡Spanish Bible study with Yoga. All are welcome!

Connecting with “Connect”

By Anna, Justin, Logan and Peyton Grimm

As soon as our family heard there was planning for a Sunday evening worship service that would be smaller, more interactive, and still offer all the wonderful elements of Christ the King worship we were overjoyed. As a Synod staff member, Justin is often engaged in leadership in other congregations on Sunday mornings which means our time to worship as a family is quite limited, and we all agree that worship as a family is essential to who we are. Which means we found ourselves pledging to be “Connect” people before the services even started.

We weren't certain what to expect at the first Connect worship, but it was immediately clear we had found something that spoke our language. The intimate nature and more free-flowing creative worship spoke to our hearts that were molded from being a family that started a new mission congregation in Michigan. What we have found ourselves missing the most is the ability to connect with all people in worship and be involved. The smaller services seem to allow for the opportunity to truly feel of the Connect that to happen. In addition to each of us at different time stepping to help usher, read scripture or serve communion, we have felt more a part of and integrated into the larger experience of worship. Other favorite elements include the beautiful music and interactive sermons.



So in addition to being able to worship together as a family, the connected and Spirit-filled feel of the Connect service will keep us going back! We would love to see you there!

Please Join Us For Connect Worship, 5 pm on Sunday Nights

Morning Worship at 9:00 and 10:30, Beginning Sunday, June 10th

During the summer, Sunday morning worship tends to be a bit more relaxed and less formal. While we hope to convey a “come as you are” atmosphere year-round, it is particularly true during the months of June, July, and August, when schools are on vacation and some of our activities wind down a bit (just as others ramp up!).

This summer, CTK's morning worship will be using “Now the Feast And Celebration,” a setting of the Lutheran liturgy composed by Marty Haugen, whom many of you may know from “Holden Evening Prayer,” which we've used for Advent worship the past few years. “Now the Feast” follows the pattern of the various settings of the liturgy in the ELW, with singable melodies that are easily learned.

This liturgy also fits well with the themes of our Bible readings this summer, many of which focus on Jesus' ministry of feeding hungry people, and our call to do the same. As part of our response to that call, we will be collecting non-perishable food items as part of our offering, stacking them around the altar, as a symbol of how God's feast of victory that we share every Sunday is connected to the sharing of our abundance with the hungry all around us.

A Global Mission Sunday to Remember

Global Mission Sunday 2018 at Christ the King was a special day as we celebrated God's mission throughout the world. Here are some of the highlights that we will carry with us:

- Guest speaker Julia Hubbard brought wonderful messages to us in her sermon and during the SALT hour. The words that she spoke were wise and insightful. Even better was the spirit with which she spoke: a spirit of embracing God's people everywhere, of acceptance and tolerance and celebrating diversity, of gratitude for the richness of God's creation.

- Julia noted that there are 2.8 billion Christians in the world, 25% of them in sub-Saharan Africa.

- Of her two years serving with Bega Kwa Bega in Tanzania, she noted that it was a great privilege to represent BKB and an even greater privilege to be welcomed in Iringa, where their faith relationship includes laughing, dancing, singing, and praying together. Her days with them began with devotions and chai. In their wisdom, they kept reminding her to slow down and breathe!

- Julia had written to us earlier, "A global commitment reminds congregations that we are part of the Body, and this Body is all over the world. What an inspiration to think of us taking communion on a Sunday and joining the six million Lutherans in Tanzania that took it just hours earlier! It reminds us that we are not alone." We used that



theme in our Holy Communion through the One Body, Many Breads liturgy, presenting and then serving five different types of bread to those who communed. They included naan, lefse, pita, tortillas, and chapatti/injera.

- One of Julia's observations turned out to be especially timely: "We think we know where we are going in our journeys – not always true!" On April 15, the day that we had scheduled months ago for our Global Mission Sunday, a major blizzard struck the Twin Cities. For the first time in CTK's history, Sunday morning services were canceled. Thanks to Julia's cooperation and lots of flexibility on the part of staff and global mission team members, we were able to celebrate the event, in its entirety and on a beautiful sunny day, one week later. God was with us both Sundays and stays with us on all the days of our lives.
- We thank all who participated in our celebration, from the messages by Julia Hubbard, to our worship participants who provided music and the spoken word, to all who dressed globally as we rejoiced at being part of God's world. Thanks to all who gave generously to our Tanzanian scholarship fund through your direct contributions and who made purchases at the Tanzanian bazaar.

Global Mission Prayer: Thank you, God, for being with us as part of your global mission. We loved hearing the stories of Julia Hubbard and thank you for her gift of ministry. Be with her as she seeks her next steps in her life of service to you. Guide us to new insights as we listen to, pray with, and grow alongside our neighbors throughout the world. Help us to see the ways in which we are part of your plan for this world. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Global Mission Events: Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 p.m. Global Mission Team Meeting and potluck dinner, at the home of Gary and Chris Floss. Meetings include devotions, a lively business meeting, and eating together. Visitors are always welcome; please RSVP through the CTK office.

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Worship with us
Sunday, 9 & 10:30

Coming up at CTK

Here are some upcoming events at CTK. See our complete calendar at lifeatctk.org/calendar.

June

CTK Music Sunday

Sunday, June 3, at 10:00 am

One morning worship, led by CTK's singers, ringers and other musicians.

Annual Meeting, Part 2

Sunday, June 3, 2018

11:00 am, directly after Music Sunday

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Sunday, June 10, 2018

9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 5:00 pm

SUNNY Lunches Served

June 11-August 24, 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Mon, June 18-Thurs, June 21 9:00 am -noon

ELCA National Youth Gathering

Sat., June 23,-Mon, July 2, Houston, TX

July

Camp Wapo—2nd and 3rd grade

Thursday, July 13th –Saturday, July 15th

Camp Wapo— 4th–8th grade

Saturday, July 15th –Thursday, July 20th

August

National Night Out w/ Garden View

Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Annual Party at Garden View Apartments

Open House: Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

Monday, August 21, 3:00 – 7:00 pm

The deadline for the Fall Herald is August 15.
Please send submissions to info@lifeatctk.org