



Herald
May 2021

A Vibrant Community

When we come together, we do so for the sake of building up one another to be a vibrant community together. This word "vibrant" from our vision statement means pulsing with life, making noise, as a string vibrating to produce music. While I know people are eager to get inside the sanctuary again, I want to spend a moment and just notice a few ways that doing outdoor worship has given our community a new vibrancy.

As I meet people walking through the neighborhood or going to the park with Edan, people in the neighborhood are aware of our congregation in a new way. Every Sunday morning as we broadcast music and the Word out to the neighborhood, the community around us hears us. On Palm Sunday, when we processed after worship with our cars through the neighborhood with our palms, the community waved and wondered at this impromptu expression of joy. As the sun set on Holy Saturday we gathered with candles on the plaza to sing songs and tell stories, the light and the laughter shining to the neighbors going by. Being outside our building has given our community a presence in the neighborhood that hasn't been felt this way in years. The people I meet in the neighborhood are taking notice of Christ the King.

But what sound is being heard? What significance does this presence have in the lives of those who chance by? Even though we bear the title "church", the noise we make isn't guaranteed to carry Christ. We can all think of people and communities that call themselves Christian but offer none of the relief, love, and liberation of Jesus. We have to constantly be sure that our words, our actions, our joy, our openness to care and love, our commitment to transforming our own hearts and minds for the sake of the world, and our commitment to showing up for justice in a fraught world are the noises that come through the loudest.

To add to our vibrancy this May, we will begin having a designated "lawn chair section" at outdoor worship that gives you a chance to get out of your cars and see your neighbors a bit more clearly. We are also adding an outdoor fellowship after worship. Bring your own coffee and gather with the community for a time of fellowship in our courtyard and plaza to catch up with old friends and chat about worship and life.

-Pastor Rory Philstrom

Birthday Greetings

to our homebound and semi-homebound members celebrating

May birthdays:

- **Steve Olson 5/5**
- **Doris Wora 5/7**
- **Mae Kohls 5/24**



May Worship at CTK

5/2 – Drive-In Worship

5/9 – Drive-In Worship - Mother's Day

5/16 – Drive-In Worship - Confirmation

5/23 – Drive-In Worship - Pentecost

5/30 - Memorial Day Weekend—Online Worship

Drive-In worship will start at 9:30am and will take place in the CTK parking lot. Come rain or shine!! There will continue to be an online worship component for those who cannot safely attend.

This Memorial Day weekend we will return to online worship together with our whole synod one more time. It will be an opportunity to lean into our commitment to hear more from preachers of color as the Good News will come from one of our partners in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dear People of God at Christ the King Lutheran Church,

I write to thank you for your generosity! In a year of global pandemic and righteous uprising, the fear of scarcity was widespread. Yet your congregation met it's 2020 commitment to mission support. That's remarkable! We want you to know that it does not go unnoticed – and that your generosity is deeply appreciated. As a member of the Minneapolis Area Synod Council, I have witnessed the ways that giving from your bounty impact people's lives and congregational mission. Your generosity makes a difference! Thank you! We look forward to continued partnership to serve Christ's church.

Cheryl Chatman, On behalf of the Minneapolis Area Synod

In Celebration

At Synod Assembly in April, Rev. Lowell (Bud) Hesterman was recognized for celebrating his 70th year of ordination. What a legacy!

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June Newsletter Deadline Friday, May 14

Please email newsletter articles to jvevea@ctkb.org or leave a hard copy in the church office.

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Dear siblings in Christ,

In our April council meeting we again talked about our worship plans for the coming months. As a council we decided to stay with the drive-in services for now. I know everyone is anxious about getting back together in church for worship. Believe me the council is anxious to get back inside as well.

The main reason for staying outdoors is to keep everyone safe. The staff has yet to be fully vaccinated and it is important to the council as well as everyone else to keep them safe and healthy. Another factor is the number of cases in Hennepin and the surrounding counties continue to be high. Ideally we would like to see cases in the single digits per 10,000 people. I attended the Mpls Area Synod Assembly the weekend of April 24th and had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Michael Osterholm talk about how to deal with the virus in a church setting. It is our opinion, that at this time, it would not be safe or a good practice to hold worship services indoors.

The council is discussing ways to change up the drive-in worship so that we may be able to leave our cars and be able to see each other again with all the safety protocols in place. I do feel that we will be back inside soon. I just cannot say when that will be.

I do appreciate your thoughts and concerns about the decisions the council has made but I do feel it is in the best interest of us all. Please feel to reach out to me at any time.

Peace and blessings to all,

Mike Haddox, Council President

Dear friends,

Warm greetings from Southern Africa!

In mid-April the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe held a workshop at the Njuba Youth Center in Bulawayo on Worship, Liturgy and Music in the context of COVID-19 for bishops, deans and pastors and program coordinators from the three dioceses. The gathering was held in collaboration with the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA). The program included presentations on liturgy and worship in the life of ELCZ congregations, liturgy and contemporary worship, the ministry of Word and Sacrament including gifts of the Spirit, ELCZ policy regarding marriage, separation and divorce as well as matters relating to justice and counselling in the context of COVID-19. I was invited to give two (virtual) presentations on Theology and Worship. (The ELCA Upstate New York Synod is a companion to the ELCZ.)

On Sunday, April 18, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa consecrated Bishop G. A. Seane as the fourth bishop of the ELCSA Central Diocese. Following national COVID-19 protocols, a maximum of 250 people were able to gather at the ELCSA Central Diocesan Center in Jabavu, Soweto. The service was also live-streamed on several virtual platforms. Bishop Seane based his sermon on Luke 24:36-48. "As the risen Lord appeared to the disciples and said 'Peace be with you' Jesus also comes to us when we are afraid and gives us peace...COVID-19 has changed many things, including the way we worship. We have lost loved ones, jobs and income...But Jesus opens our minds to the Scriptures and calls us back to the core business of the church – to cross boundaries that divide and to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name to all nations..." Holy Communion was shared with wafers in plastic ziplock bags and wine in disposable plastic cups. At the end of the service, messages from companions were read out including a greeting from the ELCA Service and Justice Home Area and the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod, which is a companion to the ELCSA-CD.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and your participation in God's mission locally and globally.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson, ELCA Regional Representative – Southern Africa

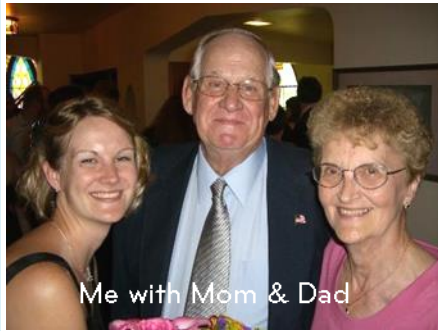
Johannesburg, April 20, 2021

May Gift of Love - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Dear Friends at CTK,

I am honored to be a candidate in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) 2021 Man & Woman of the Year fundraising campaign. This is a unique opportunity to unite family, friends, and philanthropic companies to find cures for blood cancers and assist patients and families as they battle these diseases. From **March 11- May 21**, my team, "Delores's Dynamos" aims to raise \$50,000. If we reach this goal, a research grant in memory of my mother, Delores Sommers, will be established! I am writing today to ask for your support!

MY MOTIVATION



Like many of you, I have witnessed first-hand the effects of cancer on its victims and their families. My mother, Delores, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in the Spring of 2010. The next two years she made many trips to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and underwent multiple chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She stayed active and amazingly positive throughout the process. On May 18, 2012, my mom lost her battle with AML. I will always treasure my last moments with her, holding her hand and singing hymns to her as she passed away.

Six months later, my father, Roger, started having serious health problems. His diagnosis was elusive for a few weeks. On November 27, 2012, my brothers and I were with him when he learned he had mesothelioma. Three days later, my siblings and I were by his side as he passed. I wanted so much more time with my parents and for them to meet all of my children and watch them grow.

ABOUT LLS

This is an organization that is making an impact with the dollars it raises, and I'm proud to be associated with LLS.

- Since Jan. 2017, LLS helped advance 55 of the 65 blood cancer treatment options approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. To give you a sense of how extraordinary this is, a good year for FDA approvals would have included two to three new treatment options.
- LLS's blood cancer research is leading the way for breakthroughs in other cancers and diseases, such as bone, brain, prostate, ovarian and breast cancers, melanoma, diabetes, and multiple sclerosis.

Your contribution to the May GOL in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Every dollar counts! **All donations to this campaign need to be in by May 21st!** You can send in a check to CTK or you can find info & donate: <https://pages.lls.org/mwoy/mn/MN21/ctillotson>. You can also mail a check to 11101 Goodrich Circle, Bloomington, MN 55437. Please make checks out to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and list my name in the memo line. I thank you in advance for supporting this incredible need. I'll keep you posted on how the campaign goes. For now, I am grateful for your support!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Sommers Tillotson

2021 Woman of the Year Candidate



The building will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

Children, Youth and Family News

HOP SKIP JUMP! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS 2021: Hop, Skip and Jump!

Mark your calendar for this summer's Vacation Bible School - **Monday, June 28th-Thursday, July 1st**, (Time still to be determined). This year we will be doing everything OUT-SIDE! Look for more information to come in Constant Contact and CYF Emails.

An End to the 2020-2021 Program Year

Our program year will be coming to an end on Wednesday, May 12th. After this day, all Wednesday night CYF programming will be on Summer break till the Fall. Be on the lookout for special events throughout the break!



This year we will be sending home Pentecost Kits for you to celebrate at home! These will include resources to learn, play and breathe. Look for them either in your mailbox or on your doorstep before May 23rd!

Plant Sale Pickup

Gerten's giftcards and plants will be available for pick up from the courtyard on **Tuesday, May 11th** in the evening. Watch for times to get your plants and cards. Thank you for your support!!

Confirmation Sunday

This year our 8th graders will be confirmed on **Ascension Sunday-May 16th**. Join us for a drive-in service at 9:30a to celebrate and welcome our new confirmands!



April to May Family Fun Event

Due to weather, the April Family Fun Event is being moved to **Sunday, May 9th from 3-4:30 pm**. Come



and make a plant gift for your favorite Mom, Grandma, or woman in your life as we celebrate Mother's Day. Maybe even leave Mom at home (for some much-needed alone time) and come back with a

plant for her! Here is the new link to sign-up:

<https://forms.gle/vwgYuvGoprN4YYgX6>



Bryant Park Community Garden

If you want to rent a garden box this summer. **Cost is \$20.00 a season for the new larger boxes and \$10.00 for the old smaller boxes.** Click on the [link](#), stop by the office for a form or go to our website <https://www.ctkb.org/news/bryant-park-community-garden>.

You can start planting your garden the second weekend in May. If you have any questions please call the office, 952-881-8600.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Tuesday, May 11th, 5-6:00pm Save the Date!

Christ the King and St Stephen Lutheran Church are teaming up to host a special virtual presentation by Craig Freeman, of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. As Community Connections Manager, Craig shares Beacon's vision that all people have a home, no exceptions, with both future and current Beacon leaders and supporters.

Beacon is an interfaith collaborative of congregations (including CTK) that joins efforts together to achieve more than we could separately. Each congregation brings unique strengths, perspectives, resources and passion to our common vision, that all people have a home. As a collaborative of congregations united in action, we create homes and advance equitable housing. Beacon staff helps to strengthen the capacity of congregations to act on their faith and values to shelter families, develop home and address policy issues related to affordable housing and homelessness. **To learn more about Beacon, please join us on Zoom!** If you have questions or need help using Zoom, don't let that stop you! Peggy Indahl, pindahl@msn.com or Chris Gabel, sheltievetmn@gmail.com are happy to help!

Please watch this short video about Beacon before attending: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3c8XZZKTmJ8&t=87s>


Join Zoom Meeting a little early at 4:55: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89056188223?pwd=WSfTV0k2WU5LUVJBcks0eSswM2lOZz09> Meeting ID: 890 5618 8223 Passcode: 286219

CTK Foundation Reminder:

The scholarship deadline is coming up on May 15th to apply to any ELCA college or university. Visit the website to apply. We will need both the application and recommendation forms.

March 2021 Treasurer's Report

March 2021 actual income was \$63,168.08 and disbursements were \$53,216.90 making us ahead for the month by \$9,951.18. Year to date, actual income is 186,039.99 and disbursements are \$148,539.79 making us ahead by \$37,500.20. We are so grateful for your continued support of God's work. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! If you have any questions regarding the financials, please feel free to contact CTKB Treasurer, Suzan Pederson at suzan.pederson@gmail.com or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Be Safe ... Be Well!

		March Budget	March Actual	YTD Actual
	Income	\$ 50,056	\$ 63,168.08	\$ 186,039.99
	Disbursements	\$ 56,569	\$ 53,216.90	\$ 148,539.79
	Margin (Deficit)	\$ -6,523	\$ 9,951.18	\$ 37,500.20