



CHRIST THE KING

Herald

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But Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb..." John 20:11

There is a curious word, rare in the Bible, that is easily skipped. It is the word translated as "she stooped to look." The beloved disciple does it too in verse 5. But where the beloved disciple looked and left, Mary looked and lingered and so was the first to encounter the living Lord.

The curious word, "stooped to look," has the notion of a lover's longing look searching with desperate hope, yet holding breath of what might be. The beloved disciple stole a furtive glance and left. Mary searched with hopeful love—and encountered angels of good news!

The curious word also appears in The Song of Solomon. This book is a collection of love poems which can be understood as God's passionate, rapturous love for people that is verging on romance.

*My beloved is like a gazelle.
Look, there he stands behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.
Song of Solomon 2:9*

God is like a shy lover wanting to be near, hesitant, afraid of being turned away, yet not able to leave either.

Throughout history there has been speculation of what might have been between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. This curious word suggests it. But apart from that, Mary dared to peek into death, turned away from the tomb, turned toward Jesus, and saw love alive.

Pastor Chris

Birthday Greetings

to our homebound and semi-homebound members celebrating April birthdays:

- **Mary Thompson 4/8**



Helping out Easter Sunday!

We will be having donut holes and coffee on the front patio following worship—we will need a few volunteers to set-up and serve.

If you are able to help please call Jane V. in the office 952-881-8600 or email jvevea@ctkb.org. Thank you!



Usher Schedule for April

April 3 & 10 (Palm Sunday) - Team I - David, Alice and Henry Tillotson—Captains

Maundy Thursday, April 14 - **Volunteers Needed**

Good Friday, April 15 - **Volunteers Needed**

April 17 (Easter) & 24 - Team G - Jack Bergerson

If you can help out please call the office, 952-881-8600 or email Jane—jvevea@ctkb.org. Thank you!

Mask Policy as of March 20, 2022

Masks are recommended in all areas of CTK, out of care for one another in protecting their health. For older children and adults who are fully vaccinated, masks are optional during worship, coffee fellowship and meetings. *Please be considerate of those who continue to wear masks.* The Minnesota Department of Health lists Hennepin County as in "Substantial Transmission Rate." For the time being, lunch or refreshments will not be permitted at funerals, and Loaves and Fishes will continue to be take-out only. This policy is subject to change as conditions warrant.

Care Card Minister for April

John Akimoto and Joy Morris

May Newsletter Deadline Thursday, April 14

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

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He is
Risen

April 10, 9:30am
Palm/Passion Sunday Worship



April 14, 7:00pm
Maundy Thursday Worship

April 15, 7:00pm
Good Friday Worship



April 17, 9:30am
**Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of our Lord,
Livestream & In-person
Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids @ 11:00am
Outside**

Palm Sunday - No adult forum - Car Palm Parade - 11am - grab your palms and follow the head car (maps will be provided). We will proceed through the neighborhood and wave our palms.

There is no Bible Study, Wednesday evening activities or worship (except Trinity Choir) on April 13th.

Maundy Thursday worship is April 14 at 7:00pm, commemorating the last night of Jesus when he summarizes what he is all about in giving the mandate to love.

Good Friday worship is April 15 at 7:00pm, with guided prayer throughout the afternoon. The guided prayer is a series of meditations with images and music repeated every 15 minutes on the passion of Jesus.

Easter Sunday—after worship—coffee and donut holes on the front patio (weather permitting)



Health Cabinet News

Community Garden

Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped build boxes over the last 2 months. We are set to go!!! **Please join us on April 24th and April 30th for our garden work days.** We will be cleaning up the garden and putting in the new garden boxes. Contact Lynn Lenort lennort@ctkb.org or Molly Butala mbutala@gmail.com, if you can help.

Community Health Initiative

Continuing with our Health in Nature series, join us on **Saturday, April 23rd at 2pm at Richardson Nature Center for a Forest Bathing** event. It will be a gentle therapeutic walk, led by David Motzenbecker, Certified Guide, Nature and Forest Therapy. **Cost is \$35.00**, Scholarships are available. Space is limited. Make checks out to Christ the King Lutheran Church

During our forest bathing walks you will find yourself slowing down and leaving the tame world behind. You will experience invitations that enliven your senses, allowing you to connect deeply and personally with the forest. We will wander for 2 hours and rarely travel far. You may find yourself noticing things about the forest you never have before. You will find the serenity of nature heightens the pleasure of silence and stillness. Your sojourn with the woods may lead you back to yourself.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/noDV46MWeEbYAcn9> or email Lynn Lenort @ lennort@ctkb.org
If you want more information on Forest Bathing. Check out David's website
<https://www.motzstudios.com/>



Art Show – “Quilts in Our Time” – CTK lounge, Now through Easter.

Thank you to Bev Dorsey and Heide Berger for sharing their talent. Please stop by and see their beautiful work.

April Adult Forum

- April 3** Prayer Forms and Spirituality Types
- April 10** No Adult Forum, Palm Sunday
- April 17** No Adult Forum, Easter
- April 24** Mighty Ministries of the ELCA

Easter Candy Needed!

If you would like to donate a bag of pre-wrapped candy for the kids Easter egg hunt (see page 7 for details), please drop it off in the office by Noon on Thursday, April 14th. Thank you!



An Evening with Nadia Bolz Weber

Monday, May 2, 2022

Are you interested in making connections between our faith and our complex, modern, real-world lives? Come listen and learn from Nadia Bolz-Weber who will be at neighboring St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie MN) from 6-8pm the evening of Monday, May 2nd.

Join others from CTK and around our metro region as we re-align our spirits and re-ignite our leadership as people of faith and church leaders. We will hear a fresh presentation from New York Times Best-selling author, Nadia Bolz-Weber, whose authenticity of faith and willingness to look at the raw and unvarnished challenges head on still helps us find a word of promise. New York Times bestselling author Reverend Nadia Bolz-Weber has been called "a pastor for America's outsiders" (BBC). She will be the first to attest that she doesn't look like most people's idea of a pastor, but the community of faith she founded in Denver, Colorado—House for All Sinners and Saints—is a haven for a diverse community seeking affirmation and acceptance. In her books and talks, she makes the deeply felt argument that honesty and human connection are key to creating and sustaining community.

The event will be both live-in-person and streamed (live, and available on demand for one week following the event. In-person attendees are asked to be fully vaccinated, and local health guidance pertaining to masking, etc, will be followed as the situation requires.

Cost is \$30 a person (either live or streamed) but we can qualify for a reduced group rate with enough attendees from CTK! There is already a small group interested in attending. Folks can sign up to join the group by using the following Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AEA62CA4FB6-anevening>

or calling the church office.

If folks are interested in carpooling from CTK that will be arranged too. Come be part of this enjoyable CTK outing!

CTK's Congregations in the Secular Age PEEL Project,

April 22-24, Mount Olivet Retreat Center, Farmington

Would you like to participate in an experience with congregants from Proverbs Christian Fellowship Church, Minneapolis? We'll use words and photos to explore and create a connection with each other. The process will be led by a team from Luther Seminary including local photographers and poets. The weekend will be hosted by David Tillotson, Brittany McDonald, and Becky Neudecker from CTK. Interested? Have questions? Reach out to Becky at bneudecker655@gmail.com or call 952-393-4650. You can also go to our website for more information: <https://www.ctkb.org/podcasts/worship-services/2021-12-12-arrive> at 1 hour 15 min.



Spare my rights! Love heals, not hurts! No to violence – We want Peace! Enough is enough! Women's lives matter! This must stop – End Gender-based violence!



These were some of the powerful messages of resistance and hope displayed on the posters carried by conference participants as they walked together on International Women's Day (March 8, 2022).

More than 30 Lutheran and Moravian women pastors and church leaders from the South-

ern Africa region gathered in person for the first time in two years for the LUCSA Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment Consultation in Johannesburg, South Africa from March 6-10. The theme of the conference was: "A Gender-just church today, for sustainable Mission tomorrow." Several of the pastors present were recognized and congratulated for their courage and faith being the very first women to be ordained in their respective churches.

The program included devotions, Bible studies, lively singing, guest speakers, group discussions and the sharing of stories of suffering, faith, hope and resistance in the face of gender-based violence, patriarchy, exploitation and inequality.

The ELCA is committed to accompanying companion churches as they faithfully engage in proclamation of the Gospel, mission outreach and work to mitigate the impact of poverty, HIV&AIDS, climate change, Gender-based violence, conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic in the communities they serve.

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, March 10, 2022

My blog page address is: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>



VEAP is in Desperate NEED

Elizabeth Olson is collecting donations for VEAP of any size diapers, wipes, baby food, cleaning supplies, toothpaste and toothbrushes, any personal hygiene items, laundry and dish soap. Please drop off at the VEAP table anytime during the month of April. Donations are always welcome at all times also. Thank you so much. Any questions, my e-mail is elizabeth_olson2@hotmail.com

Children, Youth and Family News



Spring Plant Sale

The Children's Ministry Plant Sale online ordering is now available. Our group will receive 30% of all plant sales and 15% of all plant card sales toward CTK youth summer camp scholarships.

1 To access the site and place an order:

2 Go to www.gertensfundraising.com

Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.

Store ID code for **Christ the King Lutheran Church-Bloomington: 490**

The site is currently open and will close at 10 PM on Thursday, April 7.

We cannot accept any late orders past the deadline.

Plants and gift cards will be ready for pick up on **May 10 from 4:30-6:00 PM** at CTK in the courtyard by the gazebo. Please let us know if you will be unable to pick up your plants and/or need delivery help.

If you have any questions about orders, please contact: Rachel Bernier, johnsonrachela@gmail.com

If you have questions about pick up or delivery, please contact: Sarah Marotz, sarah@ceramicbytes.com



VBS at CTK

With school beginning to wind down in a few months and the weather getting warmer it's time to think about Vacation Bible School! I am so excited to see what we can do with VBS this year, our theme is "Knights of the North Castle" (I might have to find a set of knight's armor for VBS this year!). Like all things, especially here in church, we need a team to plan and teach VBS this year! Please send me an email (trevon@ctkb.org) or

call/text me @6127102850 to get involved! This should be fun, and I am constantly impressed by the level of involvement we have at our congregation as well as the various skills and talents we all have. If we can put these together, VBS will be a fantastic opportunity for our congregation's youth as well as our young neighbors to be welcomed and cared for by a loving community and grow in their faith.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Easter Sunday April 17th

"Hey CTK families! After Easter Service we will gather outside of the sanctuary for a fun and exciting family Easter egg hunt around the church! **We'll begin at 11 am** and end at noon! Get ready to hunt for some candy and other miniature gifts! Bring a bag or basket to hold your collected eggs! Dress for whatever weather we may have!

Summer fun with the CROWD

Summer is quickly approaching, time flies so fast! With the ELCA youth gathering cancelled for this year, let's take a trip together and have some fun! **Let's meet to discuss some plans Sunday, April 10 at 12pm (noon)!** I've had the chance to meet and talk to some of our CROWD students and parents in smaller settings, but let's all get together and put our brains together to see how we can make this summer trip just as great (if not maybe even better!) than what we previously had planned!



CTK Foundation News

Elections were held for officers at our last meeting. They are:

Denise Hagedorn- President

LuAnn Paul- Vice President

Nancy Dorsey- Secretary

Tim Graham- Treasurer

We are currently taking applications for College scholarships. Any baptized CTK member who is planning on attending an ELCA college can apply. The deadline is May 15th, 2022.

We are also accepting grant applications at this time. Both grant and scholarship forms can be found on the CTK website or in the church office.

April Gift of Love

Beacon/Families Moving Forward Sheltering Program

Congregations host families who are experiencing homelessness, extending hospitality and a warm, safe place to rest. Dedicated volunteers from more than 90 congregations throughout the Twin Cities metro area (including CTK) make hot meals, lead activities, and set up comfortable spaces to sleep as they host families overnight for a week at a time. However, due to Covid-19 safety precautions, families are currently being sheltered in a hotel in Chanhassen. Congregations continue to provide evening meals for the families at the hotel, and drop off food for breakfast and lunch at the Beacon Program Center. At this point, the plan is to resume sheltering the families in churches starting July 10th. During the day, families work with FMF case managers based on their unique needs, finding support as they transition from temporary shelter to an established home. At the Beacon Program Center in Chaska, parents may search for a new home, do laundry, go to work or search for a new job, while their children play or go to school. Through the entire experience, FMF staff foster an environment of dignity and resilience. Christ the King has supported FMF for over 40 years! Our prayers and financial gifts are needed even more now, to help cover the additional costs of sheltering families in hotels, rather than with congregations. Your prayers and financial gift of love are greatly appreciated!

February Treasurer's Report

February 2022 total income was \$51,897.68 and disbursements were \$57,327.01 making us behind for the month by \$5,429.33. Year to date we have received \$123,297.91 with \$105,665.80 spent. That makes us ahead for the year by \$17,632.11. We are so very 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!

blessed

	Feb Budget	Feb Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 47,682.50	\$ 51,897.68	\$ 123,297.91
Disbursements	\$ 55,001.34	\$ 57,327.01	\$ 105,665.80
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -7,318.84	\$ -5,429.33	\$ 17,632.11