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Being in Vulnerable Relationship

So much of what we do as followers of Jesus is about relationships. The Church can be a community of profound relationships and the deepest of belongings. Yet, many of us struggle. Our relationships are often not what we hope for them to be. At times I wonder if the reason our relationships are more shallow than they could be is because we are hesitant to give up our control. Deep, ongoing relationships compel us to act on behalf of the other, and many times we would just rather not be compelled. "I want to stay in charge! I want to be in control!"

But what if we let Jesus be our example? 1 Peter 2:21 says, "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps." Jesus invites us to follow him in order so we might know the Way to flourishing life. His example is one of active love. Jesus shows us that to live a life of love is to not live on your own terms. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus allows his living relationships to impact him:

- He turns water into wine at his mother's request, even though he doesn't feel like his time has come yet. –John 2:4
- He cares for a large crowd, even when he wants to be alone. –Mark 5:34
- He goes to visit his dear friends Mary and Martha (and their recently dead brother Lazarus), even though it's in an area full of enemies who want to stone him. –John 11:7-8
- He shares his Last Supper with all his disciples, even when he knows Judas will betray him and Peter deny him. –Luke 22
- Jesus prays to God his Father, "not what I want, but what you want." –Matthew 26:39

Our relationships make us vulnerable, but it is a vulnerability that leads to a fuller and richer life. One of the most unique things about the Christian faith is its call to follow Jesus into a life of radical relationship and love with our friends, families, neighbors, enemies, even Creation itself. Our faith is one of attachment, of "bearing one another's burdens", of living eccentric lives that are not fully on our own terms. Jesus invites us into a life rich with relationship because that is how we flourish – together.

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Birthday Greetings

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

- Pat Andersen 6/10



Usher Schedule for June

June 4 - Team I - David Tillotson, Captain

June 11 & 18 - Team G - Jack Bergerson & Mark Murray, Co-Captains

June 25 - Team AD—Jon Greiner and John & Marilyn Akimoto—Co Captains

Volunteers for June

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion or serve coffee:

Greeters 6/4, 6/11, 6/18 & 6/25

Readers 6/4, 6/11, 6/18 & 6/25

Communion servers 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25

Communion prep on 6/11, 6/18

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

CTK Congregational Picnic

Sunday, June 4th

Food, Fellowship & Fun!

Following Worship!



We will have everyone bring a side or a dessert. We will provide burgers, hotdogs, chips and beverages. We will have fun and games for all ages!

Please sign-up in the commons, so we know how many are coming and what you are bringing! All are welcome!



Care Card Ministers June

Gail Hill and Dan Pierce

July Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, June 15

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

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Think about your own relationships. For whom are you willing to live not on your own terms? For whom might you be willing to be just a little more vulnerable with so that your relationship with them might grow deeper? Now, what is a way you could show your love for those you named by embarking on a small adventure? How might you be guided by the needs and desires of this other person, and not by your own? What new territory or experience might your love for them invite you to explore?

-Pastor Rory Philstrom

I don't about you, but I've heard that summer is the quietest time of year . . . at church.

You've probably heard this, too. This is often the time of year where church-life starts to slow down a bit. Here at CTKB, our programming—W.O.W., confirmation, music groups—comes to a close. Folks head out for the lake or some other wonderful vacation destination. Even worship moves into a relative holding pattern as we enter into the "Season after Pentecost" or the second and longest stretch of something we call "Ordinary Time".

Take a walk around Christ the King, though, and you just might question what you've heard about the church in summertime.

We start this month with our congregational picnic after worship on June 4th. Before you know it, we're off and running with our VBS "Food Truck Party" on the evenings of June 12th–18th. And that's just the first couple of weeks! A whole summer of fun awaits! Keep an eye on the calendar for more opportunities for fellowship in the months ahead. And, if you've got an idea for some fun in the sun that we can help make happen, let us know!

Summer might be a quieter time of year for some churches, but things are happening at CTKB! So, what are you waiting for? Come join the fun!

~ Pastor Per

IN CONCERT
COMMUNITY HANDBELL ENSEMBLES (and organ)
June 3rd, 2023 3:00pm

St. Luke's Lutheran Church sanctuary

1701 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington

"GatheRing in the Light" concert will be presented by three neighborhood church handbell ensembles, and the organist from St. Luke's. This concert is in celebration of St. Luke's 100th Anniversary. Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church and St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Each ensemble will perform two of their favorite pieces. The organist will share her favorite. All musicians will join in performing a beautiful Handel piece for handbells and organ. Treats will follow the concert. Please **BRING A FRIEND** and a non-perishable food item or cash donation in support of VEAP Food Bank: *Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People*.

Dear friends,

Early in May I was able to visit our companions in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (ELCM) and to see the work of the church supporting communities affected by Cyclone Freddy.

Tropical Cyclone Freddy was the longest-lasting and most powerful cyclone ever recorded. Hardest-hit was southern Malawi where incessant rains caused catastrophic flash floods. The death toll is over 1200 with several hundred still missing.

Rev. Innocent Nangwale, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi Dean of Blantyre, said, "Everyone was afraid during the torrential rains, wondering what would happen that day and the next."



There was also widespread loss of crops and livestock as well as damage to thousands of homes. Hundreds of people sheltered in government-provided "camps" (schools, halls or large tents).

We visited Bvumbwe Parish, to see cyclone damage to the church, which was only completed last year. For now, the congregation is worshipping in a nearby school as they prepare to rebuild the collapsed walls.

In Blantyre we met ELCM presiding bishop Joseph Bvumbwe at the church guest house, which is being used as a temporary storage for bags of maize, soy, beans and salt for distribution to affected families in the area. One 25kg (55lb) bag of maize costs about \$30. Each family will receive half a bag which may last 5-6 days. The Bishop noted that it was not enough but that it was a sign of support and encouragement and referred to Job 14:7, "For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again."

Around Phalombe and Zomba we visited several cyclone-affected communities being assisted by the Evangelical Lutheran Development Services (ELDS) led by director Dickens Mtonga and his project officers. We saw how crops ready for harvest along the river had been swept away. Fortunately, the project's sweet potato seed-bank plot was still intact and is being used to plant new crops in the place of the lost corn crop. Also, mustard greens were planted as a fast growing vegetable to fill the food gap. The community sang songs welcoming the visitors and a short drama was performed promoting the work of the Self Help Groups (SHG's) in improving livelihoods, food security and resilience in the community.



Local community leaders and SHG members thanked the ELCM, ELDS and the ELCA for their accompaniment and asked for continuing support. (ELCA Service and Justice has approved funding support for Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) applications from the ELCM, ELDS and ACT Alliance)

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

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa, May 8, 2023

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

Please visit my fundraising page. (Note: This fundraising page is set up for individuals' gifts only.)

If you are donating on behalf of a congregation or organization, please visit ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving for online giving.

Children, Youth and Family

Saturday, June 3rd

CYF (Children, youth, and families)
meeting at 11:00 am at CTK

All parents, guardians and volunteers that have worked or are working with the children, and youth programs here at CTK. All those who would like to be a part of a wonderful CTK ministry group that creates fun filled activities for the children and youth of Christ the King.

Sunday, June 4th

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday High School Senior Sunday

Come help us say 'Thank you' to all those who have volunteered with the Children and youth programs and events, as well as congratulations to our graduating seniors.

Then join us for our Congregational Picnic:
after worship for food, games and fun!

Friday—June 9th

Youth lock-in at CTK
More details to come.



Vacation Bible School Fun!



June 12th-15th 5:00pm-8:00pm
Dinner provided for all families.
VBS registration is OPEN!

Link: <https://ctkb.elvanto.net/form/77489fd7-47e1-49f9-a9c9-32be21eee9e3>

We are looking to build the VBS team—please be sure to sign up to volunteer. Watch out for the VBS donation board for supplies needed to create fun for the kids at VBS.

Contact Kristina Elder—kelder@ctb.org with any questions.

Dungeons & Dragons Summer Camp at CTK

June 19-23 - June 26-30 M-F 9am-4pm

Roll for Initiative! We have partnered with Badwolf Adventure Studios to bring you a truly memorable experience! FIVE WHOLE DAYS of professional-level gaming!

Each day includes three hours of campaign play in the morning with our professional game masters, and three hours of electives, where the players can choose parts of the hobby they would like to explore more.

Afternoon electives may* include: Mini painting - Character art— Character creating, leveling and optimization—Writing skills for campaigns or character backgrounds—Running a campaign or game session—Mapmaking- 3D printing minis

Go to <https://www.badwolfadventurestudios.com/events-1/dd-summer-camp-for-kids> for more information and to register go to our website under events.

Families Moving Forward - June 19th-23rd

CTK was scheduled to host FMF at church in June. However, due to continued concerns related to covid-19, they will not be coming to our building - they will be sheltering at a hotel in Chaska.

We will, however, still be providing some groceries for breakfast & lunch and **5 evening meals**.

We will need volunteers for dinner on Monday, June 19th thru Friday, June 23rd. You can buy food from a restaurant or prepared food from a grocery store OR you can prepare a meal in the CTK little kitchen. If you are willing to make a meal - or donate \$ for the groceries, **PLEASE contact Jane V** at jvevea@ctkb.org or call the office at 952-881-8600. If you are able and choose to cover the cost of the meal - THANK YOU! However, your time is already a contribution and there are funds to reimburse the cost if you wish. In that case, please save receipts and pass them on to Jane Bishop in the CTK office.

Instructions from FMF are below. Thank you!

- Meals should be delivered to the **Super 8 by Wyndham Hotel, 830 Yellow Brick Rd, Chaska** and be ready to serve at 5 p.m. A Beacon staff member will be at the hotel to direct volunteers.

Bring ready-to-eat meals that have been prepared in a commercial kitchen or that have been picked up from a restaurant or grocery store.

- If the meals are packaged for each individual or family (i.e. already in boxes or on plates or divided into family packages), the meals may be dropped off for the staff member to distribute and no dishware is needed as families have plates/utensils in their rooms.

Many thanks for considering this important opportunity to do God's work!

As Pastor Rory posted to the CTK web page news recently, Beacon/Families Moving Forward announced the decision to transition FMF to His House Foundation-Abundance (HHF), a new provider that will take over by July 1, 2023. At this time, CTK is not scheduled to provide meal support for the rest of 2023. For additional information, please go to the CTK website and click on News for details, or contact the CTK staff or Peggy Indahl.

Treasurer's Report for April

April 2023 total income was \$48,646.06 and disbursements were \$57,011.44 making us behind for the month by \$8,365.38. Year to date, our actual income is \$215,114.73 with expenses being \$235,708.15. This puts us behind for the year by \$20,593.42. We are grateful for your financial support and for all the many ways you tend to our life together and to the work God calls us to do. If you have any questions regarding the financials, please feel free to contact CTKB Treasurer, Don Perlich at dperlich@yahoo.com or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!

thankful

	April Budget	April Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 49,690.15	\$ 48,646.06	\$ 215,114.73
Disbursements	\$ 57,040.49	\$ 57,011.44	\$ 235,708.15
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -7,350.34	\$ -8,365.38	\$ -20,593.42

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