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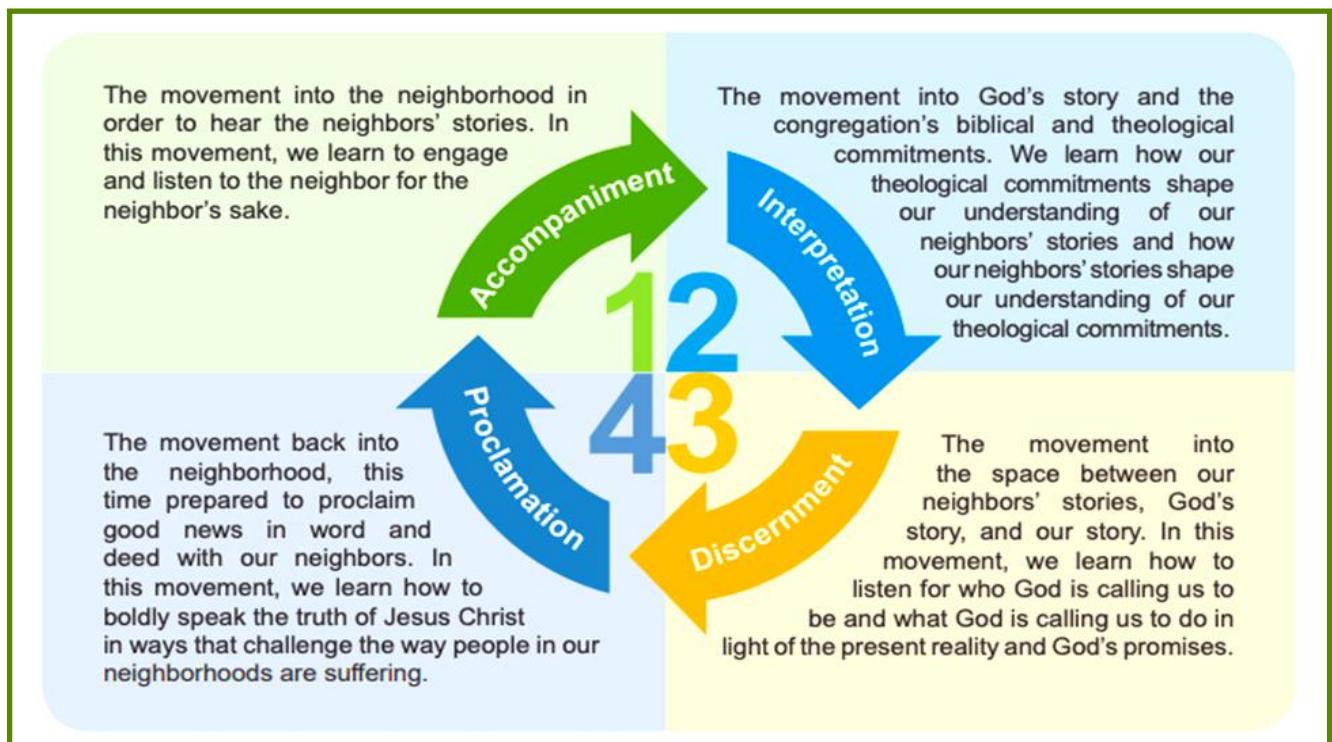
Herald

September 2023

Hello Neighbors!

Beginning this month, council president Chris Gabel, Sean Johnson, Naomi Bernier, Caitlyn Johnson and I will be embarking on a new adventure! We will be joining other congregation members and faith leaders from across the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota, and even as far away as Eugene, Oregon, as part of the next learning cohort of Augsburg University's Riverside Innovation Hub.

Over the next two years, this group of wonderful folks will work together with the team of facilitators and faculty of Augsburg's Christiansen Center for Vocation to learn and explore what it means to be a "Public Church". Here is how the folks at the Riverside Innovation Hub describe what that means: *A public church is committed to place based vocational discernment in the public square for the common good. In other words, our partner churches are pursuing God's call for them to be in relationship with their local neighborhoods in ways that bring flourishing and life.* If you, like me, are a more visual learner, here's a great graphic that helps define what this work will look like:



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Birthday Greetings

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

- Jim Knutson 9/4
- Erik Carlson 9/12
- Carol Trewartha 9/22



Volunteers for September

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion Count, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays:

Greeters 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

Readers 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

Communion servers 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

Communion prep on 9/17

Offering counter for the month starting 9/10 You can count on Sunday or Monday, early mornings.

Coffee server 9/10 and 9/17

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

**At CTK
Bloomington-Richfield
Grief Support Fall Series
Thursdays,
Sept. 21–Nov. 9, 2023
4:30–6:00pm
in the Lounge**

More information about each week can be found on their website <https://brgriefcoalition.com/> or in the CTK Library

Loaves & Fishes— Wednesday Night Dinner 9/13 and 9/27

Starting Wednesday, 9/13 CTK will be preparing and serving every other week. We will be making the meals and handing them out, as well as, having them available inside at CTK. Teams and individuals will be assigned/volunteer. If you want to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600. Thank you!

Usher Schedule for September

Sept. 3 & 10 - Team AD — Jon Greiner & John and Marilyn Akimoto—Co Captains

Sept. 17 & 24 - Team K - Roger Olson—Captain

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Oct. Newsletter Deadline Friday, Sept. 15

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

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I am excited to begin this new adventure as the six of us learn new ways to reach out into the neighborhood so that we might develop and strengthen our relationships with our neighbors. I'm also excited to discover how this good work might help us to deepen connections within the walls of CTKB, too! I'm sure our group will have more to share with you in the months ahead.

For more information on the work we will be doing with the Riverside Innovation Hub, follow this link: <https://www.augsburg.edu/riversidehub/>

-Pastor Per

CTK... BE!

The logo for CTK BE WHO? features the text "CTK" in a bold, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, "BE" is written in a larger, stylized font where the letters are interconnected. At the bottom, "WHO?" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background with a thin black border.

This year as we launch into our fall programming, we want to continue to dive into our identity as people of God and our shared story as a congregation. This September, we will be doing that by asking the question, "Who?"

Who has God made you to be?

Who are the people of Christ the King, right now?

Who are we called to be a neighbor to?

The questions of "Who?" are foundational to our identity, and in our identity we find the foundation of our calling, our purpose, our values, our goals, and our actions. Dive into this question with us at worship and in our activities and forums all month long!

The Forum is Open!

Open Forum is a time after worship where we can engage in deeper conversations and build deeper relationships with one another. As we kick off our Forums starting on Sept. 10th, we look forward to the return of coffee and doughnuts, but also the return of a time to take a next step in our faith journeys. The Forums this month invite you to meet, question, and celebrate the 'who's of Christ the King – Bloomington.

Sept 10th – Ministry Fair and CYF launch meetings

Sept 17th – Whose Song? – Bjorn Gustafson leads us in engaging with the who's who in our songs.

Sept 24th – Community Celebration – Celebrating and acknowledging the people of CTKB.

Be a Proud Witness for God's Expansive Love on Sept. 10th



You are invited to join our Public Witness ministry team to celebrate love at the Bloomington Pride event (located at Bloomington City Hall) on Sunday, Sept 10th. Members of the team and others from Christ the King will be wearing "This Lutheran Loves You" shirts and will gather for a photo at Pride at 2:30 PM.

It's September! Have You Found Your People Yet?

With the start of the program year, CTK resumes a full rehearsal schedule of music teams: the Acclaim Worship Band; Chapel Ringers; and Trinity Choir.

Have you found "your people" at CTK? Many find an extended network of belonging and support through our music program. Just like Wednesday Bible Study, Monday Chore Corps, Quilters and more, groups like choir, band, and bells mark our steps through time together, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Sundays and Festival Days just seem more meaningful when we do the work of helping prepare music for worship together, sharing bits of our days and week, the stories of our lives when we check in together and craft something beautiful as a team.

So often people apologize for "not reading music," for "not having a voice," and yet we are all musical creatures. Perhaps you have more in you than you ever thought. Perhaps in the context of group music making you can access both ability and joy that you didn't know were within you. And yes, perhaps a music team isn't where you fit into the fabric of this place, but there is a team for you! And so I encourage you to find your people within the great church family of CTK. Maybe you have some "favorite cousins," that you have yet to meet! I'm sure I speak for other team leaders that there is no shame in just trying something on to see if it fits. Stick your toe in. Come to a meeting, come to a rehearsal, see if your people are there. If not, keep searching! They are here somewhere, scripture reminds us that we are all one Body after all, "members of one another."

Chapel Ringers first rehearsal: Tuesday Sept. 5th, 6pm

(Music reading helpful but not required. If you can read this article you will understand reading basic rhythm better than you think!)

Acclaim Worship Band: meets once a month! Next rehearsal on Tuesday Sept 5th, at 7pm.

Let me know if you are coming, what instrument you play. Music will be tailored to your skill level! Dig out that instrument from school that used to enjoy playing, and join us when you are ready.

Trinity Choir, first rehearsal: Wednesday Sept 6th, 7pm

If you sing to the radio, or in church, you can participate in a choir. Come and find your voice in a group of other voices. (A good ear, and a sense of humor is all that is needed to be on par with fellow singers.)

~ Bjorn Gustafson

Health Cabinet—Save the Date Flu Clinic

The Health Cabinet and Bloomington Public Health have scheduled a Flu Clinic for **Wednesday, October 4th. 4:30pm-6:30pm**. Watch the constant contact for details.

CTK Quilters



Darlene Bordson had a passion for the art of quilting. Her creations showcased creativity and skill of design. Having a keen sense of color and pattern, she created balance very pleasing to the eye. Random squares of fabric motivated her even more to sew an attractive "crazy quilt" unique and interesting. Mondays she searched the storage boxes of pre-cut squares, taking them home and returning the following Monday with



newly sewn quilt tops. Darlene continued sewing at home even after she was unable to come to quilting. Lyle would come to pick up squares and fabric, bring her sewn quilt tops back, and take more squares home each week.

We currently have 20 of Darlene's quilt tops that need to be finished to make completed quilts. Darlene was amazing and is dearly missed by all of us who knew her well. Along with her skills, energy, and enthusiasm, Darlene will always be remembered with tenderness and affection. P.S. Stop in the Social Hall and check out our "crazy" quilts—they will change every couple of weeks.

Gift of Love for September - Kennedy Community Alliance

We appreciate Christ the King for being our partner supporting Kennedy High School students/family who are economically vulnerable. Some statistics...

- At Kennedy High School 66% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Our feeder school, Valley View Middle has 70% of their students on Free or Reduced Lunch.
- We have an average of 34 students receiving a food bag on Fridays through our partnership with VEAP.
- Students received scholarships to participate in clubs, sports and activities including field trips.
- An average of 84 students visit the Pantry a month. 100% of your donation will go directly into the hand in need at Kennedy High School.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Melissa Riebel mrriebel2@isd271.org/

Join a Community Conversation with State Representative, Nathan Coulter

Christ the King will be the host site for a town hall-style conversation with our Minnesota State Representative, Nathan Coulter. Rep. Coulter represents District 51B, which covers all of Bloomington east of Penn Ave and south of Old Shakopee out to France Ave. All are invited (even if you don't live in the district) to come and engage with your questions, comments, and concerns on **Thursday, Sept. 14th from 7-8:30pm.**

September

Children, Youth and Family

Thank you to Jodi Greiner for caring for our children!

This September marks a transition in our CTKB Nursery. Jodi Greiner has long served as our Nursery Caregiver, and is stepping back into retirement. Sunday, September 3rd will mark her last day in the nursery. Take a moment this month to say "Thank You!" to Jodi for caring for our children, and look ahead to news about where our nursery program is headed next.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Kids & Youth-Bring your backpack to worship on Sunday, Sept. 10th

Sunday, Sept. 10th Kick Off Sunday

After worship the children, youth and families ministry teams will be in the Social Hall. This will be a time for families and volunteers to gain information about our program year.

CYF Meetings in September

Sept. 6th 6pm-Trunk-N-Treat planning meeting For all of those who would like to help with this wonderful yearly event.

Sept. 19th 6pm—Christmas Program planning meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 13th Kick off Wednesday

Come learn about the children, youth, and families ministry programs following worship outside in the amphitheater with ice cream treats

The following programs run through the school year:

CTK's Nursery J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

Is a program for our little ones 0-5yrs old led by CTK's Nursery Coordinator, adult volunteers with youth volunteers.

Sunday mornings: 9:20am-11:45am

Children will freely play around the Nursery. While also having opportunities to listen to a short bible story and participate in a fun table activity, and other age appropriate activities.

Wednesday nights 5:45pm-7:45pm

Children will freely play till their parents or guardian picks them up.

*Please remember to check your child in and out each time your child attends Nursery J.A.M.

CTK's B.L.A.S.T. Sunday mornings

Is a program for children 5 yrs old through 5th grade on Sunday mornings led by Kristina Elder, adult volunteers and youth volunteers. Children will come downstairs during Sunday worship, after the Children's message to connect about the previous week. Listen to the bible story, have some discussion. Approx 20 min,

Then we will return to the Sanctuary to finish the worship service with our families.

After worship service children ages 5 years-5th grade will go back downstairs to participate in learning activities, and have donut holes until 11:40am. Please pick up your child downstairs in the stage room at 11:40am.

More CYF Information!

W.O.W. on Wednesday nights 6:00pm-7:00pm

Is a program for 5 year olds-5th grade. Our leaders are Lynn Lenort and Jean Butala with help from Melissa Hill and others. W.O.W is a rotational learning curriculum. Where kids listen to a bible stories and participate in arts/crafts, games and children's choir. Children's choir is led by our Director of Music, Bjorn Gustafson. Children's choir sings in worship service once a month.

Social Hall Table activities:

Wednesdays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Children 5yrs-5th grade children who have parents/guardians working/volunteering and or waiting for older siblings participating in the Crowd program. Children can play games and other things in the social hall. This opportunity is supervised/led by parents and guardians. With help from the Children's Director. -All adult volunteers who work with the children, youth at CTK go through a background check and training.

Once a child is registered for Kindergarten they are ready to start transitioning into the B.L.A.S.T. and W.O.W. programs. We understand that this transition could be a bit tricky for children. We would like to encourage you to reach out to the Nursery Coordinator and/or the Children's Ministry Director as we are here to help in any way we can to ensure the transition is smooth.

CROWD on in!

When the crowd saw what Jesus had done, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God. - Matthew 9:8

The CROWD is our youth group of middle and high school students. It's a group for building relationships, learning the joys and pains of Christian life, exploring our unique relationships with God and Jesus, serving others, and having fun together. The CROWD will kick off on Wednesday nights this September. **On Sept. 13th we'll join the Wednesday Kick-off Worship at 6pm and then regather by adding the names of our confirmands to our wall. Then, starting the next week (Sept. 20th) we will begin our regular Wednesday meeting schedule:**

6-7pm: Homework & Hangout Time in the Youth Room

7-8pm: The Crowd: Youth Group

CTK's Parenting Village: Sundays 10:30am-11:40am Crossroads Room

This is a program for parents, guardians, and those who work with children, and or youth. This is a time where we share the zig zags of parenting. Where one can gain prayers, advice and share their ups and downs of the week. This program is led by the adults who attend. The CYF Ministry Director can help answer questions.

We can always use volunteers in the children programs: Currently volunteers needed in the Nursery and B.L.A.S.T. program. Please reach out if you would like more information on volunteering.

Children and youth do not need to attend every program or even every week to be a part of CTK programs. We are so excited to start this new program year here at CTK. I am excited to reconnect with families and kids. Along with seeing some new faces. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Kristina Elder, kelder@ctkb.org,

Thanks to everyone for an Awesome August & a generous summer!



Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you everyone who supported our Summer Campaign, 'CTK-Be Generous: Building Community'. Special thanks to Loren Thompson and Mike Vogel who did some awesome and hard work organizing three different events this summer, including a car wash, golf tournament, and August festival. Thank you to all of our volunteers who stepped up to help and to all of you who donated to support the property needs of our shared building. Thank you to all those who were inspired to share our generosity beyond our own community by supporting Lutheran Campus Ministries at the University of Minnesota in

a time of their own increased financial need. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Together we raised over **\$12,000** this summer! 50% of this will fund extra expenses here and 50% will be shared. On behalf of everyone, THANK YOU! -Pastor Rory

Memorials & Gifts to Christ the King - Jan-June 2023

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Gifts from John and Kathy Bang, Jack Bergerson, Dayna Corbett, Sandy Fahrendorff, Craig and Suzan Pederson, Del and Florence Smallfield, Lori Aljoe, Curt and Mary Fandrey, Margit Hauge, Mary Peterson, Marv and Shirley Roloff

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In Memory of Betsy Neeck

Gifts from John and Gail Hill, Melissa Hill

July 2023 Treasurer's Report

July 2023 total income was \$120,892.68 and disbursements were \$56,552.84 making us ahead for the month by \$64,339.84. This surge of income is largely due to the **Employee Retention Credit** we received. This **ERC** was a federal refundable tax credit available to organizations that had kept employees during the pandemic. We had budgeted for this credit but only estimated when it would be received ... July was the month. Year to date, our actual income is \$419,992.97 with expenses being \$404,452.44. This puts us ahead for the year by \$15,540.53. 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!

Blessed!

	July Budget	July Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 49,940.15	\$ 120,892.68	\$ 419,992.97
Disbursements	\$ 53,380.49	\$ 56,552.84	\$ 404,452.44
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -3,440.34	\$ 64,339.84	\$ 15,540.53

Hello,
September!

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