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# KING'S HERALD

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## HOW SHALL WE GET THERE?



In early June, my family and I ventured as far away from home as we had been in several years. We had secured lodging for every night, so each day we had a starting point and an ending point. Oftentimes, though, the rest of the day could unfold as we wished. We were free to spend more time watching the "real deal" lobster fishing in Friendship, and less time in the tiny Maine village of Rome. We were free to sit and wait for a pizza at the general store/sandwich shop/pizza joint in Smithfield (also a small town, if you couldn't tell) and breeze through the fancy art stores in Rockland.

This "vacation etiquette" works for our family. We have enough structure to know where we're going, but enough flexibility to get there based on what we see along the way. I know this kind of travel doesn't come as naturally to some as it comes to us; however, I wonder if this is the kind of "travel" that may serve us well...at least for a while?

As the pandemic becomes more of a memory and less of a daily deterrent, there is a certain longing for everything to "just get back to normal." Yet, I wonder if there aren't some things we might have learned...and therefore might do differently... than we did in the early months of 2020? As people of faith, I wonder if we might have enough structure to know we're going, but enough flexibility to get there based on what we see along the way?

To this end, the Church Council and staff are reading *Becoming a Hybrid Church* by Dave Daubert and Richard E. T. Jorgensen, Jr. (In this case, "hybrid" refers to "on the ground" ministry as well as online ministry.) During the pandemic, the authors say, we learned new ways of being the church. Rather than simply "getting back to normal," Daubert and Jorgensen recommend we first ask ourselves what we have learned. Based on what we've learned, what needs to remain? What needs to be modified? What has run its course and needs to be let go?

The book does not have all the answers. But it is sparking some good conversation. And it is encouraging CtK's leadership to intentionally listen, reflect, learn, and discern the next step into God's preferred future.

In your homes, places of work, communities, and wherever else life takes you, I encourage the same for you. We all know where we're going (God's preferred future). Let's leave enough room to get there based on what we see along the way.

And let's enjoy the ride. I, for one, am glad to be on it with all of you!

Blessed travels,

**Pastor Caroline**

# CtK Mum Sale

proceeds benefit Madison Food Packs

*Orders due: Sunday, September 5*

*Flower pick up: Saturday, September 11 from 12 - 3 pm at the portico*

Orders can be submitted 3 ways:

- Online
- Church office
- Worship

To order online:

- Email completed form to [connection@ctkluth.com](mailto:connection@ctkluth.com)
- Pay at [ctkluth.com](http://ctkluth.com)
  - “Give to CtK” button
  - Choose “Madison School Mum Sale”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Color	# of 8 inch plants	Total Cost (# of plants * \$6.00)
Yellow/Gold		
Pink/Purple		
White		
Bronze/Orange		
Red/Burgundy		
Donation for Healthwin		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Paid by: check \_\_\_\_\_ cash: \_\_\_\_\_ online: \_\_\_\_\_





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# HAPPENING AT CtK

## CtK's Mum Sale

It's that time of year to start thinking about fall flowers! CtK is selling mums for \$6.00 per plant. Color options include bronze/orange, purple, yellow, red, and white. Order forms are available and can be turned in at the church office, at worship, and online. All orders are due on Sunday, September 5. Plants can be picked up outside the church on Saturday, September 11, from 12 to 3 pm. Proceeds will go to the Madison Food Packs program. Please call **Lynn Figg** with any questions at (574) 273-8666.

## 2nd Half Adventurers: Save the Date!

**Wednesday, September 8,  
11:30 am–1 pm**

**2nd Half Adventurers** is a fun way for those in the second half of life to enjoy live entertainment and make new friends from CtK and Clay. We are currently looking for more committee members to help plan these events. If you are interested, please email **Jill Harms** at [jjharms@iastate.edu](mailto:jjharms@iastate.edu).

## CtK at the Ballpark

On Friday, July 16, almost 120 people from CtK had fun at the South Bend Cubs ballgame. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for organizing this great evening!



## New GriefShare Session Starting Soon

**GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

You may register for **GriefShare** at [www.ckluth.com/griefshare](http://www.ckluth.com/griefshare). Meetings will be held in person on Tuesday mornings and virtually on Thursday evenings. The next session runs from **August 17** through **November 23**. In-person meetings will be held Tuesdays in Van Oort Hall from 10 am to 12 pm.

## A Backpack and Beyond

Thank you to the congregation for your generosity of time and resources. In collaboration with Clay Church and Michiana Interfaith Missions, A Backpack and Beyond successfully filled 1,000 backpacks with school supplies on Saturday, July 17. One week later, families came to Christ Child Society to receive a backpack and register for CCS services. All leftover backpacks will be donated to our local elementary schools at the start of the school year.

# HAPPENING AT CtK

## Church Picnic and Rally Day Sunday, September 12

Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship and see people that you have missed during the last 18 months! Join your CtK family after the 11:15 service on Sunday, September 12, for a church picnic. In celebration of Rally Day, we will have games and crafts for kids and food for all. Due to Covid, the church will provide all food and drink (no potluck as in years past). We will have a basket to collect a free-will offering if you would like to give a donation to help cover the cost of food.



## Boy Scout Troop 572 Outdoor Chapel Upgrades

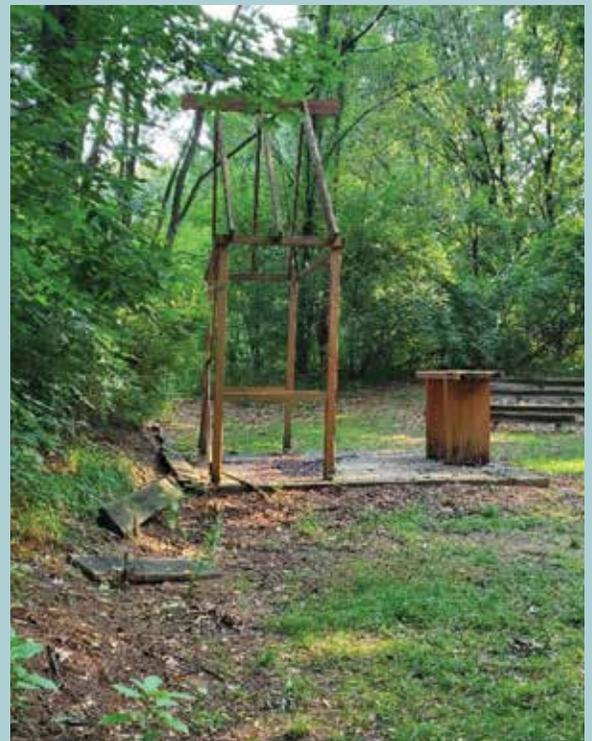
We at Christ the King Lutheran Church are blessed to have an active Boy Scout Troop. Troop 572 is under the leadership of Michael Villano, and it has two men who wish to bestow upon us their Eagle Scout projects: **Evan Nayee** and **Jimmy Neubauer**. Both projects will upgrade our outdoor chapel.

The first project will be to repair the three crosses between the chapel and the columbarium. Two of the crosses have rotted off at the ground. In addition, the retaining wall behind the altar will be replaced with railroad ties two to three layers high.

The second project will involve the altar area. The current structure will be upgraded to a pergola, and the wooden altar will be replaced with a brick and poured concrete top structure.

All of the projects will be under the supervision of adults and members of the Property Committee. Please look for the progress that these young men will be performing. If you wish to help support this Eagle Scout project, please send in a check with "Scout Project" written in the memo line.

Just wait for the transformation!





## Confirmation Orientation

Our Confirmation program at CtK is a three-year journey encompassing the middle school years (6th, 7th, and 8th grades). The program focuses on deeper learning about the Bible and the teachings of Luther's Small Catechism, as well as building relationships with other youth and the adult mentors who care about them. Through this faith journey, the students reach the important milestone of "Affirmation of Baptism" (Confirmation) in the fall of their 9th grade year.

Come and learn more at our **Confirmation Orientation on Sunday, August 29**, from 10:30–11:00 am. We'll meet in Room 502/504. All 6th–8th grade students and their parents are asked to please attend. And any student who did not start the program in 6th grade is still more than welcome to join at any time. For more information, please contact **Faith Jordan** at [tfjordan3@comcast.net](mailto:tfjordan3@comcast.net) or either of the pastors.

## Youth Crew Sunday Mornings

Calling all 6th–12th graders....it's Youth Crew time again! We've taken some time off this summer for family vacations, youth camps and sports, and many other activities. Now we want to reconnect and start a brand-new year together, talking about life and faith, and growing closer together as a youth group! Here's the schedule:

- **Sunday, August 15, from 10:30–11:10 am:** Come and meet in Room 502/504 right after drive-in worship. We'll talk about our summers (can't wait to hear what everyone's been up to!), and we'll have a prayer and blessing for the new school year.
- **Sunday, September 12, and beyond:** Sunday school for all ages begins on Rally Day, September 12, and will meet from 10:30–11:10 am each Sunday. The 6th–8th graders will gather in Room 303, and the 9th–12th graders will meet in the Youth Room. Occasionally, we'll pull the whole group together for special activities or speakers.

Can't wait to start a whole new year with the Crew! See you soon!

## Sunday Night Live (SNL) Coming Soon

We are planning to return to our much-loved Sunday evening youth program—also known as "Sunday Night Live!"—beginning in September. This will include Confirmation classes, high school group time, as well as time for everyone to meet together. The time frame is still TBD, but we will likely start at 5:00 pm. More information will be coming soon. For now, here is the 2021–2022 SNL schedule:

**September 19**  
**October 3**  
**October 17**  
**November 7**  
**November 21**

**December 12**  
**January 9**  
**January 23**  
**February 13**  
**February 27**

**March 13**  
**March 27**  
**April 24**  
**May 1**  
**May 15**

## 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering Trip Meeting

It is with great anticipation that we begin the process of planning for the National Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis next summer! This trip was postponed a year due to Covid, but now all systems are go for this amazing faith-building experience for our high school youth and their adult mentors.

The theme for next summer's Gathering is "**Boundless: God Beyond Measure.**" All current 8th–12th graders are eligible to go, and they are encouraged (along with their parents) to attend our upcoming informational meeting on **Sunday, August 29**, from **12:15–1:00 pm**. We will meet in Room 502/504, where we'll have refreshments, show a promotional video, pass out information and registration forms, and share experiences from our last NYG trip to Houston.

Don't miss out! Registration will begin September 22, so come to the meeting on August 29 and find out more about this awesome trip. If you have any questions, please contact **Faith Jordan** at [tfjordan3@comcast.net](mailto:tfjordan3@comcast.net).

## Sunday School Is Back in the Building— Starting September 12

Over the past 18 months, we've done Sunday school outdoors, online, and via take-home activity kit...but this fall, we're going back to the classroom!

Beginning September 12, all kids are invited to join us for Sunday school inside the building. Four age-specific classes (3–4 year olds; preK/K; 1st–2nd grade; and 3rd–5th grade) will meet in the rooms immediately adjacent to the narthex. Our plan for the fall is as follows:

- **On Rally Day (September 12)**, all kids are invited to stop by their classrooms between 10:20 and 11:10 am to meet their teachers, visit with classmates, and do some fun activities. (Be sure to stick around for the church picnic immediately following the 11:15 service!)
- **From September 19 onward**, each class will meet individually for lessons and activities, then all classes will gather for a brief closing and update on our yearly offering project. Parents should sign their kids into their classrooms at 10:30, then sign them out in the same location at 11:10.

Please note that children will be required to wear a mask in the classroom, per current policies approved by the CtK Church Council.

If you have questions or are interested in helping with Sunday school in any way, please contact **Sarah Felde** at [sfelde@ctkluth.com](mailto:sfelde@ctkluth.com).



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

# PONDERINGS FROM THE CTK ORGAN TASK FORCE

## A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHURCH ORGAN AND ITS FUNCTION IN WORSHIP

### PART 6: Decision Making and Good Stewardship

Hopefully, the first five articles in this series have given you some basic knowledge on the development of the organ and the work our Organ Task Force is doing. I was excited when Bob Clausen asked me to write these articles. I love music history, especially when studying its vital role in church history. I've served as organist in four different churches before coming to CtK, and my involvement with the local organist guild (AGO) has taken me to many churches around Michiana to see lots of organs, meet organists, and observe various organ search projects. After all that, I am still learning! In this last article, let's ponder some factors that are important in our Task Force's decision making.

A church's music program is an important factor when choosing a new organ. CtK is a mid-size church with a substantial, vibrant music ministry that has potential for more growth and expansion. If we had one service, a congregation of 40, and a choir of 6 we might not need such extensive research. Musical needs at CtK are more complex. We need an organ that, most importantly, supports congregational singing well. It needs to be installed so as to adequately accompany choir, handbells, soloists, or instrumentalists. We'd like it to be of a caliber where organists could play any repertoire, from simple hymn preludes to standard organ literature. In addition, Hillary has mentioned new goals such as hosting Notre Dame organ student recitals, choir festivals, and visiting organists and choirs. We'd like to have an organ that can "do it all" and also be a wise choice financially. Thankfully, our 23-year-old Allen is working again after having multiple service calls starting when it was barely 20 years old. We are still not sure if the disruptive all-too-familiar screeching noise might return, but we are hoping to have time now to do proper research for its replacement.

Sound is a very important factor when choosing an organ. People sometimes ask about the difference in sound between digital and pipe organs. This answer is simple: wind. Remember the bellows?! (See Parts 1, 2, and 3, from March, April, and May.) Pipe organ sound is created by air (wind from the blowers) moving through pipes into the room. No speakers are needed to make the sound fill the room. This real air enhances congregational singing, as many of you have experienced in other church settings. The sound is fresh and alive, and the voicing of solo stops (oboe, trumpet, viola, etc.) more closely resembles the sound of real instruments. Pipe organs are both a wind instrument and a keyboard instrument. Digital organ sound, on the other hand, is created with electrical circuits wired into special high-end speakers that "direct" the sound to various areas around the room electronically. The difference in sound is like the difference between listening to a recording and going to a live concert. Digital organs can never produce the sound of a true pipe organ, but they have certainly improved since the 1934 Hammonds! Am I saying all digital organs are bad and all pipe organs are best? Not at all. There are many options, differences, and priorities to consider. The quality of instruments even varies among both digital organs and pipe organs. Differences in quality are another issue for the Task Force, and another reason to have a knowledgeable consultant like Kola Owolabi. Jonathan Hehn also has experience with various builders and manufacturers, both digital and pipe, so we're very grateful that he has joined our team.

Cost is certainly a factor, and good stewardship is a priority. The initial cost of organs and the maintenance that follows over time are both a part of the cost question. The bottom line is clear-cut. Digital organs have the lowest purchase price but the shortest life span—generally 20–30 years, as noted in Part 5 (June). If a church pays around \$90,000 now for a new digital organ, they can expect to pay another \$90,000 (plus inflation) in just 20–30 years, maybe 35 if they are lucky. Warranties for digital organs typically cover 10 years on parts but do not include labor. A pipe organ, on the other hand, is an expensive purchase but a permanent investment, and it is built for the size, architecture, and acoustics of a particular sanctuary. In our case, a small organ with about 20 stops would be fine. Pipe organs last for generations, often outliving one church building and being moved to another. Tracker organs in particular are low maintenance because the parts are mechanical parts (wood, metal, etc.) rather than electrical. Electro-pneumatic organs usually require some routine maintenance at age 40–45. Pipe organs need to be tuned about twice a year. Digital organs do not require tuning, but they need software updates and eventually expensive replacement of motherboards, as previously discussed.

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The cost of used pipe organs and hybrid organs (part pipes, part digital) falls somewhere between the cost of a digital organ and the cost of a true pipe organ. Some churches find a very low-cost used pipe organ through the Organ Clearing House or through an independent builder who buys quality historical instruments, then ships and rebuilds them in churches. The Task Force visited our local Christian Reformed Church (Church of Our Redeemer) to see a lovely 1883 tracker organ purchased from David Wallace Pipe Organ Builders and installed for them in 2003. Of course, the process of finding and installing a used organ can be more complicated, as an organ needs to be the right size and style for a particular sanctuary. The Task Force needs to do more investigation on hybrid organs (see Part 5 for more info). On the surface, a hybrid seems like a nice economical solution. Hybrids offer the aesthetic appeal of visible pipes and the sound of real pipes. They also take up less space than a true pipe organ. But, as noted earlier, the digital parts will become outdated and need maintenance over time.

As you can see, any organ project requires some fundraising efforts these days, and we will soon be starting the fundraising process. What usually happens is that the congregation gets excited about the project, a couple donors step forward to launch the funding, then various smaller commitments are made by members. Additional funds might be collected from dinners, car washes, bake sales, raffles, etc. Completion of the organ is typically celebrated with an organ recital or varied choir and organ concerts. We look forward to that day!

The Task Force is still working and prayerfully considering the best recommendation. Our summer plans include hearing organs in Carmel, Zionsville, Bloomington, and possibly Wisconsin. We are so blessed to have such a qualified team. Many thanks to our consultant, Kola Owolabi, and to Bob Clausen, our chairperson. Please watch for more updates in the King's Herald in coming months.

Soli Deo gloria!

**Bev Butler**

## TRINITY MEMORIAL GARDEN COLUMBARIUM

*At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At a funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of resurrection. When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope for healing (ELW, p. 279).*



The Trinity Memorial Garden Columbarium was established in 2012 to fulfill a desire to provide a reverent place of repose and memorialization in the tradition of churchyard burial. It is intended as a place of interment within niches or an ash garden for cremated remains. Cremated remains or ashes are accorded the same dignity given to a body. After death, baptized Christians are commended to God in the hope of the resurrection.

The Trinity Memorial Garden Columbarium is designed to draw the heart, mind, and soul closer to God. The trees and plantings are grouped in threes to remind those entering the garden that we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Visitors will find plants with both biblical and historical relevance to serve as reminders of the love and sacrifice Jesus provided for us.

You are welcome to inspect the columbarium on the right side of the entrance driveway to Christ the King Lutheran Church. Additional information can be found on the CtK website by looking for the "More" tab, then clicking on "Resources" to find the TMG Columbarium Flyer. The Memorial Garden Board members are Tricia Burns, Nancy Seng, Michele Jensen, and Glenn Jensen.

# CtK BUSINESS UPDATE

## FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT – JUNE 30, 2021

<b>Summary of Missional/Charitable Gifts</b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
ELCA Mission Work	\$35	\$28,885
Community Mission	\$648	\$61,364
International Mission	\$48	\$14,504
INTO Mission Fund	–	\$1,811
Seminary Fund	\$150	\$790
CMG	\$40	\$10,015
Sunday School	–	\$315
Youth Activities	\$8	\$5,630
	<u>\$928</u>	<u>\$123,314</u>

**Operating Outlook** *(Monies used to pay benevolence to I/K Synod, utilities, staff salaries, and programming expenses)*

	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	\$49,826	\$296,110
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$49,679	\$313,248
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	\$147	(\$17,138)

	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
Trust Memorial Fund	\$5,189
Trust Endowment Fund	\$121,993
Total	<u>\$127,182</u>

**Loose Offering**

Dismas House	\$357
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*"Therefore **encourage** one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing."*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**



## WEEKLY WORSHIP

### In the sanctuary: Sundays at 8:15 am and 11:15 am

Traditional worship led by organ, the 8:15 am worship service is mask optional for those who are fully vaccinated. At this service, Holy Communion is distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

While the 11:15 am worship service is also in the traditional format and primarily led by organ, masks are still required in solidarity with the most vulnerable and those unable to be vaccinated (including all children under 12). Holy Communion is celebrated with pre-packaged elements.

### Drive-in Worship: Sundays in the parking lot at 9:30 am

Contemporary worship led by Xalt!, including a Young Peoples' Message and in-vehicle Holy Communion. Masks are required for the Young Peoples' Message, but are otherwise optional.

**Worship on the Web:** Join us each Sunday at 11:15 am for the livestream, or access the recorded 11:15 am worship service any time during the week. Visit [www.ctluth.com/worship](http://www.ctluth.com/worship) to find a worship video, the worship folder for Sunday's service, Taking Faith Home questions for discussion, and an online donation link to continue your tradition of giving at worship.