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WHAT CAMP ARE YOU IN?



Morning chapel services were an important part of my daily ritual while a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Held every morning after the day's first class period, chapel was a great way for me to completely wake up, connect with friends, and get spiritually centered for the rest of the day.

Much like here at CtK, and like most churches I venture to guess, you learned early where individuals and groups sat for the 40-minute worship experience. Freshmen and commuter students occupied the right side bank of raked pews; it was the least intimidating place for the freshman and closest to the entrance for commuters who were running late. Middlers (second-year students) flooded the center section directly in front of the altar area; this was the "all that and a bag of chips" seating, as middlers tended to be the most energetic, engaged, and effusive bunch on campus. Seniors, just back from their internship, sat in the center-left bank of pews, if they attended; seniors liked being closest to the Sanhedrin.

In ancient Jerusalem, the Sanhedrin was the highest court of justice and the supreme council in the land. At Luther Seminary in the mid '90s, the Sanhedrin, located on the far left side of the chapel (think Xalt band area at CtK), was home to the professors and the administration.

This Sanhedrin, the academics and the administrators, further self-segregated into "camps" as we students called them; the camp one was in revealed the theological bent one had. Roughly half of this Sanhedrin gathered in the God camp—those whose theological identity was shaped by the first article of the Apostle's Creed, with its focus on God. The other half nestled in the Jesus camp, whose theological persuasion was grounded in the second article of the Creed. One professor was the sole representative of the Holy Spirit camp, his theology aligned with the mystery of the third article of the Creed.

Luther Seminary's Sanhedrin is not unique unto itself. It seems to me that any gathering of people of faith, if analyzed, would mirror those three camps. I'm of the mind that every person of faith, whether they know it or not, is going to fall theologically into the God camp, the Jesus camp, or the Holy Spirit camp.

Would you like to know which camp you are in?

If yes, join us for "What Camp Are You In?: Your Theology in 66 Verses." To accomplish this, as participants, we will commit to reading every book in the Bible. After completing each book, we'll select and record the one verse in that book that, if told to someone who knows nothing about you, would reflect the very heart of your faith. It is my hope (and belief) that after 66 verses have been logged, we'll each know what theological camp we are in, and will be able to articulate how knowing this has shaped and will continue to shape our lives of faith.

Curious? Intrigued? Interested?

Contact me or Sarah Felde, CtK's Adult Faith Formation coordinator. We're vectoring to launch "What Camp Are You In?: Your Theology in 66 Verses" in Advent, beginning with the Old Testament Book of Genesis.

There are 66 books in the Bible. If we commit to reading one book a week, we'll be wrapping up in early 2022. (Yikes!) Given the fluidity needed in our daily living during these unprecedented times, it's going to take longer. (Double yikes!!)

Even so, it's a commitment we're ready to make, so that like me, you will know what camp you are in.

God's peace and love,

Pastor Brad, God Camp

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 8

The Church Council is calling a special meeting of the congregation on November 8 at 12:15 pm. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- Adoption of a bylaw to specifically allow congregational meetings to be held electronically (the council has passed a continuing resolution allowing electronic meetings; this bylaw will ratify that in the interim before the new constitution is adopted)
- Adoption of a motion to amend the CtK constitution
- Update on the kitchen renovation project

This will be a hybrid meeting with both in-person and Zoom options. Given our current spacing requirements due to COVID-19, we are providing the in-person option only if you can't attend via Zoom. So that we can provide a safe and effective inside meeting space, you must call the office to pre-register if you wish to attend in person.

MEET OUR CONSULTANT TO THE ORGAN REPLACEMENT TASK FORCE



Acclaimed organist Kola Owolabi, who joined the faculty of the Department of Music and Sacred Music at Notre Dame this fall as professor of music and head of the Graduate Organ Studio, is serving as consultant to CtK's Organ Replacement Task Force.

"Kola Owolabi is a consummate virtuoso organist, scholar, and pedagogue with a deep commitment to the performance of new music and the music of African American composers," said Mark Doerries, acting director of Sacred Music at Notre Dame. "He is well poised to continue the historical organ legacy of Craig

Cramer, who has been influential in the organ landscape of Notre Dame for 39 years, while also extending our musical gamut into contemporary and diverse music and composers."

Dr. Owolabi comes to Notre Dame from the University of Michigan, where he taught courses in organ performance, improvisation, and sacred music since 2014. Before that, he taught at Syracuse University, where he got to know Cramer after inviting him to participate in a series of organ recitals. Dr. Owolabi also performed at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in 2016 and offered a master class for Notre Dame organ students. Dr. Owolabi, who has a master's degree in music from Yale University and a doctor of musical arts from Eastman School of Music, was drawn to Notre Dame because of the quality of its music programs.

Dr. Owolabi is a published composer and has received commissions from the Royal Canadian College of Organists and the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. His solo organ composition "Dance" was selected for the Royal Canadian College of Organists National Competition in August 2013. Ensembles such as the Santa Cruz Chorale, the Nashville Chamber Singers, the Wesleyan University Choir, and the Elmer Isler Singers in Toronto have performed his choral works internationally.

Dr. Owolabi has visited CtK and participated in monthly meetings via Zoom as the Organ Replacement Task Force works toward discerning a recommendation to the Church Council. In early October, Dr. Owolabi and members of the task force met with organists at three area churches with different types of organs representative of the instruments being considered.

In September, Dr. Owolabi recorded two short Bach chorale preludes from *Das Orgel-büchlein* on the Fritts organ in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The first piece is about 1 minute long and the second is just under 2 minutes. Both pieces are preceded by spoken commentary, bringing each video to 3-4 minutes. The pieces are based on Lutheran chorales and provide those interested in hearing Dr. Owolabi an opportunity to see him speak and perform at Notre Dame.

J. S. Bach, Gott durch deine Güte, BWV 600
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMq7MxzjYbc>

J. S. Bach, Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, BWV 616
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDqEbNjyMZI>

HAPPENING AT CtK



Angel Tree

On Tuesday, November 3, our annual Angel Tree will be by the front office with a variety of tags, some with specific requests, others more general. CtK is committed to donating 205 gifts to the residents and clients of 10 different agencies. You may participate in two ways:

- Donate money online at the CtK website, and the Community Missions Team will shop for the gifts.
- Choose tags from the tree (the average price of the gifts is \$25–\$30), then buy the gifts and deliver them to the church office by Sunday, November 22.

GriefShare—Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 14, 10 am–1 pm

Are you or anyone you know wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Our GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially helpful for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Join us to learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

The seminar will be from 10 am to noon, followed by lunch from noon to 1 pm. This event is free, but registration is appreciated. You may register online at the CtK website by clicking on the GriefShare button.

Bringing a Smile to Swanson School

Two Thursdays a month, CtK is committed to providing a smile for every staff member at Swanson Traditional School. The smile can be an edible treat, a cute pencil, a flower, or anything else that will bring joy to someone's day. Please call Ruth Nieboer at (574) 287-8239 to sign up for a date as a smile maker.

Congratulations to Our Bible Milestone Recipients!

This October, 10 of CtK's fourth- and fifth-grade students (along with their parents) completed the two-session Bible Milestone class led by Pastor Caroline. Congratulations to these students, who received their Bibles during Drive-In Worship on October 18 and October 25:

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| • Eila Bruckert | • Rachel Roggow |
| • Katie Corwin | • Tyler Schopmeyer |
| • Andrew Meyers | • Everett Tack |
| • Zachary Meyers | • Audrey Villaire |
| • Shreya Nayee | • Maya Workman |

Bendix Woods Hayride: A Fun Time Had By All

Thanks to those who attended the CtK Fall Hayride at Bendix Woods. We had a great time painting pumpkins, roasting s'mores, hiking, and riding through the park. Special thanks to K.C. Nieboer for being such a great host and hayride driver!



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Congratulations and God's Blessings to Our Confirmands

On October 25, four of our CtK youth participated in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation):

- Ava Harms
- Evelyn Shrout
- Lia Pinckert
- Bradley Thornton

Join us in celebrating with these young people and their families!

Opportunities for Youth

CtK continues to offer a number of ways for our 6th- through 12th-grade youth to stay connected, to learn and grow in their faith, to have a safe place to talk about life, and to simply have fun together! Upcoming opportunities include the following:

- **Sunday Morning Youth Crew:** We've been meeting weekly in the outdoor chapel right after Drive-In Worship. As the weather gets colder, we plan to move indoors to Room 502/504, meeting from 10:15 to 11:00 am. All 6th through 12th graders are welcome!
- **Sunday Night Live! (SNL):** This year, SNL includes our Confirmation program for 6th through 8th graders. All meetings are virtual on Zoom from 5:00 to 6:00 pm with Pastor Brad. Upcoming meeting dates are November 8, November 22, and December 13. For the complete schedule or more information, please contact Faith Jordan at tfjordan3@comcast.net.
- **High School Campfires:** We will continue having our campfires for 9th through 12th graders even in the colder weather, by moving our meetings indoors if needed (with a few candles for our "fire"). We have begun a special series called "Making Space," which is a time to discuss some important social and emotional issues we deal with as we navigate everyday life. Our next high school campfire is Friday, November 6, from 7 to 9 pm at church. And as always, s'mores or snacks will be provided!
- **Serving Others:** Plans are underway for some wonderful ways our youth can serve others this holiday season. We'll be putting together special care packages for Thanksgiving, including personal notes from our youth, followed by an Advent food collection to donate at Christmas for families in need. Watch for further announcements and e-mails about these projects, or contact Faith Jordan for more information.

Coming This November: Grab-and-Go Sunday School

November is almost here... and with the change in months comes a change in Sunday school.

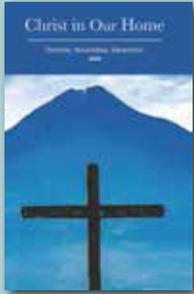
October 25 was the final day of outdoor Sunday school on the hill following Drive-In Worship. In its place, we are switching to a "grab-and-go" Sunday school format for the winter months.

How does "grab-and-go" work? Each child will receive a take-home packet with a month's worth of lesson materials related to a specific theme. Families are free to choose which activities they'd like to complete and when; recommended options will include everything from crafts to cooking to science experiments.

Kids will also be invited to share what they've created—and catch up with their CtK friends—via a private online community featuring videos, songs, games, and special guest appearances. (Stay tuned for more details!)

This November, our theme for grab-and-go Sunday school will be the Lord's Prayer. Materials will be available at CtK beginning on Sunday, October 25. Pick up a packet at drive-in worship, grab one outside the church office anytime, or contact Sarah Felde (sfelde@ctkluth.com) to make arrangements for electronic and/or in-person delivery. Families should also watch their e-mail for additional updates as plans evolve. Thank you!

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Booklets Available

The *Christ in Our Home* booklet for October, November, and December is now available.

Copies can be found in a box in the front office vestibule or in the narthex vestibule. If you aren't able to leave your home, please contact **Geoff Layman** at (574) 302.1070 or

glayman@nd.edu, and he will make sure a member of "God's Army" delivers one to you.

Parsing Scripture with Pastor Steve (PS2)

Join **Pastor Steve** for a closer look at the Scripture readings **Sundays at 10:30 a.m., now in-person in Van Oort Hall, regardless of the weather.** Participants must wear a mask and maintain social distancing while inside the building.

This group will also continue with Zoom sessions on Monday evenings for those who are not comfortable meeting in person yet. Both sessions will cover the same topic. For Zoom details and other information, visit www.ctkluth.com/ps2.

THERE IS JOY IN GIVING!

Growing up I earned an allowance. I cherished this allowance because it was the main source of income that fed my candy obsession. With allowance in hand I would make weekly trips to the Apothecary to replenish my cherished candy supply. It is fun to reminisce. Back then I did not associate this process as an important part in the development of my core value system. Now, as I reflect upon this age-old system, I realize my parents used it to teach me some important lessons: the value of a dollar, that hard work never goes unrewarded, and that it is better to give than receive (Acts 20:35) as part of my allowance went into the offering plate at Sunday School.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians. The Bible says we are created in the image of God. To be made in God's image means we are made to be like Him, whose nature is to give.

If we fail to acknowledge that God is the source and owner of all things, we will believe that we are the owner and not the manager or steward of God's blessings to us. Through faith we understand that we are managers of God's gifts entrusted to us. As managers of God's gifts, we use them in ways that give Him honor and glory. We look for ways to extend His kingdom here on earth by sharing our time, talent, and treasures.

We live in a very materialistic society. There is constant encouragement and pressure to acquire more things. Many are convinced that happiness can only be found by owning the newest and best of things. As Christians, we are to be in the world but not of it. Certainly, God wants us to live in some comfort, but we need to seek a balance. By God's grace, we can seek first **His righteousness (not our own self-righteousness) and then all that we need to provide for others and ourselves will be given to us** (Matthew 6:33).

Billy Graham said, "God has given us two hands, one to give with and the other to receive with." Through the work of the Holy Spirit we learn to appreciate how generous God is, providing for us physically and spiritually. As stewards, we find that **gratitude toward God opens our hearts** to receive more of God's love which enables us, in turn, to be more faithful with our gifts.

God entrusts each of us with various amounts of time, talents, and money. The more we are focused on others, the more we understand the joy of managing God's blessings. This important point is summed up best in Luke 12:48, where Jesus shared, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked". Said differently, with great power comes great responsibility.

God wants our giving and sharing to be joyful and fulfilling. Through our faithful giving, we worship and honor our Lord.

Through our generosity, God can do extraordinary things. Through our giving, God changes lives, and in changing them, transforms us.

May God bless us as we honor the Lord through our generosity.

Dana Bright for the Stewardship Committee

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We mourn with Marilyn Rhoades and family at the death of Marilyn's husband, Lou Rhoades.

Please uphold Kevin, Cicely, Sabrina, and Tabitha Kohlmeier in prayer at the death of Kevin's mother, Eadie Kohlmeier.

Please uphold in prayer Steve and Kathy Schwier, Julie Markiewicz and Austin at the death of Steve's mother, Julie's grandmother, and Austin's great-grandmother, Ilene Schwier.

We mourn with Arlene Morton at the death of Arlene's husband, Daniel Morton. The Mortons were previous members of CtK. People who would like to send cards can mail them to:

Mrs. Arlene Morton
10005 Sapphire Circle
Traverse City, MI 49684

The CtK Movie Club



After so much time apart, have you been eager to build meaningful relationships with other CtK members?

The CtK Movie Club is starting its next series of monthly meetings, so now is the perfect time to join in the conversation about how films shape the way we see the world. On **Saturday, November 21st, @ 10 a.m.**, the group will discuss **The Two Popes**. It's currently streaming on Netflix.

Weather permitting, we will meet in the outdoor area at CtK near Van Oort Hall — so watch the movie, bring a lawn chair, and join us for this friendly fellowship opportunity!

Congratulations to Amy Macys and Nicholas Melson who were united in marriage on October 10. (CtK's outdoor chapel was a perfect location!)

Congratulations to Everleigh Jo Zartman, Lia Pinckert, Chase Pinckert, and Elise Pinckert. All received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 13.

CtK BUSINESS UPDATE

FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Summary of Missional/Charitable Gifts

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
ELCA Mission Work	\$1,065	\$3,675
Community Mission	\$3,407	\$90,276
International Mission	\$8	\$23,656
INTO Mission Fund	\$10	\$5,009
Seminary Fund	\$205	\$11,729
CMG	\$680	\$66,972
Sunday School	—	\$7,692
Youth Activities	\$8	\$24,995
		<u>\$234,004</u>

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

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$37,092	\$566,224
Expenditures	\$46,721	\$446,811
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$9,630)	\$119,414

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
Trust Memorial Fund	\$5,624
Trust Endowment Fund	<u>\$120,944</u>
Total	<u>\$126,567</u>

September Loose Offerings

Madison School	\$218
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*"...[For] God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather
a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."*

2 Timothy 1:7



With the above words of holy encouragement ringing in our ears, this is how we as Christ the King will continue to proclaim God's love and grace, connect with each other in spite of "social distancing," and serve one another and the world around us. We have created a "new normal" by providing many different virtual opportunities to stay connected to CtK.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

There are two ways you can worship with fellow CtK members and guests each Sunday: Drive-in Worship in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. or Holy Communion under the canopy at 11:15 a.m. Visit ctkluth.com for more information.

WORSHIP ON THE WEB

We invite everyone to join us each Sunday either at their regularly scheduled worship time or any time during the day or week to celebrate worship. Visit www.ctkluth.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.

WAYS TO CONNECT

Some groups and studies are meeting in person, and some continue to meet via Zoom (a free service that allows participants to "meet" through the Internet). Please visit www.ctkluth.com or call the church office for more information.