The Trumpet

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Introducing Susie Modrow!



Greetings Christ the King! As a new face in the congregation, allow me to formally introduce myself. I'm a Minnesota native, currently residing in Shoreview with my three teenagers and a ridiculously fluffy feline. I recently completed my Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary. Prior to that, I completed a master's degree in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. I've spent the last 17 years in youth ministry and over a decade in medical administration. I find renewal in the outdoors and seek adventures regularly. When I'm not able to be out and about, you'll find me knitting, reading, or planning my next hike. I find myself drawn to issues of justice (I volunteered as an interfaith chaplain during recent periods of unrest in the metro), mental health concerns, and finding ways to engage with youth. I'm also interested in learning more about how congregations can participate as members of their neighborhood communities in meaningful ways.

I'm looking forward to spending this interim time together and would love an opportunity to get to know you better. In the coming weeks, I'll be setting aside time in my calendar to do just that (in whatever capacity you feel most comfortable - in person, online, or outside). Stay tuned for more details on how to schedule your visit with the interim!

Blessings,
Susie Modrow
Interim Pastoral Associate
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WORSHIP & EDUCATION

March Worship



Wednesday, 3/2: Ash Wednesday
7 pm Worship w/ Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, 3/6: Lent 1—Jesus is Tempted
9 am Worship w/ Organ & Communion
Deut 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, 3/13: Lent 2—God's Sheltering Love
9 am Worship w/ KHB
Ps 27, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, 3/20: Lent 3—Return to God
9 am Worship w/ Organ & Communion
Is 55:1-9, Ps 63:1-8, Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, 3/27: Lent 4—The Prodigal Son
9 am Worship w/ KHB
Ps 32, 2 Cor 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Holden Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday in Lent, 7 pm
Theme: Safe in the Shepherd's Arms

Join us for Soup Supper at 6 pm!
(See p. 4 for details)

Children & Youth

Sunday School, 10:15 am
Age 3 through 5th grade

3/6: Jesus is Tempted
3/13: **NO Sunday School: Spring Break**
3/20: God Provides
3/27: The Prodigal Son



Confirmation & Youth Group

There is **no class** during the season of Lent. Students will participate in some Wednesday worship services and are otherwise encouraged to attend Lenten worship in person or on-line in place of attending class. **Classes will resume after Easter.**

Adult Education



Led by Pastor Laurel

- Topical Study on Sundays following worship: *Manna & Mercy*
- Bible Study on Wednesdays, 10 am
- *Women's* Bible Study, 3rd Wednesday, 3/16, 10 am: *Lives Marked by Love and Purpose*

March Worship Volunteers*

	Ash Wed 3/2	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27
AV	Craig/Mike	Craig/Mike	Mike/Janelle	Jason/Joe	Jason/Joe
Altar Guild	Connie/Peggy	Ann/Isabel	Cathy/Stephanie	Lori/Lori	Karen/Becky
LAM	NA	Bea Jones	Lee Wood	Lee Wood	Cyndi Frankel
Ushers	Tradups	Tradups	Howard/Michele	Peggy/Sterling	Mike/Ann

If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another and let the office know. Thank you for your faithful service!

Special notes for Lent: Apart from Ash Wednesday, communion will not be served on Wednesdays in Lent, so no extra Altar Guild duties are required.* ***AV schedule for Wednesdays* *is as follows: 3/9 Craig; 3/16 Jason; 3/23 Mike; 3/30 Janelle*

WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS

This Lenten season, we will be walking with Max Lucado and listening to his wisdom and the wisdom of others—in the proverbial wilderness. One of my favorite quotes from him is: "You'll never know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have. Are you in the wilderness? Find refuge in God's presence. Find comfort in his people."

Max reminds us that, even when things may seem hopeless, we are never truly alone: "You have a God who hears you, the power of love behind you, the Holy Spirit within you, and all of heaven ahead of you. If you have the Shepherd, you have grace for every sin, direction for every turn, a candle for every corner and an anchor for every storm. You have everything you need."

So, what do we do with this profound wisdom? We are invited to ask ourselves a question: "What is my new desert? The name of it is compassion. There is no wilderness so terrible, so beautiful, so arid and so fruitful as the wilderness of compassion. It is the only desert that shall truly flourish like the lily. It shall become a pool; it shall bud forth and blossom and rejoice with joy. It is in the desert of compassion that the thirsty land turns into springs of water, that the poor possess all things." (Thomas Merton from *The Sign of Jonas)*

Merton was speaking of ministry and service to neighbor, which are available to all of us through God's grace, and which make us blossom like the Word intended in creating us as the Body of Christ. Indeed, we are hardwired for Christ and our neighbors. Jesus said: "The first [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 18:29-31 (NRSV)

As you walk through this Lenten season, I invite you to find quiet time each day to let this wisdom sink in, take root, and bear fruit in the form of graciousness and generosity for God and neighbor.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

OUR LENTEN THEME

This year's **Lenten theme** was inspired by a reading by Peggy Keohen at a Worship & Music Ministry Team meeting from the book *Safe in the Shepherd's Arms: Hope & Encouragement from Psalm 23* by Max Lucado.

Pastor Laurel writes:

> "Lent is a 40-day journey to Easter. We keep company with Noah and his family who were in the ark for 40 days; with the Hebrews, who journeyed through the desert for 40 years; and with Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, who fasted for 40 days before embarking on the tasks God had prepared for them.
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> From a journey that begins out of coldness, out of darkness, and out of the wilderness of our pain, we are reborn in the Lord's Easter Resurrection. During these 40 days of Lent we pray, we read, we remember."

Our **Wednesday evening worship** will feature Holden Evening Prayer, and we will focus on the words of Psalm 23 as presented in various Biblical translations and in the words of Max Lucado's devotional. ***We invite you to join us at Christ the King each Wednesday evening for soup supper at 6 pm and worship at 7 pm.***

Also, thanks to Pastor Laurel for laying out a **daily calendar for the season of Lent** that includes a scripture reading, prayer suggestion, and hymn suggestion (attached as a .pdf file to the Constant Contact Email). We encourage you to use this as a resource as you make the 40-day journey toward Easter. Paper copies are available at church on the Welcome Center desk. Feel free to stop by, or call the church office if you would like Bobbi to mail one to you.



ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE



Transition Notes from CTK Council

Challenging times can be exciting times, and we now have an opportunity together to pray, ponder and plan for the next phase in the life of Christ the King. Susie Modrow will be leading us during these next months as we examine our history, work through transition emotions, and determine our path forward. We are fortunate in that our history is of strong members willing to be involved in the life of our church.

During the first couple of months of transition, I ask all of you to prayerfully reflect on the past 14 years and offer input to Susie and the Council about your vision for CTK. From that we will develop together OUR vision for the years to come. In a few months we will be looking for members to serve on the Call Committee.

Our By-Laws describe this as follows: *A Call Committee shall be identified by the Council or the membership to be elected by the congregation for the sole purpose of identifying and recommending a new pastor.*

In the meantime, a bit about our **interim leader** . . .

Susie Modrow comes to us with an M.Div. from Luther Seminary. Prior to that she also graduated from Luther Seminary with an M.A. Youth and Family Ministry. She is far from new to ministry, having served at various churches in youth and family ministry over the past 17 years. Her internship was at Oak Grove Lutheran in Richfield. Relationships are very important to Susie along with innovation and creativity.

In Christ's Service
Howard Juni, Congregational President



Giving to CTK

In addition to using offering envelopes and automatic electronic giving, you may now give to CTK online through our website at www.ctkwbl.org. Click on the "Give" tab on the front page. You may also use Amazon Smile: simply go to **smile.amazon.com** before you shop at Amazon, choose CTK as your charity of choice, and 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be donated to CTK.

Here is the CTK financial report for ***January 2022.***
CTK is so blessed by your generosity!

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:
1/01/2022 through 1/31/2022 = $15,082
1/01/2021 through 1/31/2021 = $17,839

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:
1/01/2022 through 1/31/2022 = $15,082
1/01/2021 through 1/31/2021 = $17,839

Expenses Year-To-Date:
1/01/2022 through 1/31/2022 = $21,736
1/01/2021 through 1/31/2021 = $23,710

Cash account balances as of Jan. 31: North Star Bank: Checking = $7,549, Savings = $28,071, Memorial Savings = $10,936, and Online Giving = $20. Mission Investment Fund demand account = $40,784. The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is $63,701 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses. The mortgage balance as of Jan. 31 = $190,657.

Meet the 2022 Church Council

Howard Juni, President
Bonnie Jackelen, President-elect
Jason Clapper, Secretary
Mike Nollan, Treasurer
Members at Large: Craig Carlson, Bea Jones, Isabel Karon, Sheila Kent, & Michele Murry

We thank you for your service—especially during a time of pastoral transition—and look forward to mission & ministry in 2022!

Please feel free to contact any member of the council with your questions and concerns.

MISSION & SERVICE

Habitat for Humanity is gearing up! Holy Hammers will be participating in a build project once again in 2022 with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing. While the scope of the work is not fully defined at this point, if you are interested in helping out for a day or two (or a week!), or have questions, please contact Craig Carlson at carlsonc751@gmail.com or catch him at church on Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping the Holy Hammers!

Connecting with Masisiwe!

We received this email in January from Pastor Kisava, the senior pastor at our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania. We responded in kind. So wonderful to be in direct contact! He wrote:

"Together with celebration of Christmas we're already across the year of 2021 to the new year of 2022, we thanks much for God and we belive he have the purpose of make us to see the new year 2022

Also we believe God help you to across the year of 2021 with good health to reach the new year of 2022,

Masisiwe we continue with the service, but the rain in this year is late different with the previous year , we continue to pray and we believe God will help,

The students whom you help them to pay the school fees they are in holiday for the feast of Christmas and New year with their parents, they thanks much and they have certainty to reach their goals.

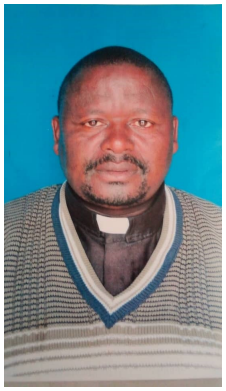
Among of the three are in form six, four students they study form five and other twenty five students they study form one to four, they enjoy so much

On November we was have the Advent of Bishop for bthe purpose of opening and put the foundation stone, (for the new church). he thanks you so much and bless you, the work is continue well and God figged (sic) for your efforts.

The project of the year 2022 when rain start we plan to plant avocado tree.

May God bless you.

By pastor Redyphaty Kisava."



THIS 'N THAT



Back by Popular Demand!
CTK SOUP SUPPERS
6 weeks during Lent
Beginning Ash Wednesday, 3/2
6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Due to restrictions we will be offering only TWO non-homemade soups, breadsticks and dessert with coffee & bottled water.

Please join us for this time of fellowship before Lenten services!

Hosted by your CTK
Basement(less) Ladies & Men

CTK Women



Anyone up for some **SPRING CLEANING?** Please contact Polly Morrison.

In the interest of COVID safety, there will be **NO SPRING LUNCHEON** this year. But watch for details regarding the **ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE,** to be held in June!



We want to express thanks to the **many CTK volunteers** who tirelessly share of their time and talent to keep our mission & ministry alive. Folks serve on Ministry Teams & Church Council and tend to our property and sing in the choir and manage our livestream worship and teach our youth and make the coffee . . . the list goes on. Especially in a time of congregational transition, we rely on each other to get things done. ***Let us hold one another in our hearts with gratitude!***

A word of thanks from the ELCA . . .
"Thank you for your generous gift of **$780** to ministries of the ELCA through **ELCA Good Gifts** . . . Your gift is a very good gift indeed . . . You're equipping God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives . . . Thank you."

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship!

Palm Sunday, 4/10, 9 am

Maundy Thursday, 4/14, 7 pm

Good Friday, 4/15, 7 pm

Easter Sunday, 4/17, 9 am
There will not be a traditional Easter breakfast, but rolls and juice will be served following the service.





Don't be late for church!

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 13. Remember to set your clocks ahead on Saturday evening!

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us decorate the altar for Easter by ordering flowers!

The following varieties are available. Color preference may be indicated but cannot be guaranteed.

Calla lily $26 (white)
Azalea $26 (red, pink, white)
Hydrangea $22 (blue, pink)
Kalanchoe $16 (yellow, orange, pink)
Mum $16 (white, yellow, lavender)
Begonia $16 (yellow, orange, pink)

Please see the kiosk in the narthex for an order form. Place your order and check made payable to ***CTK Altar Guild*** in the locked box next to the office door (lift the lid to access the drop slot).

Orders may also be placed by calling or emailing the church office, then mailing your check. In your email or voice mail message, please be clear with the following information:

- Quantity
- Color selection
- Your name
- Message you would like placed in the bulletin *(in memory of or in honor of)*
- Preference if choice is unavailable (see below)

Due to supply constraints, some varieties may become unavailable. If your plant choice is unavailable, please indicate one of the following options:

- Substitute plant of similar value (may be a non-blooming plant)
- Refund payment (payments will not be deposited until the order is confirmed)

Orders are due by Sunday, March 20.



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, 3/13.** Set your clocks ahead on Saturday the 12th!		1	2 Adult Bible Study 10 A  Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 6 P **Lenten Svc. 7 P** King's Choir 7:45 P	3 **Property 7 P**	4	5 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A
6 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ Organ & Communion 10:15 am SS & Adult Ed 11:00 am Cherubs	7	8 **Admin 7P**	9 Adult Bible Study 10 A Soup Supper 6 P **Lenten Svc. 7 P** King's Choir 7:45 P	10	11	12 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A 
13 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ King's House Band 10:15 am Adult Ed **NO SS or Cherubs!**	14	15 **Church Council 7P**	16 Women's Study 10 A Soup Supper 6 P **Lenten Svc. 7 P** King's Choir 7:45 P	 17  **Trumpet Deadline**	18	19 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A
20 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ Organ & Communion 10:15 am SS & Adult Ed 11:00 am Cherubs	21	22  Family Shelter Meal	23 Adult Bible Study 10 A Soup Supper 6 P **Lenten Svc. 7 P** King's Choir 7:45 P	24	25	26 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A
27 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ King's House Band 10:15 am SS & Adult Ed 11:00 am Cherubs	28	29	30 Adult Bible Study 10 A Soup Supper 6 P **Lenten Svc. 7 P** King's Choir 7:45 P	31	**Office Hours 10 am - 4 pm Mon. - Thu.**	

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