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Grace and Peace

A message from Pastor Bryan

Lutherans have been making quilts for Lutheran World Relief since 1945. I have been told that Alma Swartos brought quilting to Christ the King when she moved here from South Dakota – bringing the practice from her home congregation. A congregation is itself much like a quilt. The congregation brings together the fabrics of people's lives; it gathers together the pieces that eventually make a whole. A quilt's pieces come from old clothing: from remnants or bolts of fabric that have not yet taken form. And the Scriptures say we are a "remnant" people.



And not only is a congregation like a quilt; its life together – its mission – is also like the act of quilting. People who are involved in mission stitch together the pieces gathered. We look for ways to make sense of things that, in themselves, don't always make sense. We gather together the pieces of a history and tradition that can be said to have endured the breaking of many "threads." We use the names of those who have gone before us, remembering them as the thread that weaves the pieces together. We proudly tell the stories of the saints of our congregation, the living and the dead. We know that if we are willing to stick with it long enough—if we are willing to see the whole emerging from the separate pieces of "fabric"—the pieces will begin to form a pattern: a pattern for our lives.

The quilt that is life together as a congregation starts with a story about where and how the congregation began. The story describes the sorrows and joys of a group of consecrated people who knew what they had to do to make their God known. It is in the telling of their stories, added to our own, that the whole story is told. Mission helps us recognize that together our stories are the Gospel made relevant. The quilt that is life together as a congregation is made whole in the events we attend, the compassion offered, the respect shown, the relationships formed, the way resources are stewarded and care is given to those in need. It is the whole quilt: It is the place where we put together the pieces of our dreams.

Like a quilter, we find remnants in all sorts of unlikely places; and we pray for openness.

Like a quilter, we gather the pieces that some would say don't belong together and we pray for the gift of hospitality.

Like the quilter, we recognize that we can sew only one stitch at a time and we pray for patience.

Like the quilter, we are amazed as each piece is sewn together and becomes a whole, and we pray for humility.

Like the quilter, we see how the fabric's colors give depth, a new dimension, and we pray for the ability to accept everyone as our sisters and brothers.

Like the quilter, we see the finished product and we pray with gratitude.

Life together as a congregation is pure gift—the legacy passed on to us by those saints upon whose shoulders we stand lived (and continue to live) their lives being God's healing presence to others. Someday, it will be our turn to pass along the legacy of being God's presence to one another. Then we too will have our own little square of fabric, which—when sewn together with the rest—will make a beautiful warm quilt to be handed down to the next generation.

Be sure to check out the News and Information section regarding a special congregational project.

Congregational Life *Events for the whole community*



Mid-Month Breakfasts

Served 9am-10:30am
August 13 and
September 10

Start your weekend off with a nice breakfast and conversation with some friends at church. There is always hot coffee and good conversation.

RALLY DAY IS COMING!

Mark your calendars and be sure to be in worship to renew our commitment to life together as God's people at Christ the King! If you're going to school of any kind, be sure to bring your backpack or laptop case for a special blessing for the new school year!

Rally Day Cookout

Sunday, August 14 after Worship



We're In The Parade!

August 20 – Line up at 9:30am
Ride on the float and represent
Christ the King!

We would like as many people as possible to ride on the float. We will line up at 9:30am beside Lincoln Rd. The parade starts at 10am. This is a fun and easy thing for kids to do.

We hand out candy and t-shirts.

Youth and Family *Events for specific age groups*

As we looked at the young people we have at Christ the King we decided to regroup based upon natural breaks that already exist. We are doing this to help build relationship rather than adhere to the traditional “elementary/middle/high school” breaks. If you have a young person in your life please encourage them to participate. We promise a welcoming space for all.



Young Adults *Post-High School*

Game Night – August 11, 6pm-8pm

Finish out the summer with your friends at church playing games with pizza and other party food at the Rices (13503 South 22nd Street).

Parker’s Smokehouse – September 18, 6pm

Let’s meet at Parker’s in Ashland for a check-in since classes will have been back in session for 4 weeks. Parker’s is about half way between Lincoln and Omaha so it should be a good place to meet up. And the food is good!

Youth *Grades 8-12 (2022-2023)*

Game Night – August 21, 4:30pm-6pm

Join your friends at church for games, pizza and other party food at the Rices (13503 South 22nd Street). This is a group we really want to help grow together. We attend different schools but having people outside of school to help you grow your faith can be a huge asset. Just ask any of the people in the young adult group. We’d love to plan a summer trip for 2023 and it will be way more fun if we already enjoy being with one another.



Intermediate *Grades 5-7 (2022-2023)*

Game Night – September 4, 4:30pm-6pm

Join your friends at church for games, pizza and other party food at the Rices (13503 South 22nd Street). We admit this is the lamest name for this group, but we wanted to avoid saying “middle school” or “confirmation”.

Banana Party – September 24, 12pm

This is an opportunity to have a great time while you help others have a good time too. Our youngest friends will join us and you can help lead games and make banana splits. I’ll you will have a blast too!

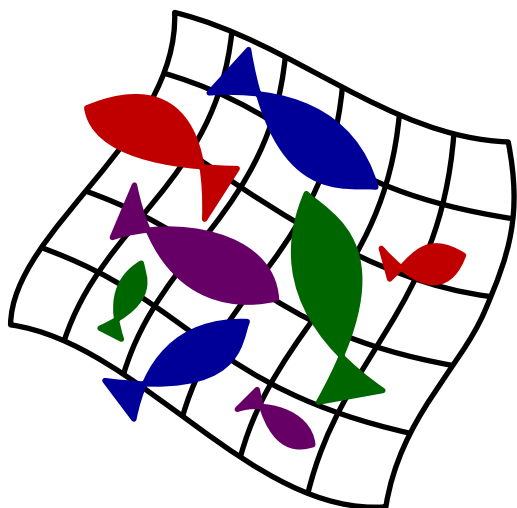
Elementary *Grades PreK – 4 (2022-2023)*

Banana Party – September 24, 12pm

We’ll start with some lunch, our older friends will help us play some banana themed games, there’s even a banana song, and we’ll see who can build the most awesome Banana Split.



Faith Formation *Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Study*



Sunday School and Confirmation

We kick off the academic year on Rally Sunday August 14. We won't have a lesson that day but be sure to be in worship for the Back Pack Blessing. Generally speaking, we will have lessons on the second and fourth Sundays from 11:20 – 12:30. We'll begin in the Sanctuary all together, then move to groups. For Sunday School ages kids, there is a Bible lesson, music, and an activity that reinforces the lesson. Confirmation this year will take us through Luther's Small Catechism.

Date	Sunday School	Confirmation
August 28	Wandering in the Wilderness (10 Commandments)	Commandments 1-2
September 11	Wandering in the Wilderness (God gives Manna)	Commandments 3-4
September 25	Ruth	Commandments 5-7
October 9	Queen Esther	Commandments 8-10
October 30 <i>Fifth Sunday</i>	Martin Luther and the Reformation	

News and Information *from the Office*

Taylor Compton – Office Assistant

For the past several weeks Taylor has been learning the ropes. Her primary focus is going to be communication within the congregation. She will be responding to office inquiries sent to office@ctklc-bellevue.org and those sent through the website contact page. If you have a prayer request you can leave a voicemail at church or send her an email. She will make sure the calendar online is up-to-date She will be managing the online directory – *Instant Church Directory* and updating the *ECHO* Prayer Feed. She will be a part of preparing the bulletin and newsletter and will send out office emails as needed. She will also respond to voice mail when she is in the office. If you haven't had a chance to greet her she may very well be sitting with the Wiegands in worship. Take a moment and say hello.

Newsletter Refresh

The newsletter has undergone a bit of a refresh. The purpose of the newsletter is that it communicate what is going on in the life of the congregation. We have grouped items under categories to make them easier to find. Additionally we are going to be emailing it to our congregational list. We will not be doing away with paper copies – they will always be available at church. We recognize that not everyone prefers a digital format and we plan to continue to snail mail to those who would prefer that. If you are reading this digitally and did not get a paper copy mailed to you but would like to continue to do so, please contact the office. Please also contact the office if you received a paper copy in the mail but would prefer to opt out of snail mail.

News and Information from the Office

Church Directory

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.



A few brief reminders...

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com

Follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

UPDATES...

Did you take some new pictures? Maybe while you were on vacation? Email a new picture to Taylor in the office and she will update your listing. That goes for new addresses, phone numbers, and emails too!

ECHO Prayer app

The Echo Prayer Manager is an app available for both Android and iPhone users. It is both cost and ad free. A simple explanation is that it is a closed group social media app. You are only connected to people in a group you are asked to join... not to the world. Christ the King has a "feed" that once you join you will have all of the up to date prayers of the congregation and you will be able to reach out to those requesting prayer through the comment option.



We are aware that not everyone has a smart phone and that not everyone who does will want to use this app. We will be sending out a weekly email to those who have asked to be on the "prayerchain" email list. If you would like more information on either the app or getting on the email list please contact Taylor in the office.

We want to emphasize that NOTHING replaces sharing joys and sorrows with friends with words you speak. Encouraging words spoken during the peace, at fellowship or other congregational events, and phone calls are vital to our spiritual life together. The goal is to connect more of us in prayer and in so doing, help us connect to God.

Church Calendar

The church calendar for beyond what is published in the newsletter is available on the congregation website - <https://ctklc-bellevue.org/calendar/>. Here you will see congregational events (green) and community use of our building (red). Hall rentals are not listed here.

If would like to subscribe to the Congregational Events calendar on your iCalendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/ctklcbellevue%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

If would like to subscribe to the Congregational Events calendar on your personal Google calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ctklcbellevue%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

News and Information from the Office

Congregational Quilt Project

Each person is invited to decorate a 6" by 6" quilt square available at the back of the sanctuary throughout Labor Day weekend. We are envisioning one large quilt made from the squares decorated by anyone who calls Christ the King their spiritual home. The inspiration for this quilt is God's Word. So think about your favorite Bible verse – what images come to mind. Maybe there are a few key words that pop out for you and would fit on the square. Be sure to include at least your first name (or family name if doing it collectively) somewhere on the square.

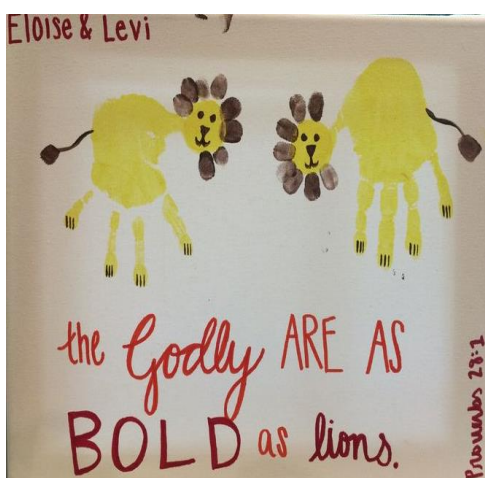
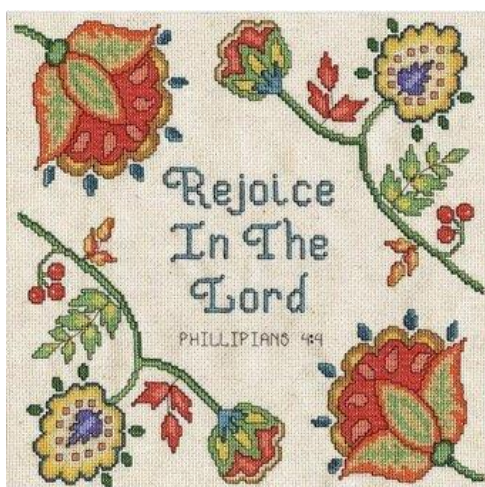
What can we do with this quilt square?

You may use any suitable means of decoration- from a traditional quilting pattern (many ideas can be found online) to using fabric paint or markers, embroidery, appliques or another creative choice. Please **DO NOT WASH THIS QUILT SQUARE**. Please decorate this square, leaving a 1 inch margin on all four sides. We need this space to sew them all together. Please contact Jodi Keating at 402-689-3795 if you have any questions.

Here are a few examples. The lower left is a good example of where a mom helped a couple kids do one. We do want a bible citation and a name. So, the lower right could have "Psalm 25:6" and a person's name and it would be what we are looking for.

There are all sorts of possibilities. We intend to hang this in the sanctuary and, like our wall of crosses downstairs, have it become something to look at and talk about.

Let your creativity flow and I am sure that this will not only be a beautiful addition to our sanctuary, but a way for us to thank and praise God for stitching us together as a congregation.



When are the squares due?

In order to finalize the design and assemble the quilt, we need to have the squares back by September 11.

August and September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	2	3 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	4 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Troop 474	5	6
7 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	8 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	9	10 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	11 6pm Fitness Club 6pm CTKYA Game Night	12	13 9am Mid-Month Breakfast 5:30pm Council (ZOOM)
14 Rally Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Rally Cookout!	15 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	16 11:30am WELCA	17 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	18 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Troop 474	19	20 Arrows to Aerospace Parade Line up at 9:30am
21 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 4:30pm Youth Game Nite	22 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	23	24 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	25 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Troop 474	26	27
28 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:20am Christian Education	29 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	30	31 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	1 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Troop 474	2	3
4 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 4:30pm Intermediate Game Night	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	6 9am Quilting	7 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	8 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Troop 474	9	10 9am Mid-Month Breakfast
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