

THE

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As the body of Christ, we are called and sent to love and serve the world.



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BUILDING BEYOND

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



This passage from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians has always spoken to me. It reminds me that God, in Christ Jesus, can take our generous gifts and accomplish more than we can ask or imagine. It reminds me that God is always BUILDING BEYOND what I have in mind.

BUILDING BEYOND is the theme of this year's generosity emphasis. For the first time in 10 years, the intent of this effort is twofold: We intend to raise *capital funds* for building repair and strategic mission growth; and at the same time, we intend to fully support our ongoing ministry (*annual operating fund*) in 2025.

Over the next two months, you'll learn more about BUILDING BEYOND. With a total capital goal of \$1,285,375 given between now and the end of 2027 and a total annual goal of approximately \$750,000 to support ongoing ministry in 2025, there is a lot to do...and a lot to celebrate. Thanks be to God for our healthy needs (healthy mission and ministry require resources) and our exciting opportunities!

Here's a snapshot of what's included in the capital portion of BUILDING BEYOND:

1. **To maintain a place where all can be known and loved. This is the BUILDING portion of BUILDING BEYOND.** Plans include a new roof and fascia, repaired drywall and insulation, and a resealed parking lot. Minor upgrades include a refreshed narthex and optimizing acoustics in the sanctuary.
2. **To support our strategic vision of being (and being known as) a community that is welcoming, healing, and supportive for all. We hope to BUILD BEYOND our current capabilities** in communication, mental health-related ministries, youth engagement and empowerment, and staffing and succession planning.
3. **To continue CtK's outward-focused mission of loving and serving the world. As the deliberate missional component of BUILDING BEYOND,** we will extend the lifespan of the Mission Fund. Any CtK person actively volunteering at a local nonprofit may apply for special project funds up to \$5,000.
4. **To support CtK's mission for many years to come. This is the legacy portion of BUILDING BEYOND.** We will establish a Building Fund for future emergency building maintenance and repair as well as make a healthy contribution to CtK's Endowment Fund.

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Again, over the next two months, you'll learn more about these projects, our goals, and how you might contribute. In the meantime, please read the information delivered to you on or around October 20. Also, please mark your calendar for an all-congregation event on **Sunday, November 17**, from **12:30–2 pm**. That day, we'll break bread together in Van Oort Hall, answer any questions you may have, and envision how God might take what we offer and BUILD BEYOND what we have in mind.

Joy along the way,
Pastor Caroline



HAPPENING @ CtK

Join Us for the 8th Annual

Hymn Festival of Healing and Hope

Friday, October 11, 2024 + 7 pm



Featuring music from:

CtK's Sanctuary Choir
Xalt!

The Ripple Effect

The Notre Dame Children's Choir
And **YOU**—the gathered assembly!



The annual **Hymn Festival of Healing and Hope** is a celebration of CtK's growing mental health ministry; a recommitment to the mental health and well-being of those in our congregation and community who live with mental health challenges; and an opportunity to gather together to sing about hope, healing, and God's presence in our lives through the experience of mental illness.

This year's Hymn Festival is extra special, as we will celebrate the **50th ANNIVERSARY of Seasons Counseling of Michiana** and the important work they do for families, couples, and individuals navigating mental health challenges.

Please join us!

This event is free and family friendly.

All are welcome.

A light reception will follow the festival in the narthex.

"Welcome to CtK" Luncheon

Sunday, October 6

If you are newer to Christ the King—or have been around for a while but would like a refresher course—join us on **Sunday, October 6**, from **12:30–2 pm** for the **"Welcome to CtK" luncheon**.

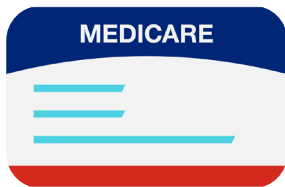
Learn about who we are as ELCA Lutherans; meet a few staff and congregational leaders; find out how we are living our mission in 2024; and discover how you might make a meaningful difference alongside us.

Lunch will be catered by Aladdin's Eatery, and childcare will be provided upon request. Please reach out to Jill Harms (connection@ctkluth.com) with questions or specific dietary needs. You can RSVP by calling or emailing the church office (office@ctkluth.com).



Second Half Adventurers

Wednesday, October 9



Join the **Second Half Adventurers** at **CtK** on **Wednesday, October 9**. We'll gather from **11:30 am–1 pm** for lunch, fellowship, and a program on **understanding updates in Medicare**. Lunch is available for \$10 for those who pre-register.

To learn more and sign up, visit ctkluth.com/events.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 20

One of CtK's favorite fall events is back! Please join us for **Trunk or Treat** on **Sunday, October 20**. Trunk setup begins at **2 pm**, and the public is welcome from **3–4:30 pm**.

You can help make Trunk or Treat a success by **hosting a trunk** and/or **donating candy**. Sign up for either opportunity at ctkluth.com/events or at the display in the narthex.

Hosting a trunk is a fun way to flex your creative muscle! This year, we'll have prizes for the best trunk, best costume, best overall design, and people's choice. If you host a trunk, we ask that you bring some candy to start your distribution. Donated candy will be used to replenish your supply throughout the afternoon.

Thank you for helping us bring this fun event to the children of our community!

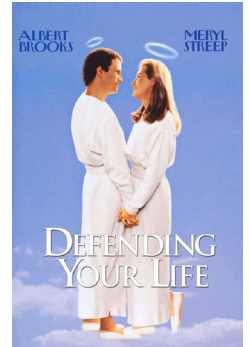


CtK Movie Club: Upcoming Dates and Films

Join the **CtK Movie Club** for casual conversation about how films can shape the way we see the world and help us better understand our place in it. The group meets on **Saturdays at 10 am** in Room 502/504. Email Josh Weinhold (josh.weinhold@gmail.com) to learn more!

This month's films and meeting dates are as follows:

- **October 5:** *BlackKkKlansman* (2018, directed by Spike Lee)
- **October 19:** *Defending Your Life* (1991, directed by Albert Brooks); note that this meeting will be held via Zoom



Save the Date: GriefShare—Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 9 • 10 am–1 pm

The GriefShare logo, featuring the word 'GriefShare' in a white serif font on a dark green background, with a stylized white figure of a person holding hands.

If you are grieving or know someone who has lost a loved one, please join us for our **“Surviving the Holidays” GriefShare workshop**. We'll discuss how to navigate the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas and prepare you to get through these holidays knowing that so much has changed. Lunch will be provided after the two-hour workshop.

For more information or to register, please visit ctkluth.com/griefshare.

Mark Your Calendar for These Fellowship Festivities!

- **CtK Talent Show: Saturday, November 23**

Join us for dinner at 5 pm, followed by the show at 6 pm! Start practicing your act now, and be sure to reserve your performance slot at ctkluth.com/events!

- **Sights & Sounds of the Season: Sunday, December 15**

Enjoy performances from CtK's musical ensembles, starting at 4 pm in the sanctuary. The event will be followed by an hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception in the narthex.



LOVING & SERVING

Another Great Year of God's Work. Our Hands.



Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's edition of **God's Work. Our Hands.**

Over the past few weeks, volunteers from CtK staffed shifts at Clay Mobile Food Pantry, Christ Child Society of South Bend, and Cultivate Food Rescue. Thank you for loving and serving our neighbors in this way!

Giving Opportunities This Holiday Season

With the holidays right around the corner, the Community Missions Committee will offer many ways for you to give to our community. Watch for these giving opportunities in the weeks ahead:

- **Clay Food Pantry Thanksgiving bags:** Help us provide food to Michiana youth. Pick up the grocery list on Sunday, October 27, and return your filled bags to CtK by Sunday, November 10.
- **Angel Tree:** Again this year, CtK will provide gifts to individuals served by a variety of local agencies. Pick out ornaments with gift requests beginning on Sunday, November 17, and return the gifts to CtK by Sunday, December 1.
- **Broadway Christian Parish donation drive:** Help Broadway Christian serve unhoused individuals in our community by donating winter hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves. A collection box will be at CtK from Sunday, December 8, to Sunday, December 29.



RaiseRight: An Easy Way to Support CtK Missions

The Community Missions Committee has been selling **RaiseRight gift cards** for years. The program is simple: You purchase gift cards at face value, and we receive a percentage of that amount from RaiseRight. Every Sunday we sell these cards, we earn an average of over \$200. So far this year, we've earned \$1,141! This money helps support the different mission activities of the church.

This holiday season, we'll be selling RaiseRight gift cards on **Sunday, November 3**, and **Sunday, December 1**. Please consider purchasing with us to help CtK to continue its support of our local community.

Christ Child Society Boot Drive



Soon, winter will be here. For children living in difficult economic circumstances, cold weather can be especially challenging. Now is a great time to clean out those closets and donate any outgrown boots to Christ Child Society's autumn boot drive.

New and gently used boots in children's and small adult sizes will be collected in the narthex from **October 20–27**. Please donate and help us give cold feet the boot!

YOUTH & FAMILIES

October 13 Is Confirmation Sunday

Join us at **11:15 am worship** on **October 13** as we celebrate the Confirmation (Rite of Affirmation of Baptism) of five of our CtK youth: **Eila Bruckert, Katie Corwin, Andrew Meyers, Shreya Nayee, and Maya Workman.**

After the service, be sure to stop in the narthex to congratulate our confirmands and view their completed faith projects!



CtK FINANCIAL UPDATE

FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT: AUGUST 2024

Summary of Receipts	August	YTD
Envelopes/Loose Offering	\$ 52,382	\$ 482,101
Other Income	\$ 705	\$ 11,292
Missional Projects	\$ 12,673	\$ 44,304
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 14,820	\$ 79,335
Total Receipts	\$ 80,580	\$ 617,033
Income and Expenses	August	YTD
Income (Envelopes/Loose & Other)	\$ 53,087	\$ 493,394
Expenditures	\$ 58,922	\$ 479,260
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (5,835)	\$ 14,133
Loose Offering	August	YTD
Northern Indiana Food Bank	\$ 798	\$ 7,428
No 5th Sunday This Month	\$ —	\$ 1,148
ELCA Benevolence (10% of Offering)	August	YTD
10% of Offering	\$ 5,238	\$ 48,210

*Envelopes/Loose total includes the \$1,148 (YTD) 5th Sunday offering for the General Fund.
Missional Projects total includes the \$798 August loose offering for the Norther Indiana Food Bank.*

Please consider making a gift to Christ the King through your estate plans.

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Holy Communion is part of every
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Distribution varies as described below.

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"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19a



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8:15 am: Traditional worship led by organ and/or piano, including the Sanctuary Choir or Alleluia! Ringers, and Holy Communion distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

Sundays at 9:30 am: Contemporary worship led by Xalt!, this service is family-friendly but speaks to people of all ages. Holy Communion is celebrated by station with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

Sundays at 11:15 am: Traditional worship led by organ and/or piano, including the Sanctuary Choir or Alleluia! Ringers, a Young People's Message, and Holy Communion distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

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.ckluth.com/worship to find a worship video, the worship folder for Sunday's service, and an online donation link to continue your tradition of giving at worship.