



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH *THE KING'S HERALD* JULY 2026



CARD SALE

The Women of the ELCA will hold a greeting card sale on Sunday, July 26th during and after the Feast and Fellowship breakfast. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase greeting cards at bargain prices. Some cards are hand-crafted and there are all varieties available. Think about what cards you will need over the next few months and then do your shopping locally.



LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH



The Lutheran Lunch Bunch will go to Noy's Bistro, 976 Coronado Blvd., Universal City, Texas on July 23rd at 11:30 am. Reservations need to be made in advance, so please let Susan Abbey know if you will be able to join the group.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"I Am the Vine; You are the Branches"

October 9 - 11, 2026, Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville

The event begins on Friday, October 9th at 5:00 pm. The registration fee covers all meals and programming. The event ends on Sunday, October 11th after brunch and worship. This year's registration fee is \$200.00. Please know you can break this up as needed. All we ask is that you bring the final payment to the retreat on Friday, October 9th. We also ask that the **first \$100 be paid by August 16th, 2026** to hold your spot as we must report our final numbers to camp. If there are special needs, please let us know. If you would like to attend on Saturday only, let us know and we can get you a price. We look forward to having you and remember, friends are welcome!



Use the link to register by August 16. If the link is not working, please reach out to Sheri Boos.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Submitted by Kathy Hanley

Thank you, ladies for the beautiful "Prayer Shawls" you have made for the people who are ill or hospitalized. Your time making lovely handmade shawls is really appreciated. The recipients are grateful for the lovely shawls. Please keep up the excellent work -- God bless you. If anyone in the congregation would like to volunteer to crochet or knit prayer shawls, we would be grateful. We have yarn available for prayer shawls in our fellowship hall.

NOTE: See the following instructions for the Prayer Shawls

Knitting Instructions: Lion Brand Homespun yarn (3 skeins); size 11 or 13 knitting needles
Cast on 57 stitches, Row1: Knit (k) three, Purl (p) three, to the end of the row.

Row 2 to end Turn and knit the purl and purl the knit. You will begin every row with knit. A weave pattern will develop. The fringe can be as short as 3" or as long as 8" or 9".

Also, see Fringe direction below. (Optional)

Crocheting Instructions: Homespun Yarn; size N (9mm) crochet hook

Chain to loosely, turn. Measure 20" to 24"

Row 2 through 61: Chain 2, turn, Double crochet into the tops of each double crochet and into the top of the chain2 at the end of the row.

Worsted Yarn (4 skeins): size I or J hook or K hook

Chain 57 or 61 loosely (measure 20" to 24"), turn.

Follow above instructions until about 50" long. Add fringe.

Fringe: Connect yarn into to 1 stitch on one short end of the shawl with a slip stitch. Secure tightly. Chain 15, skip one stitch on the row. Then connect with a slip stitch. Repeat between, until fringe is completed. Fringe another end to match.

Thank you! If you are interested in crocheting or knitting the shawls please contact me, Kathy Hanley.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

The church no longer subscribes to the *Living Lutheran* magazine. Our final issue will be the Winter Issue. If you would like to receive *Living Lutheran*, you may purchase an individual print subscription (mailed directly to your home) or read it online for free at www.livinglutheran.org.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Dinah Halopka-Ryson, Leadership Team

As we head into July many of us are busy getting ready to celebrate our Nation's 250th birthday and preparing for the dog days of summer. We would like to take time to thank all for your participation in our WELCA activities. Update on the Yard Sale-with your help we have raised \$4050. These monies will be used to continue our support of communities near and far.

Your support made our Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction a tasty success! Whether you cooked chili, tasted chili, ate chili, made desserts or contributed to our Silent Auction your presence is appreciated! Congratulations to our winners of the Judges Award, Fred Lopez, who represented the Bell Choir, and the People's Choice Award went to Dawn Young, representing the office staff!

July 15-19 is the Women of the ELCA's Triennial Gathering in Des Moines Iowa. We are excited and blessed to have five of our ladies attending. Please keep the following ladies in your prayers as they travel and attend the gathering: Susan Abbey, Sheri Boos, Lisa Lopez, Patsy Meyers and Dinah Ryson.

On July 26th, we will have cards available during the monthly Feast and Fellowship gathering. We have cards for all occasions so come, look and buy!

August 24th is our Annual Salad Supper and Guest speaker. Find your favorite salad recipe and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm for food, fellowship and information about Manna House Malawi. Manna House Malawi, established in 2014, currently operates three orphan care centers outside of Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, placing in the bottom five annually for decades. Join us to learn more about Manna House and its mission of helping the world's most needy children and how we can help. See you there!

October will be a busy month with Women's Retreat (Sheri Boos), Synodical Women's Convention (Leadership team) and our annual CTK Market Days (Susan Abbey). All women are invited to take part in our activities. If you haven't picked up our yearly brochure in the Narthex, please do. Learn about what your WELCA group is all about!

CTK TRAVELERS

Collette Travel and Tours will be here on September 10th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to review the "Spotlight on South Dakota" (eight separate locations) for all those interested. **Collette** representative Mike Spurdy will be here to discuss the details of the tour. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board. Brochures about the tour are also available. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hanley.



Be watching for sales of school supplies. See the list to the left. There is a tub in the Narthex to collect supplies. You are also welcome to order on line and have the package shipped to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1129 Pat Booker Road, Universal City, TX, 78148. Are you interested in helping sort supplies? We will sort and fill backpacks on Saturday, August 8th at 1:00 pm. Would you like to help deliver supplies into the hands of families? We will distribute the backpacks on Sunday, August 9th after worship. Above all, thank you for assisting in this ministry.

School Supplies for RACAP

Please donate supplies by Sunday, July 12, 2026

Pre-K-Elementary School

#2 pencils Pens
Colored Pencils
Washable Markers Rulers
Crayons
Scissors
Glue sticks
2 –Wide rule spiral notebooks
1 – Wide rule paper

1-2 Wide rule composition books

Middle/Junior/High School

#2 Pencils Pens
Colored Pens
1-College rule paper
2-College rule spiral notebooks
2-College rule composition books

RACAP also needs toothpaste and toothbrush donations for the school supply kits. Please place donations in the regular donation basket in the Narthex.



THE COUNCIL IS IN

Joanne Benson, Worship Chair

Happy Independence Day!

Our Country, the United States of America, is celebrating its 250th birthday this year. Let the fireworks commence.

I recall when I was a little girl growing up in the Twin Cities, Minnesota, we had distant relatives that celebrated Norway's Independence Day or Constitution Day, called Syttene Mai. The relatives were immigrants from Norway and the 17th of May was of extreme importance to them. I remember going to their home in Minneapolis to taste the delights of Norway; pickled herring, smoked salmon, lefse, lingonberries, krumkake, cinnamon buns, rosettes, and various cheeses and meats. I was in heaven. I was so young that the significance of the day didn't mean anything to me, other than eating wonderful treats. The part that excited me was my childhood impression that this day was an extension of my birthday. They made this day extra special just for me. (My birthday happens to be the day before -- May 16th.)

I know many folk who are born on or around our nation's birthday too. What a privilege to share your birth-day with the signing of our Declaration of Independence and the birth of our great nation. Therefore, as we reflect, let's remember we are also united also in our faith. Our belief in the One true God, the God of our Earthly and Heavenly Kingdom, the Almighty, who sacrificed His one and only Son. He sent this Son into our finite world as one of us, to demonstrate is eternal love through His death and resurrection on the cross. "The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

As we form connections with one another in Christian love and community and celebrate this momentous time in our nation's history, let us remain grateful for those who came before. The sacrifices made, the risks taken, and the courage to form a more perfect union. Let's live the motto "In God We Trust." For God has given us so much to be thankful.

Happy 4th of July!

THANK YOU!

- ♥ to Ray & Lisa Lopez for serving as Voting Members at Synod Assembly on behalf of CTK.
- ♥ to Cindy Bonaccorsi, Kathy Hanley, and Ray & Julie Trent for all their work with the Wilder Intermediate School Backpack program through the whole school year.
- ♥ to Joyce Lucas, Alfrieda Anderson, Louise Cruz, Martha McIntyre, Rich & Cindy Patterson, and Johan & Mirana Rakotoniaina for their dedication to filling the Kindness Cupboard daily.
- ♥ to Rachel Ball, Maggie Boos, Sheri Boos, Jamie Dunevant, and Lisa Lopez for teaching our children's Sunday school classes for the past school year.
- ♥ to Erika Robeson, Cathie Theis, and Julie Trent for organizing the numerous tubs of donated yarn.
- ♥ to Julie Trent, Lisa Lopez, Kathy Hanley, Dinah Halopka-Ryson, Cindy Bonaccorsi, and Susan Abbey for their work on the HS graduate blankets.

RACAP NEWS

(Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program)

Following is the RACAP information showing the number of various individuals helped in May 2026:

88 Clients / 252 People
77 Pantry Visits / 232 People Fed
40 Rent Pledges (\$4,086.18 paid)
27 Utility Pledges (\$4,403.97 paid)
45 New Clients / 43 Repeat Clients
\$20,180.00 – value of groceries given out



If you or someone you know is in need, RACAP is open Monday-Friday, 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The RACAP food pantry is located at 307 Pfeil Street in Schertz.

Thank you to our RACAP volunteers from Christ the King Lutheran Church who staff the food pantry regularly: Kathy Staley, Barbara Kovacich, Cathie Theis, Leona Hietala, Cindy Patterson and Ann Marthiljohni.

Current Needs at RACAP: Cereal, Jelly, Muffin Mix, Diapers size 6 & 7, Jell-O Mix, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Paper

BACKPACKS FOR WILDER INTERMEDIATE



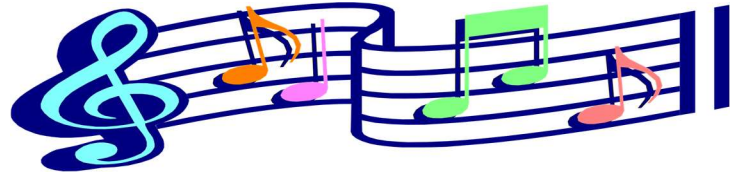
While school is on summer vacation, you can continue to keep the Backpacks for Wilder Intermediate supplied so that they are ready to reactivate when school starts in August. Items needed are cans of tuna, mac and cheese, individual snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.), and Pop Tarts. If you have any questions about this ministry, see Cindy Bonaccorsi or Kathy Hanley.



KINDNESS CUPBOARD School Summer Meal Program

According to the San Antonio Food Bank, 1 in 4 children in Bexar County don't know where their next meal will come from. Texas is also one of few states that hasn't opted into Summer EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer), which offers low-income families \$120 per eligible child to spend on food during the summer break. In Bexar County alone, more than 230,000 students would be eligible for Summer EBT. Children may still receive meals through the school summer meal program. However, the number of students it will be able to support will be significantly lower. Typically, summer meals run from May 26 until the last week of July and are usually offered Monday through Friday. A list of the locations within a 5-mile radius of Christ the King is available on the credenza in the Narthex. Please take one if you know of someone in need.

Musical Notes



CHOIR AND WORSHIP BAND NEWS

Sally Walters, Choir and Worship Band Director

Our Worship Band will rehearse on July 2, 9, 16, and 30. We meet on Thursdays at 5:00 in the sanctuary.

I believe music helps us build a closer relationship with our great God as we play, sing, and pray together! Please prayerfully consider joining us!

If you are interested, please let me know you're coming to rehearsal and I'll have music ready and waiting just for you.

For all the schedule makers out there (like me), our choir will resume rehearsals mid-August. I will share more information on that soon.

I hope you enjoy these beautiful summer months. I pray they are a time for you to Refresh, Renew, and Respond to God's voice.

BELL CHOIR NEWS

Cindy Bonaccorsi, Bell Choir Director

The hand bells are out for repair and will be ready soon. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information on when bell choir rehearsals resume.

SUMMER HUMMERS

Vanessa Jackson, Pianist

🎵 **Summer Hummers** meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm.

Summer Hummers is a casual summer gathering for singing, fellowship, and making a joyful noise together. There are no performances — just a chance to sing songs you love with other folks who enjoy music.

Bring an idea or two of something you'd love to sing (especially from the hymnals we already have, though we may give some old praise favorites a try too!). No pressure. No auditions. Just music, laughter, and fellowship. **Come make a joyful noise!!**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

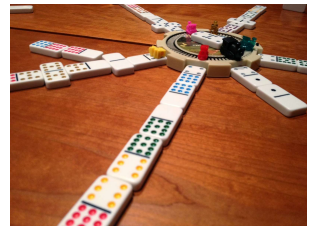
Susan Abbey, Fellowship Chair

Once again Popsicles in the Park was a huge success! We went through about 100 popsicles – might be a slight exaggeration, but lots and lots were eaten. So glad that the community kids (and some adults) joined in the fun!



BUNCO was a bust in June. Several showed up; “Bunco Pup” returned all fresh from a bath; but our game box disappeared! The search was on, but it was nowhere to be found. If you know where it went, please let Lisa Lopez or Susan Abbey know. Watch for announcements about BUNCO in July! It’s a busy month and we need at least 12 adult players to be successful.

Family Fun – Games night! July 28th -- 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite game and play with your church family! Dominoes, Farkle, Yahtzee, Sorry, Trouble, Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza – the list goes on and on! We heard mention of something called “Speed Puzzles.” More to come on that! We’ll have tea and lemonade and ask that you bring a snack to share. Please note that this is a family-friendly event, but that no childcare is provided.



SAVE THE DATE! August 2nd, will be our “back to school” picnic at the Northview Park splash pad. The entrée will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

FAITH FORMATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH PASTOR MIKE and JOANNE - 10:00AM

The Wednesday morning Bible study class will continue watching “The Chosen” TV series. The group meets at 10:00 am to watch the episode and begins discussion afterward (approx. 10:45 am). You can join the group each Wednesday in person in the Disciples Room or via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Pastor Mike or Joanne Benson. Bring your Bible and join the discussion. **Everyone is welcome!**

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CTK BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Patsy Meyers

The CTK Book Club will meet on Monday, July 6th at 6:00 pm at the American Legion, Post 667 in Universal City. Our first summer read is historical fiction entitled, *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara, chosen by Dinah Halopka-Ryson. In August, we will be discussing *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick, chosen by Jan Dunevant and Kim Ruder.



WORSHIP AT THE ARMY RESIDENCE COMMUNITY

Chaplain Bruce and Teri Betker, ARC Residents

The next worship service will take place on Sunday, July 26th at 4:00 pm in the Cheever Chapel/Friendship Room. Chaplain Bruce Betker will deliver the message and "Christmas Carol" Huebner will lead the music. Dress in your favorite Christmas fashions and come celebrate the birth of Jesus! Stay afterward for holiday fun and cheer!



TROOPONS®

The Support our Troops Troopons® program enhances the well-being of overseas and domestic military families by sending them food, non-food, baby, and pet food manufacturers coupons to make their hard-earned dollars go farther. Bring any of the above coupons (no "in-store only" coupons) to the church. There will be a drop-off box in the narthex near the RACAP collection area. For more information on the program, visit www.supportourtroops.org. Further questions? See Leona Hietala.

FRIENDLY VISITORS/CARE MINISTRY ACTIVITY

Joyce Lucas

Friendly Visitors stay busy keeping in contact with our members who are sick, homebound, or unable to attend church regularly. In May, the following contacts were made:

Number of Cards/Letters Sent:	51
Number of Emails/Texts Sent:	27
Number of Phone Calls:	12
Number of Personal Visits:	11
Number Served Communion:	1



If you would like to become a part of this important ministry, contact Joyce Lucas.

Worship Leaders/Volunteers for July 2026

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Liturgist	Katharine Barden	Rich Patterson	Joyce Lucas	Lisa Lopez
Reader	Joanne Benson	Cindy Patterson	Tina San Román	Ann Krahn
Communion Assistants	Delilah Barden Joyce Lucas	Lisa Lopez Dinah Halopka-Ryson	Joanne Benson Kathy Staley	Cathie Theis Jill Theis-Cooper
Ushers	Dunevant Family	Joy Brown Kathy Staley	Ray & Julie Trent	Kathy Hanley Sissie Mirhashemi
Media Slides	Joanne Benson	Susan Abbey	Jamie Dunevant	Jill Schulz
Acolyte	Delilah Barden	OPEN	Ethan Standtke	OPEN
Children's Church	Kathy Staley	Lisa Lopez	Tina San Román	Sheri Boos
Safety Monitor	Carol McClelland	Jim Benson	Carol McClelland	OPEN
Offering Counters	Susan Abbey Lisa Lopez	Glen Anderson Jill Schulz	Leonard Geyer Cindy Hatzel	Susan Abbey Lisa Lopez

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the August 2026 Newsletter are due no later than is **Monday, July 20th**.

You may send your articles to ctkadm@ctk-uc.org or bring them by the church

BIRTHDAYS

Fran Bitney	4
Alan Compton	4
Pete Ryson	4
Dennis Marthiljohni	6
Cindy Bonaccorsi	11
Max Deil	11
Bridget Wilburn	13
Ariana Berisha	19
Michelle Serry	19
Lorraine Rakotoniaina	24
Alfrieda Anderson	25
Jeannot Rakotoniaina	27
Jamie Dunevant	28
John Poe	28
Russell Chavez	29
Billie Gruenewald	29
Muriel Johnson	29
Stanford Lawrence	30
Marcia Zunker	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Ginny Boos (68 yrs)	5
Alan & Merrikay Compton	5
Richard & Lisa Lopez	16



JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15am Worship/Communion (Rev. Ricardo Jimenez-Reyes) 10:30am Feast and Fellowship on the 4th 11:00am CALEB AME Zion Worship 4:00pm Worship at the ARC	29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Day Camp - Cross Trails at CTK 4:00pm (Building #3 Cleaning)	30 Day Camp - Cross Trails at CTK 9:30am Text Study for A/CC Pastors	1 Day Camp - Cross Trails at CTK 10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm (Building #2 Cleaning) 6:30pm Summer Hummers	2 Day Camp - Cross Trails at CTK 7:00pm Hermann Sons Life	3 Day Camp - Cross Trails at CTK 4:00pm (Building #1 Cleaning) 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 9:15am Worship/Communion 11:00am CALEB AME Zion Worship	6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 4:00pm (Building #3 Cleaning) 6:00pm CTK Book Club	7 9:30am Text Study for A/CC Pastors 6:00pm Worship Team (Zoom)	8 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm LWR Quilting 4:00pm (Building #2 Cleaning) 6:30pm Summer Hummers	9 7:00pm DAV/DAVA	10 4:00pm (Building #1 Cleaning) 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	11 10:00am Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved (Gonzales)
12 DEADLINE FOR RACAP SCHOOL SUPPLIES 9:15am Worship/Communion 10:30am Church Council Meeting 11:00am CALEB AME Zion Worship	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 4:00pm (Building #3 Cleaning)	14 9:30am Text Study for A/CC Pastors 6:30pm Game Night - Bunco!	15 10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm (Building #2 Cleaning) 6:30pm Summer Hummers	16	17 4:00pm (Building #1 Cleaning) 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	18 11:00am Fellowship Hall Reserved (Delta Sigma Theta)
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Staff

Pastor--Rev. Mike Widner
Administrative Assistant--Dawn Young
Choir & Worship Band Director--Sally Walters
Bell Choir Director--Cindy Bonaccorsi
Pianist--Vanessa Jackson
Nursery--Rachel Ball
Bookkeeper--Suzanne Schroeder
Financial Secretary--Leona Hietala
Treasurer--Joy Brown
Media Team-- Thomas Hawkins, Shannon Lopez,
Ray Lopez, Dale Meyers

Church Council

President--Jamie Dunevant
Fellowship (Vice President)--Susan Abbey
Education (Secretary)--Maggie Boos
Mutual Ministry--Lisa Lopez
Finance--Dobie Garner
Property, Building, & Grounds--Edward Sauseda
Shepherding--Luis San Román
Worship--Joanne Benson

Education / Faith Formation Ministries

Sunday School—Maggie Boos
Wednesday Bible Study--Pastor Mike Widner and
Joanne Benson

All Other Ministries

Women of the ELCA – Dinah Halopka-Ryson
LWR Quilts -- Joanne Benson
LWR Kits -- Erika Robeson
Prayer Shawls -- Kathy Hanley
Bereavement -- Barbara Kovacich
Mission Endowment Fund -- Jill Schulz
Stewardship Committee -- Dinah Halopka-Ryson
HR Committee -- Susan Abbey
Care Team – Joyce Lucas
Ministry of Protection – Joyce Lucas
Worship Volunteers – Luis San Román

Fellowship Ministries

Fourth Sunday Breakfast--Susan Abbey
Lutheran Lunch Bunch--Susan Abbey
Book Club--Patsy Meyers

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