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A Note from Grant Fishbook LEAD TEACHING PASTOR

Get the most from CTK Life

Thanks for picking up (or downloading) this summer edition of CTK Life!

Inside you'll find just about everything we're offering this summer to help you connect, grow, and serve with the family here at Christ the King Community Church.

If you're reading the printed version, we've included tons of handy QR codes throughout. They'll take you directly to the sign-ups or websites mentioned in the text—just point your phone's camera at the code and tap the link that pops up.

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There are parts of summer that I just love... warmth, sun, days at the beach, eating fish and on an outdoor restaurant deck, long walks in the late afternoon,

shorts and flip-flops, sunglasses, grilling with friends, and the list goes on.

Here are parts of summer that I don't appreciate as much. Heat, brown lawns, yellow jackets, weeds, allergies, water bills, mosquitos. And the list goes on.

The truth is, there always seems to be two sides to every experience. Some parts we love and some parts, not so much.

This summer, CTK will be teaching through the fascinating book of Revelation. There are some parts of this book that I love! I love the focus on Jesus as he wins in the end and all things are restored to the beauty and majesty God intended. I love the hope that emerges in the book through Jesus and his love for people. I love the confidence that should emerge in every believer knowing that Jesus revealing himself to us is power and fuel for our lives!

There are also some parts of how people misuse Revelation that I don't appreciate at all. When people reduce Revelation to timelines, fear tactics and wild conjecture, there's a level of frustration that creeps in because that wasn't Jesus' intent when revealed himself in this new way.

This summer, I want to invite you to join me as we celebrate the revelation of Jesus, knowing that our hearts, our hope, and our confidence can grow through a proper understanding of one of the most misunderstood books in the entire Bible. I can promise you that we'll be stretched spiritually as we contemplate the amazing plan God has for his people.

Summer is a great time to press into the beauty, majesty and glory of God. I hope you'll join me in taking your next spiritual step towards the God who is victorious in the beginning and the end!

With great expectancy, Grant



A Note from Melonie Kemp NETWORK EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Summer is one of our favorite times of year in the PNW. We intentionally modify our schedules to take in all we can during this brief window of great weather and

outdoor opportunities that abound in our beautiful area of the globe. Summer is also a great time to try something new. In this edition of CTK Life, you'll find special events, gatherings, and service projects crafted to fit well within a summer schedule and take advantage of our beautiful area and weather. I encourage you to try a few of these summer opportunities as you engage in new next steps in your relationships with Jesus and others.

Have a great summer! Melonie

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ON THE COVER

Things get crazy fun for middle and high school students every year at Go Camp. Read all about it on page 8.

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for everyone

Celebrate summer with the whole CTK family at these upcoming events



Summer Launch Connect Event

Sunday, June 9

After services in The Commons

Wondering about some fun things to do this summer with your church family? Come see what CTK has planned for summer fun at our after-service party in the Commons. We'll serve up some yummy treats and provide information on ways you can get involved at CTK and get to know someone new this summer. We can't wait to see you there!

Join us in The Commons right after either morning service on June 9.



Ice Cream Social

After both services on Sunday, July 7

Here's the inside scoop: we're serving ice cream after church! Before you head off to your fun summer activities, stop by the tables on your way out the door and get yourself a bowl of delicious ice cream. We'll enjoy a few sweet minutes of time together as a church family, and hopefully some sunshine as well! Forget about Dairy Queen... it's our treat!

Stop by the ice cream tables after either service.



Drive-up Movie Night

Friday, July 26 • 8:00–11:00 PM in the CTK Parking Lot

Who doesn't love a drive-up movie?! UNITED Student Ministries is hosting a community drive-up movie to raise funds for Go Camp 2024. Pull up your car, tune your radio to our special frequency, and enjoy a movie with your family and friends. This is a great event for the whole family to join. We'll be selling concessions and taking donations but admission is FREE! Spread the word and we'll see you there! Movie starts at dusk.

No need for tickets—just drive up!



Join the CTK family on the 3rd Tuesday of every summer month for refreshing drinks, a chance at winning a prize, fun lawn games, and most importantly—an opportunity to connect.

At CTK, community is our middle name. We want to create spaces where everyone can find a place to discover their community, whether you've never been involved before, or you're a seasoned CTKer that loves to help others get connected.

If you're new to CTK or haven't yet found that place you can be known and get to know others, (or if you just like refreshing drinks and having fun), we hope you'll join us for one or more of the following get-togethers.

No need to sign up—just show up! Questions? Email Lori Brown (lorib@ctk.church).

SATURDAY, JULY 13

2ND ANNUAL



11:00 AM-2:00 PM in the CTK Bellingham Parking Lot

CLASSIC, CUSTOM & EXOTIC CARS

FOOD & DRINKS FOR SALE



*All proceeds benefit CTK Student Ministries including funding for Go Camp, an end-of-summer retreat for middle & high school students



HAVE A CAR TO SHOW?

Registration is \$20 per car* and includes dash plaque and swag bag. Preregister at **ctk.link/carshow**, scan QR below, or register day-of onsite starting at 9 AM.



Lemonade & Lawn Games

Tuesday, June 18 6:00-7:30 PM at Cornwall Park

Come sample various flavored lemonades and vote for your favorite at Cornwall Park. We'll have lawn games, prizes, and lots of fun. Enter at the Meridian entrance across from Squalicum Parkway.



Floats & Fun

Tuesday, July 16 6:00–7:30 PM at Squalicum Creek Park

Meet us at Squalicum Creek Park for ice cream floats! Choose your flavor of soda and drop in a dollop of creamy vanilla ice cream for the perfect

summer treat.



Italian Sodas & Sunshine

Tuesday, August 20 6:00–7:30 PM at Bloedel-Donovan Park

Saying goodbye to summer is never easy, so we won't let it slip away without one more chance to sip a cold drink at a beautiful park, with awesome people. Join us near the boat launch at Bloedel-Donovan Park fo

launch at Bloedel-Donovan Park for our final Sips of Summer with CTK and we'll enjoy some fun-flavored Italian sodas together.



kids



Baptism Class for Kids

Sunday, July 21 6:00-7:30 PM in Room 210

Has your child expressed interest in being baptized? Our kids baptism class is the perfect next step.

Has your child expressed interest in being baptized? Our kids baptism class is the perfect next step. We'll be baptizing at Lake Padden on the evening of Sunday, August 4 and the kids baptism class is Sunday evening, July 21. Parents are asked to attend with their child.

In most cases, we suggest 3rd grade and older as a suitable age for kids to be baptized. The class will help you and your child determine their readiness to take this important step in their journey with Jesus.

No need to sign up—just show up! For more information contact Children's Pastor Duane Weaver at duanew@ctk.church.

visit kids.ctk.church

for the latest information, events, and opportunities to get connected



CTK Kids Sunday Mornings

Every Sunday during the 9:30 & 11:15 AM services Every Sunday, there's a place for kids—from newborn to 5th grade—to have fun, make friends, and learn how much Jesus loves them (and how to love him back)!

Questions? Contact Pastor Duane Weaver (duanew@ctk.church or ext. 2236)

Nursery

Infants and Toddlers up to 17 months

Your newest family members are very precious to you—and to us too. That's why we're intentional about creating a clean, safe environment where they will be loved and cared for while you attend the service. This is their first experience in God's house, so we focus on the love and joy of Jesus for these youngsters

Adventureland

18 months-5 years

Kids age 18 months to 5 years old are ready to move, worship, and learn in much more active ways. Adventureland helps them discover the love of Jesus through games, musical worship, and Bible lessons that come to life. During this curious stage of their lives we want to encourage them to explore and discover a God who delights in them!

Base Camp Kindergarten-5th grade

Every adventurer needs a base to venture out from, and that's what Base Camp provides for K-5th graders. It's a place to grow and discover God's truths while learning to love others well. As kids develop their relationship with Jesus, they will grow in their identity in Christ and learn to look out for "God opportunities" and avoid pitfalls that can cause us to lose our way.

Discover greatness!

When Jesus' disciples asked him, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" he answered, "...anyone who becomes as humble as this little child..." (Matthew 18:1-4). *A child*!

Children have a lot to teach us about faith and following Jesus. By nature, they have to rely on God and the community around them to thrive. That's the truth Jesus wanted his disciples (and us) to see. When we acknowledge our dependence on God and others in the body of Christ—the church—we are positioned to experience all the good God has in store for us.

This summer, we invite you to experience the blessing of serving with CTK Kids. Come discover greatness!

To let us know you're interested, visit ctk.link/kids or email Claire Moore at bhkidsadmin@ctk.church.



See what our volunteers are saying! Visit ctk.link/servingkids



Join CTK Kids for a **Bellingham Bells Game!**

Thursday, July 11 6:35 PM at Joe Martin Field



Come meet other CTK families at Joe Martin Field for a Bellingham Bells Game. CTK will have a tent set up in the grassy outfield area against the fence.

Purchase your own tickets (choose General Admission Bleachers or Dry Guv Hillside). Bring a chair or blanket if you plan to sit in the grassy area.

Discounted tickets are \$9.50 each using the promo code CTK24.

Purchase online at ctk.link/bells. Arrive early for best parking. Questions? Email Claire (clairem@ctk.church).



CTK Kids, Teens & Families Blueberry Picking

Dates to be announced when harvest is ready

CTK Kids is once again partnering with the CTK Farm for blueberry picking! We would love to have your family join us for two hours of picking this summer. We'll spend the first hour harvesting for CTK Food Share to help feed our community. The blueberries you pick in the second hour are yours to keep! Blueberries have their own schedule... so be on the lookout for specific dates later this summer.

Interested in helping out? Let us know at ctk.link/blueberries and we'll contact you when the crop is ready to harvest!



Questions? Contact Clarie Moore (360-733-1337 or clairem@ctk.church)

THE BIG

SATURDAY, **AUGUST 3**

1-3 PM **IN THE CTK PARKING LOT**

100% FUN. **100% FREE!**

For more information, contact Clare Moore (clairem@ctk.church).

Join us for the most smashingly fun event ever!

At The Big Drop, you can play games, eat sweet treats, and let gravity do its thing as you watch all kinds of stuff drop from way up high and go KERSPLAT! Everyone will hear the story of Jesus' first disciples and discover how we too, can drop everything and follow him.

Parents are required to attend this event with their children.

The Big Drop is completely free and

no sign up is required. But for a chance to win our big raffle prize, RSVP ahead of time at ctk.link/drop.



Volunteer at Lummi Jesus Quest Bible Camp

Saturday, June 29

In 2005, a Lummi elder had a vision of having a Bible camp to introduce children of the Lummi Nation to Jesus. She asked CTK members June Cox and her late husband Tom to direct it. There were two things she insisted on: that the camp be overnight, and free of charge for kids to come. Except for 2020, camp has been held ever since!

Jesus Quest Bible Camp hosts 7-12 year olds, and this year's theme is Fully Known, Fully Loved. In addition to teaching about Jesus, the Bible, and prayer, the attempt is made to give campers the time of their lives. That's where you come in!



On Saturday afternoon, we have a couple hours of water activities. Many of those involve using water balloons, ending with a giant water balloon fight. On Saturday morning into early afternoon, June 29, we're looking for volunteers to fill water balloons and set up for the activities. Will you help out?

If you're interested in helping out, please email Claire Moore (clairem@ctk.church) for details.

students



LABOR DAY WEEKEND AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2 AT CAMP FIRWOOD

Hey, middle schoolers and high schoolers — it's the best time of year again! Go Camp is back and it's happening at Camp Firwood on Labor Day weekend.

This is a time to have fun, build community, and grow in your relationship with Jesus. Lives are impacted and changed every year at Go Camp, and we believe God is going to move in amazing ways this year as well.

Don't miss out on the best weekend of the year!

COST

Early Bird (through June 30).....\$250 Regular (July 1-August 16)......\$275

REGISTER and find out more at **ctk.church/gocamp**

Questions? Email Pastor Josh Lease (joshl@ctk.church).

Limited financial assistance is available. To inquire, email Keri Allen (keria@ctk.church).





MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

We're continuing to gather with our middle schoolers all summer long! Join us every other Tuesday from June 25 to August 13 for events like water wars, a drive-up movie that the whole family can attend, roller skating, and more! We'll continue to have fun in community and grow in our relationships with Jesus so don't miss out on what will be an amazing summer!

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 Water Wars at Marine Park 6-8 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 9 MSU Summer Session at CTK, 6-8 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 23

MSU Summer Session Backyard Barbecue, 6-8 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Drive-Up Movie Night at CTK 8-11 PM (movie starts at dusk)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 Baptism at Lake Padden 4-6 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 Pick-n-Picnic at the CTK Farm 6-8 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 Roller Skating at Lynden Skateway

AUG 30 - SEP 2 Go Camp at Firwood

HSU

MSU

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Middle School UNITED is gathering throughout the summer to have fun in the sun! We'll be heading to the lake, having bonfires, barbecuing and more. Stay tuned for more details but save the dates so you can be sure to join us!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 HSU Summer Sessions Launch (see details, next page)

SUNDAY, JULY 7 HSU Summer Night at Sudden Valley Marina

SATURDAY, JULY 13 Cruisin' to CTK Car Show Fundraiser

SUNDAY, JULY 21 HSU Summer Night Backyard Barbecue

FRIDAY, JULY 26 Drive-Up Movie Night at CTK 8-11 PM (movie starts at dusk)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 HSU Goes to Wild Waves (see details, next page)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 Pick-n-Picnic at the CTK Farm 6-8 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 HSU Summer Night: Pool Party

AUG 30 - SEP 2 Go Camp at Firwood

Questions about High School UNITED? Email Pastor Josh Lease (JoshL@ctk.church)

Questions about Middle School UNITED? Email Logan Nelson (logann@ctk.church)

HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP



HSU Summer Sessions

8 Wednesdays, June 26-August 14 6:00-8:00 PM • Meeting Place Alcove

Two thousand years ago, Jesus called his disciples with two simple words: *"Follow me."* But what does it mean to follow Jesus today in our busy and distracted culture?

This summer High School UNITED (HSU) is inviting high school students to join us on an 8-week journey where we discuss how to practice the way of Jesus. Each Wednesday evening we'll grill hot dogs, hang out, and have fun in community. Over the 8 weeks we'll use teaching, guided conversations, and spiritual exercises to build a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus.

Register at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email Katie Hjort (katieh@ctk.church).





HSU Goes to Wild Waves!

Saturday, August 3 8:00 AM-9:00 PM • \$60.00

SPECIAL EVENTS

High School UNITED is heading south to Wild Waves water park in Federal Way and we have room for 20 high schoolers to join us! We'll be there all day having fun in the sun, and enjoying community with one another. Drop-off and pickup will be from CTK. Be sure to sign up and reserve your spot ASAP before we fill up! Registration closes at 11:59 PM on Thursday, July 18.

Register by Thursday, July 18 at ctk.link/wildwaves. Questions? Email Katie Hjort (katieh@ctk.church)



CTK Kids, Teens & Families Blueberry Picking

Wednesday, June 12 6:00-9:00 PM in The Meeting Place

CTK Families is once again partnering with the CTK Farm for blueberry picking! We would love to have your family join us for two hours of picking this summer. We'll spend the first hour harvesting for CTK Food Share to help feed our community. The blueberries you pick in the second hour are yours to keep! Blueberries have their own schedule...so be on the lookout for specific dates later this summer.

Interested in helping out? Let us know at ctk.link/blueberries and we'll contact you when the crop is ready to harvest!

Questions? Contact Clarie Moore (360-733-1337 or clairem@ctk.church)



EVERY-WEEK GATHERINGS · COMING THIS FALL

Middle School United (MSU)

Starts up Tuesday, September 10 6:30-8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove

MSU is a community of middle schoolers from all over Whatcom County who gather together every week to play games, pray, worship Jesus, hear from scripture, and host God's presence together. We would love to have you join us as we follow Jesus.

See you Tuesday nights this fall!

High School United (HSU)

Starts up Sunday, September 8 6:30–8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove

HSU is a group of high schoolers who gather every Sunday evening to follow Jesus together. Our aim is to be an authentic, Christ-centered community that does life together, navigates tough questions, and encourages one another. Wherever you are in your faith journey, please come join us!

See you Sunday nights this fall!

young adults

women



Young Adults Saturday Morning Coffee

3 Saturdays, June 8, July 13, August 10 9:00-10:30 AM at Bakerview Woods 428 W Bakerview Rd

On the second Saturday of each month, join us for coffee and conversation at Woods on West Bakerview. Whether you're a coffee connoisseur or just looking for space to make new friends, we want you to join us! (Food and beverages are at your expense.)

No need to sign up—just show up!



Young Adults Pick-n-Picnic

Sunday, July 21 1:00–3:00 PM at the CTK Farm Corner of Hannegan & Hemmi

Come join the young adults of CTK for an inspiring day of connection and learning from those already serving our community. We'll gather at the CTK farm at to enjoy a Pick-n-Picnic event. But this isn't just any picnic-it's an opportunity to make friends, share a meal together, and serve together. After we eat, we'll spend an hour helping out on the farm in any way needed. All you need is gardening attire and a heart to serve others!

Sign up now at ctk.link/events so we know how many folks to expect.



Young Adult Worship Night

Friday, June 14 6:00-9:00 PM in The Meeting Place

We sense a growing hunger for the presence of God among young adults in Whatcom County. So we want to make space for young adults (18-30s) to pursue Jesus together and follow where he leads. Gather with us as we worship God in song and wait on the Holy Spirit to move.

RSVP at ctk.link/events or email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).



Young Adults Serve Day

Saturday, August 17 9:00 AM-4:00 PM in Sumas, WA

CTK Response teams will join forces with Whatcom Strong to complete an exterior painting and fence building project for victims of the 2021 flood in Sumas. No experience needed. We're looking for young adults to jump in and help.



Sign up now at ctkserves.org/projects and we'll reach out with more specifics.

Have a question about young adults ministry?

Email Young Adults Pastor Jake Hruza (jakehruza@ctk.church).



Prayer Shawl Group

Selected Thursday Mornings 10:00 AM-Noon in Base Camp

Join with others who knit or crochet to create shawls, blankets, hats, and scarves to give away to people dealing with a health crisis or difficult time in life. These items offer comfort and a reminder that the CTK family cares. The group meets to knit and pray on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month. You'll find great fellowship, various levels of experience, and always-helpful advice. Patterns and supplies are provided as needed. Summer dates: June 6 & 20, July 18 & 25, (not meeting on July 4), and August 1 & 15.

If you'd like to participate, donate yarn, or know someone who would appreciate a shawl, email Pastor Julie Burleson (julieb@ctk.church).



response teams

Join a CTK Response Team for one or more of these summertime service projects! **Saturdays, 9 AM-4 PM**

Consider serving as a family. It's a great way for kids to experience Jesus and the church in a different way.

Ferndale Early Learning Center Landscaping

Saturday, June 29 Age 8+ with parent/guardian

If you love pressure washing or spreading bark, this is the project for you! This daycare is run by the Boys & Girls Clubs and serves our littlest neighbors in Ferndale. There's a host of pruning, weeding, planting, building, and general clean up to do, so bring the whole family!

Lighthouse Mission New Building Move-in Prep

Saturday, July 20 Age 8+ with parent/guardian

Our goal is to bring at least 60 volunteers to help the mission landscape the new building and/or do the final clean up before move-in. This may be our biggest response team yet! Be a part of this important step forward in our community's ability to shelter the unhoused. No experience needed-just helping hands.

Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic New Space Remodel

Saturday, August 3 • Age 18+

WCPC is moving their clinic to a new space on Cornwall & York downtown that used to be a bank. At several points in the remodel, they will be looking for skilled volunteers to help. We've committed to August 3 and will rally a team as construction progresses and it's clearer what stage the project will be at on that day.

Whatcom Strong Painting & Fence Building

Saturday, August 17 Age 10+ with parent/guardian

The Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group (*Whatcom Strong*) was formed after the 2021 floods to provide recovery coordination and services to private individuals, businesses, and groups affected by disaster. CTK Response teams will join forces with them again to paint a house exterior for a homeowner who was affected by flooding. There may also be fence work we can take care of the same day.

Cascade Connections ADA Gazebo & Gravel Path

Saturday, September 7 Age 14+ with parent/guardian

This project is simple to explain but a little tricky to do. For years, we have sent Response Teams out to work on the big yard out behind this group home for adults with disabilities. But this year, they asked if we could put in a gravel path and gazebo that are easily accessible. What a fun space to create for this beautiful community of roommates up in Lynden.



See a need, meet a need together, in Jesus' name.

ctkserves.org/respond

Lighthouse Mission Agape Home Refresh

Saturday, October 19 Age 14+ with parent/guardian

Agape Home is Lighthouse Mission's facility for women and children coming out of homelessness. We've been invited to partner with staff to reimagine the downstairs playroom & living space with a new mural, furniture and overall redesign. If this ignites your creative juices, join us to bless the families staying there now and in the future!

See the complete project schedule and sign up at ctkserves.org/projects.





all adults



Baptism Classes

Sunday, July 21 • 6:00–7:30 PM In Person in Room 216 or Online via Zoom

Jesus taught baptism as a way to publicly declare our decision to trust and follow him. If you've committed your life to Jesus and you're ready to take this important step, **we'll be baptizing at Lake Padden on Sunday, August 4.** To be included, come to our baptism class on Sunday evening, July 21, either in person or on Zoom. We look forward to hearing your story and explaining what baptism is all about.

Register by Friday, July 19 at baptism.ctk.church. Questions? Contact Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church or x2219).

For children 12 and younger who have expressed interest in being baptized, we'll be teaching a baptism class at the same time in Room 210.

See all the details on page 6.



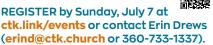


How to Read Revelation Workshop, Part 2

Monday, July 8 • 6:00–7:30 PM at CTK Bellingham (Room TBD)

This summer we're reading through the Book of Revelation together as a church, and we want to help you make sense of it. If you want to learn more about Revelation, how it fits into the rest of the Bible, what it teaches us, and how to apply it to your life, join Pastor Julie Burleson for this workshop covering the second half of the book.

You'll come away with helpful tools and insights to make your reading of Revelation more meaningful. Even if you didn't attend Part 1 in June, Part 2 will still be helpful. You'll gain a balanced perspective on this final chapter of scripture.



Seniors' Bible Study & Lunch

2nd Thursday of Every Month 10:30 AM-Noon in the Meeting Place

Seniors meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month for fun, fellowship, Bible study, and to enjoy lunch together. Invite a friend (55+) and join us! Our summer quarter gatherings are June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 12.

\$2 donation for lunch is appreciated.

No need to sign up—just show up! Questions? Contact Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church or 360-733-1337).



Baptisms at Lake Padden

Sunday, August 4 4:00–6:00 PM at Lake Padden Park

Have you been thinking about being baptized? Our summer baptisms happen at Lake Padden on Sunday, August 4! If you've decided to follow Jesus and would like to be included, see information about the baptism class to the left.

We also invite everyone to join us out at Lake Padden to come and celebrate. If you'd like to bring a potluck side dish, we'll provide a main dish—or just join in as we cheer on those who are baptized. Find us at the picnic shelter by the Lake Padden playground. Those being baptized will meet at the shelter at 3:30 PM to get oriented.

No need to sign up—just show up! Questions? Contact Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).





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SAVE THE DATE: **Faith & Finances**

10 Monday nights starting Sept. 30 6:00-7:30 PM in Room 210

Have you ever wondered if God cares about your FAITH& financial struggles? We FINANCES believe God wants to heal every part of our lives, including our finances. Faith

& Finances is a areat option if vou're struggling to make ends meet, stressed or hopeless about your family's financial future, or unsure how to navigate your current financial situation.

Over 10 weeks together, we'll learn practical financial tools to help in everyday life-like setting realistic goals, tracking expenses, creating a spending plan, and managing debt. The small aroup format provides a safe environment and set of connections to explore this area of life in community. Come share 90 minutes with us Monday nights as we discover the path toward financial stability and freedom!

Register by Sunday, Sep. 29 at ctk.link/faithandfinances. **Questions? Contact Keri Allen** (keria@ctk.church or 360-733-1337).

Faith & Finances Interest Meeting

Monday, September 16 • 6:00-7:00 PM

Ever wondered whether the Faith and Finances class is a good fit for you? Do you want to know more before you commit? Join us for an info meeting to ask your questions and learn what's involved. Save the date and watch for more details in late August.

See also...

Young Adult Events (page 16)



Guys Breakfast

Saturday, June 22 • \$5.00 9:00-11:00 AM in The Meeting Place

Gentlemen of all generations, let's have breakfast together! Our Guys Breakfast is a place connect, encourage each other, laugh, and join in the mission of following Jesus and making disciples. It's also a great time to invite your guy friends or your dad. Feel free to bring vour kids as well!

MEN'S SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Fathered by God

LEARNING WHAT

FATHERED

8 Thursdays, June 27-August 22

6:00-8:00 PM in Room 211 \$12.00 for materials

RSVP by Wednesday, June 19 at ctk.link/events or email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).





Men's Barbecue

Saturday, August 10 • 12:00-3:00 PM at Hovander Park in Ferndale • \$10.00

Guys, do you like BBQ? We want to connect with you, enjoy the summer weather, and eat a tasty grilled lunch together. We'll meet out at Hovander Park in Ferndale, play some games, and get to know each other better. Your kids (age 10+) are welcome to attend as well.

RSVP and prepay by Wednesday. August 7 at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church).



In an age when fathers are more important than ever, how do you embark on your journey to manhood and know how to steer clear of the dangers along the way?

In Fathered by God, bestselling author John Eldredge reminds us that there's a path to masculinity and, best of all, there's a loving Father ready to help us follow it. Register today to join us for this 8-week book study!

(Not meeting on Thursday, July 4)

Register by Wednesday, June 26 at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church).



360-733-1337

families



Volunteer at Lummi Jesus Quest Bible Camp

Saturday, June 29

In 2005, a Lummi elder had a vision of having a Bible camp to introduce children of the Lummi Nation to Jesus. She asked CTK members June Cox and her late husband Tom to direct it. There were two things she insisted on: that the camp be overnight, and free of charge for kids to come. Except for 2020, camp has been held ever since!

Jesus Quest Bible Camp hosts 7-12 year olds, and this year's theme is Fully Known, Fully Loved. In addition to teaching about Jesus, the Bible, and prayer, the attempt is made to give campers the time of their lives. That's where you come in!

On Saturday afternoon, we have a couple hours of water activities. Many of those involve using water balloons, ending with a giant water balloon fight. On Saturday morning into early afternoon, June 29, we're looking for volunteers to fill water balloons and set up for the activities. Will you help out?

If you're interested in helping out. please email Claire Moore (clairem@ctk.church) for details.

Need Back-to-School Support?

Blue Skies Back-to-School Boost

With inflation, the high cost of housing. and our county-wide shortage in childcare, we know it's tough out there for families... and getting tougher. As you look ahead to the school year, could you use a little help with back-to-school necessities like backpacks, warm coats, shoes and more? If so, we want to introduce you to our community partner Blue Skies for Children who are hosting a Back-to-School Boost event right here at CTK July 29 to August 3.



Schedule

- Tuesday, July 30 4–7 pm
- Wednesday, July 31 3-6 pm
- Thursday, August 1 6-9 pm
- Friday, August 2 9 am-12 pm
- Saturday, August 3 10 am-2 pm

To sign up for a free shopping time and make sure your income qualifies, please email our Blessing Coordinator, Keri Allen (keria@ctk.church).



CTK Kids, Teens & Families Blueberry Picking

Dates to be announced when harvest is readv

Family ministry is once again partnering with the CTK Farm for blueberry picking! We would love to have your family join us for two hours of picking this summer. We'll spend the first hour harvesting for CTK Food Share to help feed our community. The blueberries you pick in the second hour are yours to keep! Blueberries have their own schedule...so be on the lookout for specific dates later this summer.

Interested in helping out? Let us know at ctk.link/blueberries and we'll contact you when the crop is ready to harvest!

Questions? Contact Clarie Moore (360-733-1337 or clairem@ctk.church)



Computers for People in Need

Do you have a K-12 student in need of a computer? It's almost back-to-school time again and with all the busyness that comes with this time of year, we wanted to remind you that CTK partners with Computers for People in Need (C4PIN) to get technology in the hands of those who need it. C4PIN is a volunteer-driven organization whose purpose is to get the tools of technology to everyone by offering quality refurbished computers at very low cost.

If you have a student in need of a computer, email Keri Allen (keria@ctk.church) or call the church office.

prayer ministry

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP How to Engage with the Prayer Room

Saturday, August 10 9:30 AM-Noon in the Prayer Room (214)

Are you excited about our new Prayer Room but not sure how to use it? Prayer can seem complicated and overwhelming, but it doesn't need to be! We've set up the Prayer Room so you can be guided through a prayer time or use it as you feel led.

No matter where you are in your journey with prayer, come learn how to engage with God through Worship & Thanksgiving, Confession & Repentance, Intercession & Petition, and Contemplation.

Led by our Network Prayer Pastor, Carrie Butler, this half-day workshop includes a short teaching on each of these areas of prayer, plus helpful tools, creative expressions, and simple practices for growing in prayer. We'll also learn how the Prayer Room is being used to further unite our church as a house of prayer. Join us!

Register at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).





THE PRAYER ROOM (Room 214, upstairs on the west side of the building) is open weekdays during office hours (Mon-Thu, 9 AM-4 PM) and on Sundays during services. Questions? Email Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).

Day to Pray New schedule starts Thursday, August 1

For a number of years, CTK has been part of a county-wide prayer movement called Day to Pray. The goal is simple: to cover every day of the month in prayer with every church in the county. We pray in unity for the church, the community and the world. We're excited to announce that CTK's designated Day to Pray will be changing from the fourth Friday of every month to the **first Thursday of every month** so we can use the new Prayer Room and pray in person!

Starting Thursday, August 1, join us at your chosen time slot (or even longer) in the Prayer Room while the church is open (9 AM-4 PM). Guides, prompts, and themes will be available to help you pray specifically and

powerfully as you share the gift of intercession with others.

Haven't signed up for Day to Pray? Register at ctk.link/pray and choose a time slot

Already signed up? Find prayer guides at ctk.church/day2pray

Questions?

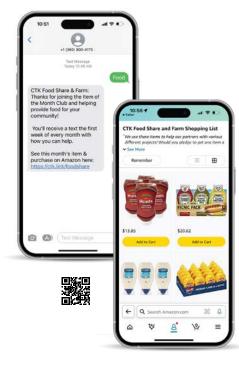


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Email Prayer Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church)

food share & farm

Join CTK Food Share's Item of the Month Club



OUR 2024 GOAL is for 250 CTKers to commit to buying 2 to 3 items of the month every month of the year so we can offer real support to our partners in all winter long when the need is highest.

To join, just text **FOOD** to **360-800-4173**.

During the first week of every month, we'll text you the item of the month along with an Amazon Wishlist link that allows you to purchase online and ship directly to CTK. Or you can purchase items when you shop for groceries and drop them off at the Food Share bin in the Commons. (Message and data rates may apply) FOOD SHARE ITEMS OF THE MONTH • SUMMER 2024

JUNE

Peanut Butter & Nut Butters

Peanut butter is a great source of protein for clients of the Foothills Food Bank. Help us stock their shelves!

JULY

Canned Protein for Lord's Table Food Bank

Protein is incredibly important for a healthy diet but often expensive. Let's help the people at Lord's Table Food Bank in Van Zandt offer this shelf-stable variety to their clients. Canned tuna, chicken, beef, and pork are good options.



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AUGUST

Crackers and Granola Bars for Open Hands

Open Hands feeds 860 kids in Whatcom County each weekend. Ritz crackers and granola bars are staples in their weekend bags. Let's fill 'em up!



SEPTEMBER

Canned Soup & Chili for Eleanor Apartments

Seniors commonly need simple, easy-to-prepare meals when they aren't feeling well. Canned soup and chili are a great option often requested! Let's help feed some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Low sodium varieties appreciated.

visit ctkserves.org/fsf-partners to learn more and get involved



These volunteer roles are crucial to the farm's success



The CTK Farm has some key positions to fill to make the 2024 growing season happen...

Gleaning Assistant

Willing to help coordinate gleanings and take care of some admin responsibilities? This position might be for you.

Farm Hosts

Do you have the gift of hospitality? We would love your help hosting a few events this summer at the farm.

If you're interested in exploring any of these positions, please email our Food Share & Farm Director, Faith Whaley, at **faithw@ctk.church**.

Grow a Row Coordinator

Grow a Row is a program to collect food from locals' home gardens. We're looking to expand this program and help others serve their community by donating their surplus.

Food Prep Coordinator

Fresh food becomes sparse in winter months. We're looking for a coordinator to help us prep, chop, and freeze some of our fresh vegetables for distribution in the winter months.

Helping out at the CTK Farm is a lot of fun!

Join us for one or more of these summer events



Come & See Tours

Come and see what we are up to at the CTK Food Share & Farm. Take a tour, learn about what we do, then join us in the field to work for an hour or so. Multiple dates are available throughout the summer.

Sign up at ctkserves.org/farmteam



Blueberry Gleaning

Bring your friends and family to glean blueberries at a local farm. This is a family-friendly task.

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram (**CTK Food Share & Farm**) to stay in the know when blueberries are ready for harvest, or watch the weekly program.



Pick-n-Picnic

Gather up a group, pack a picnic dinner, and knock out an hour of easy farm tasks with us at the CTK Farm. This opportunity is open to any group of 6-12 people who would like to come serve at the farm as a group.

Sign up at ctkserves.org/farmteam

community partners

Making Hope Real for our Unhoused Neighbors

Get to know our community partners who help people find safe, stable places to live

None of us can ignore the fact that economic pressures and under-resourced systems (like mental health care and substance abuse prevention/recovery) are increasing the number of people in our community going unhoused. That day in, day out reality for hundreds of men, women, and children in Whatcom County breaks the heart of God. But we choose to believe that, in Jesus, there is always a way forward. We also understand that often Jesus' way forward is through the sacrificial choices of others to love, give, serve, listen and learn.

Our hope is that, more than anyone, the people of God would seek first to understand and then to move into action, allowing their views on homelessness to be shaped by God's perspective as they bring their real-life experiences to him. We partner with several organizations that actively intersect the lives of people who lack stable, safe housing. We encourage you to visit each of their partners pages at **ctkserves.org** to see what these groups are up to and how you could lend a hand.



Lighthouse Mission Ministries (LMM) started in Whatcom County back in 1923 and has grown and evolved as the causes and experiences of homelessness have changed through the years. Their latest response comes in the form of a new

building designed to provide separate shelters for men, women, families, medically fragile, and those with special needs—all in one 5 story facility. **We are excited to bring together a CTK Response Team on Saturday, July 20** to help them prepare for move-in. Come be another pair of helping hands to support the LMM team as they expand services in our community... and invite a friend to make a difference with you.

Sign up for the service project at ctkserves.org/projects.



The new Lighthouse Mission on Holly Street is nearing completion!

Lydia Place works with an average of 300 homeless families per year to provide temporary housing, case management, parenting support, in-home mental health care, and so much more. In many ways, they lead the charge in helping our community understand the complexity of how families lose their housing and what it takes to interrupt that downward spiral. Consider putting together a welcome basket of essentials for a family just moving into one of Lydia Place's temporary homes.





Lydia Place's Heart House is part of their permanent supportive housing program

And housing is a big part of a couple other partners' primary missions. **World Relief** resettles families who have been displaced from their homes, communities, and even countries of origin, and **Engedi Refuge Ministries** offers safe, confidential shelter for women escaping sexual exploitation.

In the fall edition of CTK Life, we'll conclude this year-long series of articles with a feature on our community partners who equip and empower kids and adults with disabilities.

Remember, opportunities to put your faith in action are always as close as a few clicks on our **ctkserves.org** website. CTK verifies the needs and establishes the relationships, but it's your willingness to serve and support that makes these partnerships real for nonprofits all over Whatcom County!



Help Host Blue Skies' Back-to-School Boost

Serve during the week of July 29-August 3

For years, Blue Skies for Children has connected homeless, low-income, and foster kids with back-to-school necessities like backpacks, warm coats, shoes and more. Last year, they served 775 families, a 35% jump from 2022, including more families from county school districts outside Bellingham and more families who speak English as a second language. It was a huge win for the community and for Blue Skies.



Hosting the event here at CTK across 6 days simplified the process for families and for staff who had never had access to that many volunteers. So we're hosting again this year! It will take 60 volunteers to check in families, help them shop for sizes and styles that fit each kid, and restock inventory. This is a great way to serve as a family, and we welcome volunteers ages 8 and older who are serving with an adult. Serve one shift or more!

Back-to-School Boost Volunteer Schedule

TUE, JUL 30	3:30-8:00 PM
WED, JUL 31	2:30-7:00 PM
THU, AUG 1	5:30-10:00 PM
FRI, AUG 2	8:30 AM-1:00 PM
SAT, AUG 3	9:30 AM-2:00 PM & 1:00-3:30 PM



To choose your shift, sign up at **ctkserves.org/blueskies**.

CTK volunteers Kristin Thomas and BJ Abercrombie joined many others to help host last year's Back-to-School Boost

Explore all our community partnerships in depth at **ctkserves.org/partners**





On the Community Partners page...

- Learn the heart behind community partnerships
- Scroll to see a list of all our community partners



Click any partner's logo to...

- Watch a short video about the work they do in our community
- See what items their clients need most and how you can help out
- Visit the partner's website



Keep scrolling down to see...

- A video explaining the "why" of community partnerships
- The criteria we use to select our community partners

missions

Brian and Tracy Hull, CTK Global Ambassadors G G Getkglobalambassadors

Watch videos and learn more at **ctk.church/missions**

Living Water Outreach Trips to Honduras

October 12–19, 2024 Second trip in 2025; dates TBD

During Missions Month 2023, CTK raised \$50,000 for 5 wells in Choluteca, Honduras. Now you're invited to join a team from CTK as we participate in the mission of LWI: to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and to experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst.

Be a part of this exciting opportunity to join with LWI and link arms with the local church to provide water, for life, in Jesus name.



Activities may include helping drill a well, community outreach, hygiene training, sharing Bible stories, children's events, and more.

For more information, email Tracy Hull (tracyh@ctk.church).

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS



Outreach Trip to Kenya

September 2024 with Pamoja Love Join Pamoja Love on this life-changing journey. Our 2-week outreach will take us to Western Kenya and Nairobi, engaging in a range of activities:

- 1. Building homes for widows in Western Kenya. We will construct safe and secure homes for widows, a vulnerable population often overlooked. This is more than just building homes; it's about providing a foundation for a hopeful future.
- Working at jigger clinics. Our team will lend support at local clinics treating jigger infestations, a pervasive and debilitating health issue in this region. Your participation can make a profound difference in the lives of those suffering from this condition.
- 3. Visiting Kibera Slum, Nairobi. We will spend time in the Kibera slum, one of Africa's largest urban slums. Here, we'll visit a local school, working with children and empowering young mothers through education and skill-building activities.

By joining this serving trip, you'll have the opportunity to work with widows, orphans, people with disabilities, and others in need. Our goal is to not only provide immediate aid but also foster sustainable growth and self-sufficiency. In every interaction, we aim to reflect the love and compassion of Jesus, standing as testament to his teachings.

Widows Walking with Widows Trip—Kenya

February 2025 with Pamoja Love

Widowhood has seasons. Seasons of hills and valleys, seasons of dry, and seasons of healing. Join Pamoja Love as we head to Kenya to spend time with an amazing group of widows who have been on a journey of their own. Together we will share stories, participate in the Widow's Project, and experience God in fresh new ways.



Pamoja Love founder Kim Ryan (right)

Experience firsthand the unique circumstances faced by widows in Western Kenya while also recognizing the universal threads of grief we all share. From building homes to facilitating food programs and celebrating together, we'll walk hand in hand on a spiritual journey toward healing, drawing closer to Jesus every step of the way.

Join us as we walk together and witness the power of hope and healing.

For more information about either of the Pamoja Love trips, email Kim Ryan hello@pamoja.love. Learn more about Pamoja Love at www.pamoja.love.

Bridges of Connection

Use your unique skills to serve our global partners—from right where you are!

It's easy to think of missions as something only for those gifted in evangelism, preaching, or teaching. But Jesus' instruction in the Great Commission is for all of us: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

We are all responsible to participate in the work of sharing the love of Jesus with the world, and it's possible to do that right where you are!

Bridges of Connection are special opportunities to serve your church's

Global Partners as they make a difference in communities around the world! At CTK there's always a place for you, and that includes the gifts and talents that God has given you. Serve alongside our CTK Global Partners from wherever you call home.

What bridge will you say yes to crossing? Check out these options:

Be a Listening Ear for any of our Global Partners



Our Global Partners often need a safe place to share and debrief, along with some wise counsel and encouragement. If you have the spiritual gift of wisdom or discernment and love to listen, this might be for you!

Sponsor a Child through Pamoja Love



Our friends at Pamoja Love offer child sponsorship directly benefiting the schools and programs of our CTK Global Partners in Kenya and Tanzania.

Provide SalesForce Expertise for YWAM Kona



Do you have training in SalesForce? Our partner is building out this tool to reach people and would love your help using technology to make an impact!

Social Media / Graphics Support for YWAM Montana



YWAM Montana's sister organization, Mission Builders International, is in need of someone to run their social media platforms and provide design support.

Do you have skills in English,

music, or IT? Italy for Christ

is looking for volunteers

students online.

to teach a small group of

Lead a Remote After School Program with Italy For Christ



Ready to cross one of these bridges?

Explore these options and more at **my.ctk.church/bridgesofconnection**



hospitality

Join our hospitality team

Help create a warm, welcoming atmosphere on Sundays



Have you ever walked into a place and instantly felt noticed, welcomed, and right at home? That's the experience our hospitality team loves to create! There's always room for new people on our team, so if you have a heart to help others feel wanted and welcomed, we would love to connect with you. If you've been attending for a while but haven't quite started to feel at home, we would love to help you get engaged. Take the first step. You'll be glad you did.

To find out more, visit **serve.ctk.church** and click on Hospitality or email our Hospitality Director, Mikey Nikonchuk (**mikeyn@ctk.church**).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Safety Team

Ensuring safety and honor for everyone who enters our doors

Members of CTK's Safety Team not only identify and defuse issues before they become a distraction or safety concern, but they do that in a way that honors every person as a child of God. That makes CTK a safe and secure place for all the ministry and outreach that happens here.

Whenever our doors are open, we want to be sure that we have an adequate team of passionate volunteers to keep everyone safe. We're looking for friendly, outgoing men and women with excellent communication and problem-



solving skills—from 20-somethings to retired folks. A background in law enforcement or security can be helpful, but certainly is not a requirement to join our team.

To let us know you're interested, visit serve.ctk.church and click on Safety Team or email Brad Hallock (bradh@ctk.church).

production team



Lights, camera, action!

The CTK Production Team is responsible for a lot of behindthe-scenes roles when it comes to running our services like filming, sound, lighting and graphics. Did you know that most of our amazing volunteers had no previous training or experience when they started? Over time they've honed their skills to produce the beautiful, high quality worship services you enjoy.

They'll be hosting an info booth in the Commons on Sunday, June 9 before and after both services. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please stop by and some

of the team will be standing by ready to answer your questions.



Stop by our table on Sunday, June 9 or visit **serve.ctk.church**, choose the Bellingham campus, and click on AV Production Team to let us know you're interested. Questions? Email Anna Claire Forney (annaclairel@ctk.church).



ctk podcasts

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Continuing the Conversation with Grant & Laurel Fishbook

Everyone needs a safe place to talk. Grant and Laurel Fishbook are passionate about authentic conversation, even when it's messy. Check out the latest podcast episodes with live questions from listeners and responses from Grant and Laurel. New episodes are available to watch live on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:00 PM at **jesus.net/live** or on the second Friday of every month at **podcast.ctk.church**.



Also, join Grant live every Wednesday at 4:00 PM at **jesus.net/live** for live questions and responses.

Catch new episodes at **podcast.ctk.church**





YES CARDS FOR EDUCATORS

Are you an educator? Being on the front lines with students and their families, you come across needs that would otherwise be invisible to our community.

The CTK Blessing wants to offer you a YES Card for up to \$250 toward helping you meet some of those needs you see. It could be something for a specific child or family, help covering the cost

of them fully participating in a school activity, or something for your classroom or office that opens doors or meets needs for



opens doors or meets needs for multiple students.

To apply for a YES Card, visit us at **ctk**. **church/blessing** and click on CTKers in Education.

Not sure if the need you see fits the offer? Fill out the form and let's have a conversation!

For CTK's first 30 years, everyone

who came through the doors of CTK on Sunday was handed a printed weekly program. You could always count on that little folded sheet to be a reliable, up-to-date source of information about what was happening at CTK. Inside, you'd find a connection card along with fill-in-the-blank sermon notes to help you follow along and remember what you were learning.

EKLY PROGRAM

Now all that helpful information and resource is available on your smartphone, tablet or computer at **info.ctk.church**.

Updated every week, the online weekly program has all the latest news, resources, and events you used to find in the printed version. And even better, it's loaded with **convenient clickable links** to help you quickly...

- Sign up for events & classes
- Share a prayer request
- View sermon notes (even fill in the blanks) and save them to your device or instantly email them
- Fill out a Connection Card
- Give online
- See current CTK job listings
- And more!

Check it out today at info.ctk.church



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service times

IN-PERSON & ONLINE Sundays at 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Children's ministry for 5th grade and younger available at both Sunday morning services

ONLINE-ONLY REBROADCAST Sundays at 6:00 PM



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