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Get the most from CTK Life

Thanks for picking up (or downloading) the fall edition of CTK Life!

Inside you'll find just about everything we're offering this fall 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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A Note from Grant Fishbook LEAD TEACHING PASTOR



I can honestly say that fall is my favorite season of the year. The warm days and cool nights make my heart smile. The crisp mornings enveloped in fog that give way

to a gorgeous afternoon make me want to get outside before the rain steals it all away. The harvest at the CTK Farm and the ramping up of classes and gatherings makes the church hum with the presence of people and of God!

As we head into this fall, I want to encourage all of us to open our hearts to everything that God wants to accomplish in and through his people. We have so many opportunities to serve and be served as we make a difference in our community.

As we prepare for the coming months, God has been speaking to me strongly about unity. Nothing seems to drive people away from unity more than differing opinions, and let's face it, there's plenty to disagree about these days! But what about all the aspects of life and Jesus that bring us together? I want to challenge you to be prayerful, watchful, gracious, and to choose unity over differing opinions. When we keep Jesus in the center of our conversations and opinions, we can talk about anything because he is our King!

During September, I'm excited to continue our "Therefore," series as we rally around gathering, serving, worshipping, giving, praying, and following Jesus. Why are we talking about these essential elements of our CTK family? Because we are better together!

In October, I'll be preaching a brand new series called "Kings and Kingdoms." I believe that the lives of the Old Testament kings can teach us so much about what God wants in a leader (and in us all). This series will push us to examine the heart of God in light of our current world and challenge us to align with the heart of our King of kings. I'm excited, a little hesitant, but confident that Jesus will do great things in our lives!

In November, we'll embark on a spiritual journey through the pain, growth, and potential that happens when Jesus asks us to... wait. I can't wait for this one! (*Yes, I see the irony of my own sentence!*)

It's going to be an amazing fall at CTK! Our Blaine campus will be moving into their new building, the fall harvest is coming in to feed people around the county, and we are asking God to bless us with the lost and broken of Whatcom County!

Thanks for being a part of the adventure!

— Grant



Last year's One Church—
Whatcom Night of Worship
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PHOTO: MORGAN HENRY



Do you ever have those moments when you look back on an event or season and ask yourself, *how could I have done that differently?*

Maybe you were disappointed with how a situation or conversation worked out, and reality fell short of what you'd hoped for. It's common for all of us. Well, why not make this a moment when ask yourself in advance, *how can I do this season differently?*

I love fall! In fact, like many, it's my favorite season. Because of all the opportunities for me and my family to engage in, I have learned to approach this season internationally so that I don't get caught up in all the fun things offered and miss out on meaningful ways to invest my time and energy.

I am so excited about what we are offering for you this fall. I'm excited

about the sermon series that are coming and the opportunities we have for you to grow in your relationship with Jesus and in community.

In particular, we're offering a course called ***Practicing the Way: A Pathway for Apprenticeship to Jesus***. It's an opportunity to enter into the opposite of the frantic energy that can come with this season, leaving us on the other side of it all asking that question. Read more about it in on page 12.

There are many opportunities for you to choose from in the pages. I encourage you to read through this issue from cover to cover and prayerfully consider one or two commitments for the season. Don't let this be just another fall, packed with too much activity. Prioritize your relationship with Jesus. Invest in yourself and those around you.

Blessings to you this season!

– *Melonie*

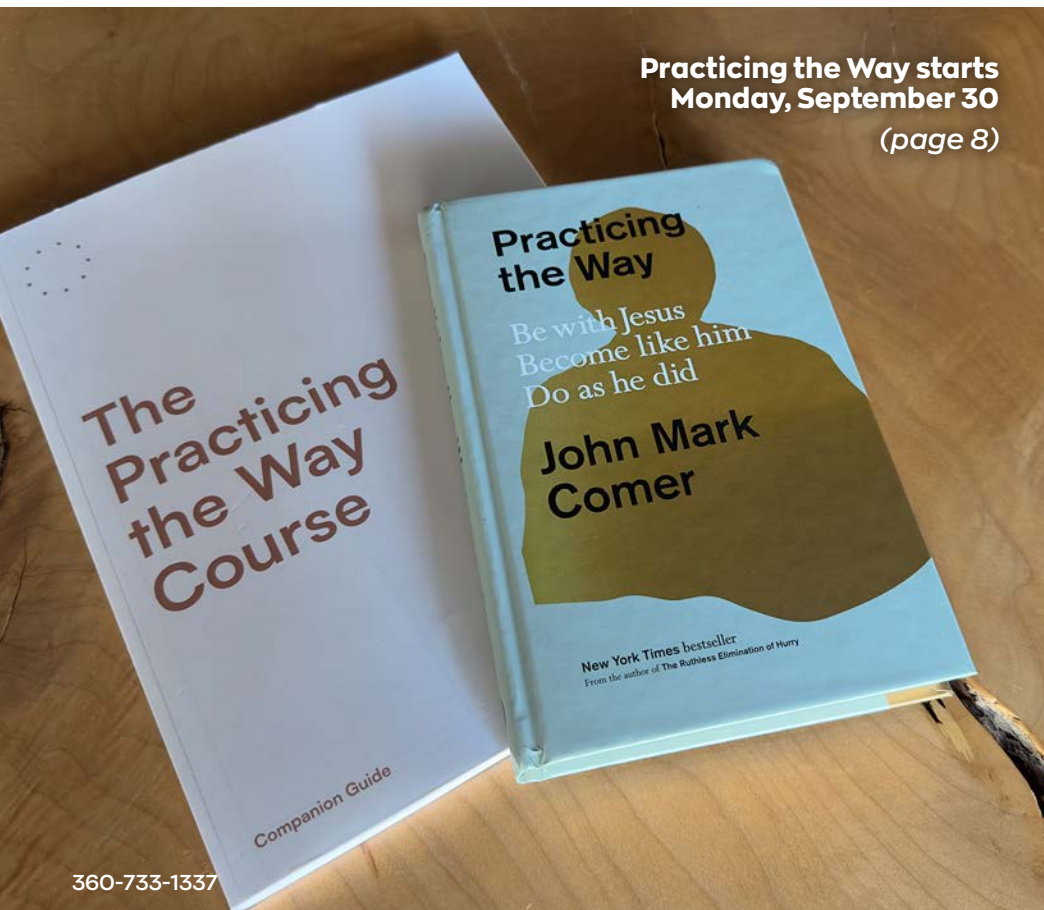
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ON THE COVER

Last fall CTK hosted a new county-wide night of worship called One Church. The next One Church gathering will be hosted by North County CTK on Thursday, October 3.

PHOTO: MORGAN HENRY



Practicing the Way starts Monday, September 30
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for everyone

Get together with your CTK family this fall at these upcoming events



Connect Sunday

Sunday, September 15
After services in The Commons

For many of us, the Sunday service is a highlight of our week. But in that setting, it's hard to get to know each other or practice the "one-anothers" that foster authentic Christian community. That's why we create dozens of smaller spaces throughout the week where you can experience community, encounter Jesus, and go deeper into the Word.

As we get ready to kick off our fall ministry season, join us in the Commons after the service to munch on some snacks, get to know some of your church family, and browse the ministry tables. You'll find all the ways to connect, grow, and serve this fall, and we'll help you find a great fit.



Grant & Laurel Fishbook's 25th Anniversary at CTK

Sunday, September 22
during and after both services

Please join us as we celebrate Grant and Laurel Fishbook's 25th Anniversary at CTK. As part of both our Sunday services, we'll honor them for their many years of ministry and friendship, and serve treats in the Commons after both services for everyone to enjoy.

Don't miss the chance to thank them in person or write down a memory or encouragement on special note cards we'll provide that day.



One Church

Whatcom Night of Worship
Thursday, October 3
6:00-7:30 PM at North County CTK
1816 18th St. in Lynden

If you love to worship, you won't want to miss the 2nd annual One Church—Whatcom Night of Worship. Churches and individuals from all over our county are invited to this evening of worship and prayer hosted this year by North County CTK in Lynden. The band that night will include talented musicians from a number of different churches in our area. Come experience worship as a unified family of faith here in Whatcom County!

Please note: Childcare will not be available.



4:30-7:30 PM in Cordata Place Shopping Center

This October we're partnering again with our neighbors to welcome the community to Cordata Place for a candy smorgasbord! Events like this help remove barriers or fears some have about checking out a church. When they feel welcomed by us in the fun things,

they're more open to checking us out during a Sunday service or signing up for one of our classes. Cordata Place Trick-or-Treat could be the first step in someone's faith journey, and it's not possible without you. We're encouraging every person in our congregation to find a way to be involved.

Sign up to volunteer. We need 75 volunteers to successfully host this event. You can help with setup, cleanup, or during the event itself. For more information, contact missye@ctk.church or text CANDY to 360-800-4173

Donate candy. We need lots and lots of candy to give away. You can place candy in the bin in the Commons any weekend in October, or you can drop it off at the

church any time we're open. If it's easier for you, order online and have it shipped directly to the church.

Invite your friends and neighbors! We host these events to provide you with an easy invitation for the people in your life who aren't connected to Christ-centered community. Make a goal to personally invite 2 or 3 families to participate in Cordata Place Trick-or-Treat at your church.

Donate towards expenses. If getting to the store to purchase candy is difficult or you just keep forgetting, you can give to offset event costs including glow sticks, hot cocoa, and of course, more candy. Watch for giving details in October.

Questions? Email Missy Elzea (missye@ctk.church).



SUNDAY
NOV 17

Donuts & Cider

Sunday, November 17 after services in The Meeting Place

As we prepare to gather for Thanksgiving and head into the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we invite you to gather with your church family for donuts, cider, and conversation.

As a church staff, one of the things we are most grateful for is each of you. *Church* isn't a building or a service; the church is people. *You* are CTK. Instead of rushing out the door, join us for a few minutes in the Meeting Place. Enjoy the warm ambiance and the sweet taste of fall and take a moment to get to know someone new or reconnect with old friends.



THURSDAY
DEC 12

All-Campus Christmas Worship Night

Thursday, December 12
6:30–7:45 PM in the Worship Center

Come lift your voice along with friends from all five of our campuses for a night of worship and praise as we ring in the Christmas season! Invite your friends and family as we gather together as one church body. Children are encouraged to participate, so no childcare or children's ministry will be available on this night.

SEE ALSO...

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Artisans & Crafters Gathering, p 14



Foster Family Christmas Party

Friday, December 13
5:30–7:30 PM in Base Camp

Are you looking for a way to bless families that take in and take care of kids in need? In December, CTK is partnering with a great organization called Foster Hearts to host a Christmas party for foster families. Foster Hearts has a passion to provide underprivileged kids with the support they need in order to have a happy childhood and bright future.

If you'd like to join us in serving these families this year, there are two ways to help:

1. Donate items to create a gift basket for each family—now through November 24
2. Volunteer at the event—serve dinner or lead crafts and games

If you're a foster family and would like to attend, follow the link below to sign up.

Go to ctk.link/foster to let us know you're interested in serving or attending. Watch for more details on gift basket items in November.

Questions? Email Melanie Cobb (melaniec@ctk.church)

All is Bright Christmas Light Display

Wednesday, December 4 through Sunday, December 8

Last year All Is Bright welcomed more than 2,000 people through the doors of our church, many of whom have never been to CTK before. This massive indoor light display is an opportunity for people in our community to encounter Jesus through the hospitality of his people (*and that's you!*)

It will take more than 140 volunteers to make this year's event happen, so plan now—not only invite your friends and neighbors and attend, but to help put on All is Bright. There are opportunities to help with setup, creating your own light display, offering hospitality during the event, serving cocoa in the cafe, and more. Don't miss your chance to help create this community event that celebrates Jesus, the Light of the World.

To learn more or sign up, email Lori Brown (LoriB@ctk.church) or text LIGHTS to 360-800-4173.



kids



Baptism Class for Kids

Sunday, October 6
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.

We'll be baptizing in both services on Sunday, October 13, and we're offer the baptism class the Sunday evening before. 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 fall, we invite you to experience the blessing of serving with CTK Kids. Come discover greatness!

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



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



families



NEW FOR KIDS:

Encounter Crews

Discovering Jesus Together

10 Mondays starting September 30
6:00–8:00 PM in Base Camp

Is your child looking to dive deeper into their faith? This fall we're launching Encounter Crews, a brand new discipleship program for children in 1st-5th grade. They'll learn more about what it means to encounter Jesus and how they can share him with others. Encounter Crew is open to children from all CTK campuses.

Our fall session runs September 30 through December 2, but Encounter Crews will continue throughout the school year with breaks between quarters. We're asking kids, parents, and volunteers to commit to the full school year.

We are also looking for volunteers to help be a part of this new adventure! If this sounds like a volunteer opportunity you're interested in, please email Melanie Cobb (melaniec@ctk.church).

For kids to attend, register by Wednesday, September 25 at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Melanie Cobb (melaniec@ctk.church).



Child Dedication

CLASS: Sunday, October 27
9:30–10:30 AM in Room 210

CEREMONY: Sunday, Nov. 10
4:00–5:00 PM in Basecamp

There are so many responsibilities in raising our kids. Nothing is more valuable than pointing them to Jesus. At CTK, child dedication is about equipping and supporting you to do this important work. If you are committed to raising your child to love and follow Jesus, we invite you to consider Child Dedication.

To get started, you'll complete a child dedication questionnaire, then join other families for a class that will prepare you to dedicate your child to God and encourage your Godly parenting.

Following the class, we'll gather for a dedication ceremony on Sunday, November 10, where family and friends are invited to support you in this commitment to your child.

Pre Registration required.

Start by completing the **Child Dedication Interest Form** by Sunday, October 20 at ctk.link/dedication.

Questions? Email Megan Peek at meganp@ctk.church.



Moms in Prayer

Every Tuesday morning
9:30–10:30 AM in the Prayer Room (214)



Moms—the power of prayer over anything your child might be going through can be even more hopeful when praying with other moms. Join

us any (or every) Wednesday morning to pray for your children, their teachers, and our schools, using the promises in God's word. Replace fears with hope, and connection with other moms to find encouragement and support.

No need to sign up, just show up any Tuesday. Questions? Email Pastor Julie Burleson (julieb@ctk.church).



**Community for parents
& fun for kids**

NEW: Connect & Play

Thursdays Mornings starting Sep. 5
10:00–11:30 AM in AdventureLand

Are you a parent looking for community? Bring your child(ren) and join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays mornings of the month for coffee, conversation, and playtime. We'll have toys and crafts available for kids while you and fellow CTK parents have time to chat and connect. Come enjoy some well-deserved time with your CTK family.

Connect & Play is recommended for kids ages 0-5, but children of all ages are welcome.

Register at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Email Megan Peek (meganp@ctk.church).



students



CTK UNITED
STUDENT MINISTRIES

NEW THIS FALL!

High School Midweek Small Groups

Starting this fall HSU is launching separate guys' and girls' midweek small groups. Every Wednesday night these groups will gather in homes for more in-depth discussions about what it means to follow Jesus. Students will learn about spiritual practices, read scripture, pray, encourage each other, and build community together.

For more details, times, and locations, email [Katie Hjort](mailto:katieh@ctk.church) (katieh@ctk.church).

FOR PARENTS

United Parents Gathering

Tuesday, September 24
7:00–8:00 PM

in The Meeting Place Alcove

All parents of middle and high school students are invited to join us as we share where our ministry is headed this school year. Whether your student has been involved for a long time or is brand new to our ministry, our staff team wants to meet with you and discuss how we can partner together in leading students towards Jesus. This is also an excellent opportunity to meet your student's small group leader.

No need to sign up—just show up!



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS:
Join us for a UNITED carnival to kick off the school year following Go Camp. Come on out for food, games, prizes and a chance to dunk your favorite leader in a dunk tank or pie them in the face!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
6:30–8:30 PM
IN THE MEETING PLACE
AND THE PARKING LOT**

WEEKLY STUDENT GATHERINGS

Middle School United (MSU) and Super Tuesdays

Starts up Tuesday, September 17
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. And whenever a month has five Tuesdays, MSU hosts a Super Tuesday featuring an outrageously fun activity of some sort, often off-site.

No need to sign up—just drop off your students on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the side entrance facing DSHS.

High School United (HSU)

Starts up Sunday, September 15
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 goes through life together, navigates tough questions, and encourages one another. At HSU, every person is seen and cared for and everyone can show up as their real self, united in our love for God and one another. No matter where you're at in your faith journey, we would love to have you join us!

No need to sign up—just show up Sunday at 6:30 pm. Use the side entrance facing DSHS.

SCHEDULE NOTES

Student ministries are not meeting on Thanksgiving weekend (December 1) or during Christmas break (December 22 to January 7).

After the Christmas break, High School UNITED resumes Sunday, January 12 and Middle School UNITED resumes Tuesday, January 14.

NO HSU ON...
December 1, December 22,
December 29, January 5

NO MSU ON...
December 24, December 31,
January 7

HSU

Questions about High School UNITED?

Email Katie Hjort (katieh@ctk.church)

MSU

Questions about Middle School UNITED?

Email Pastor Josh Lease (joshL@ctk.church)

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS

MSU Halloween Bowling

Tuesday, October 29
6:30–8:30 PM at Park Bowl • \$10.00



We're going bowling—with a twist! Since it'll be Halloween week, we're inviting middle schoolers to join us in their

costumes for a fun night of bowling, arcade games, and more. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring a friend. Pick-up and drop-off will be at Park Bowl instead of CTK.

BRING \$10 CASH for bowling. No need to sign up—just show up!

MSU Friendsgiving

Tuesday, November 26
6:30–8:30 PM in The Meeting Place



Join Middle School UNITED in celebrating one another and expressing gratitude for our

community. We'll be sharing a meal together and students are invited to bring a dish to share. Join us for dinner, community, and games—and bring a non-perishable food item that we'll donate to one of our food share partners.

No need to sign up—just show up!
Questions? Email Pastor Josh Lease
(joshL@ctk.church).

MSU Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17
6:30–8:30 PM in The Meeting Place



Middle schoolers—let's celebrate the joy of Christmas together! Come enjoy festive treats, give gifts, and play games with our UNITED community. You won't want to miss this event!

Save the date and stay tuned for more details at the start of December.

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS



High School All-County Worship Night

Sunday, October 27
6:30–8:30 PM / Location TBD

All high schoolers are invited to join us as we gather with other churches from all over the county to worship God. This is an amazing opportunity for us to see how we're united in Jesus and to remember we are not alone in following him. This is one way we can partner with brothers and sisters from other churches to experience God's Kingdom in Whatcom County as it is in heaven.
Stay tuned for date and location.

HSU Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15
6:30–8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove



Join us for an evening to celebrate Jesus! Join the festivities including dinner, games and prizes. Bring

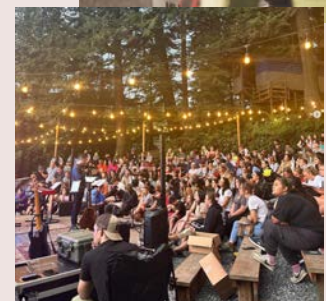
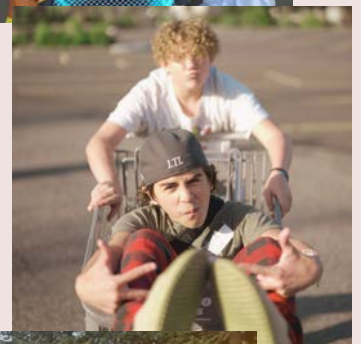
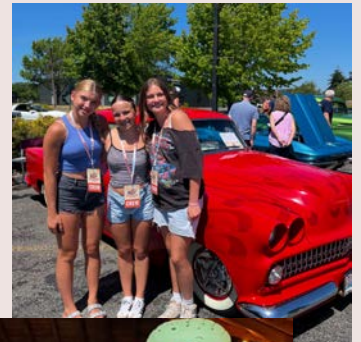
Christmas treats to share and come ready for a Christmas-morning themed party. Don't forget to wear your fav Christmas jammies!



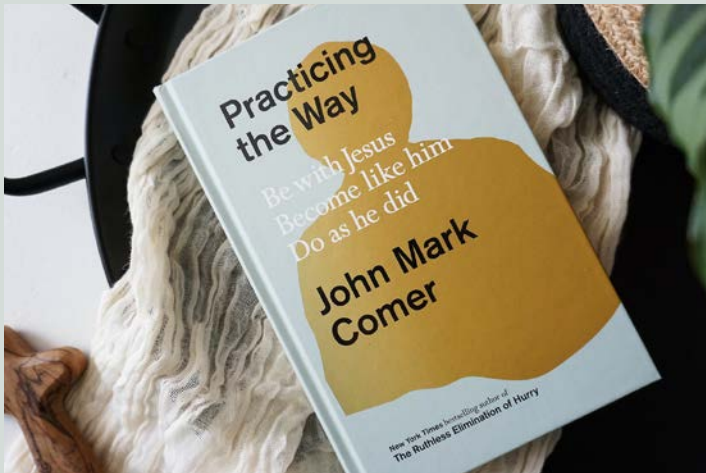
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young adults



10 Thursdays, October 3–December 5
6:30–8:30 PM in Room 215 • \$20 for book

Register by Monday, September 30 at [ctk/link/events](https://ctk.link/events).
Questions? Email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).



Young Adults Apprenticeship: Practicing the Way

Our young adults ministry aims to create a space where people ages 18-30s can actively practice following Jesus. This means more than just attending church or holding certain beliefs; it's a way of life. The concept of following Jesus is rooted in the 1st Century relationship between rabbis and their apprentices, and these ancient practices inform our understanding of how to follow Jesus today.

If you're a young adult, we invite you to join our fall course, **Practicing the Way**. It's designed to help you embark on the journey of spiritual formation, overcome any obstacles that have caused you to stall, or just guide you in taking your next step. The goal is to train you to live as an apprentice of Jesus—to **be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did**.

We have space for 40 participants. Registration is on a first come, first served basis and will close once we reach capacity.



Young Adults Trivia Night

Thursday, September 19 • FREE
7:00–8:30 PM in The Meeting Place

Get ready to flex those brain muscles at our Young Adults Trivia Night! We'll have questions that cover a range of topics. Whether you're a trivia master or just here for a good time, this event is totally for you. Grab your squad or make new friends as we team up to build a vibrant young adult community. Mark your calendars because it's going to be a night of laughs and friendly competition. We'll be serving up desserts, snacks, and prizes.

Register by Wednesday
September 18 at ctk.link/events.



Food Truck & Worship Night

Wednesday, October 2
6:00–8:00 PM at CTK Downtown
1419 N Forest St, Bellingham

Young adults—join us in welcoming WWU students back for the new school year! We'll gather at CTK Downtown, enjoy food from various food trucks, then come together for worship.

We sense a growing hunger for God's presence among young adults in Whatcom County, and we eagerly anticipate worshipping God in song and experiencing the Holy Spirit.

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



Young Adults Brunch

2 Sundays, October 13 & November 10
12:30–2:00 PM in Room 215

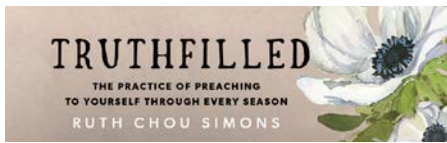
Following the 11:15 service on October 13 and November 10, join us for a free Sunday brunch. We want to create a culture of family and community around the table and provide spaces to connect with new people. If you're a young adult already involved, or looking to get involved, join us! We'd love to meet you and get to know you better. No RSVP needed!

Have a question about young adults ministry?

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

women

men



TruthFilled

7 Wednesdays, October 2–November 13
10:00 AM–Noon in The Meeting Place

Many of us want God’s Word to dwell in us, but everyday life can leave little room in our hearts. We often find ourselves struggling to embrace the gospel hope we need to fill our discouraged souls. In this 7-week study of the book of Colossians, we’ll walk through a practice of preaching gospel truth to ourselves by studying Paul’s example.

Register by Sunday, Sep.. 29 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email [Erin Drews \(erind@ctk.church\)](mailto:erind@ctk.church).



The Gospel on the Ground

8 Mondays, September 30–Nov. 18
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216

Join other women as we dive deeper into the book of Acts this fall. This class will unpack the life of the early church in the book of Acts and show us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to his early disciples—and to us today. Reignite your love of God’s Word and see how it can sustain us even in the most difficult of times.

Register by Sunday, Sep.. 29 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email [Erin Drews \(erind@ctk.church\)](mailto:erind@ctk.church).



Childcare available for age 5 and younger with RSVP (scan QR).



Guys Breakfast

Saturday, November 23 • \$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 to 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 your kids as well!

RSVP by Wed., November 20 at ctk.link/events or email [Erin Drews \(erind@ctk.church\)](mailto:erind@ctk.church).



Thursday Night Football

Thursday, October 10
5:00–8:00 PM in The Meeting Place

Join us for a night of food, fun, fellowship and football. We’ll watch our Seattle Seahawks take on the San Francisco 49ers on the big screen in the Meeting Place. We’ll have pizza, grill some hot dogs, and pop some popcorn. Coffee and soft drinks available as well.

This is a great event for dads, grandpas, uncles, or big brothers to bring your son, daughter, or any special kid in your life. We will also be having a halftime drawing giveaway for the adults as well. Feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair or bean bag to watch from.

Moms: read between the lines... this could be a night off for you!

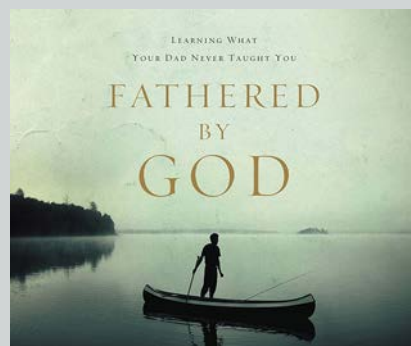
RSVP by Wednesday, October 9 at ctk.link/events.



MEN’S FALL BOOK STUDY

Fathered by God

7 Wednesdays, Sep.. 18–Oct. 30
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 210
\$12.00 for materials



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 7-week book study!

Register by Tuesday, September 17 at ctk.link/events.



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

all adults



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Baptism Classes

Sunday, October 6 • 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 during both services on Sunday, October 13. To be included, come to our baptism class on Sunday evening, October 6 either in person or on Zoom. We look forward to hearing your story and explaining what baptism is all about.

Register by Friday, October 4 at baptism.ctlk.church.

Questions? Contact Erin Drews (erind@ctlk.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](#).



Baptism
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Introduction to The Holy Spirit

2 Mondays, September 16 & 23
6:00–7:30 PM in The Meeting Place

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he asked the Father to send the person of the Holy Spirit—an advocate, comforter, and helper. But so often, the Holy Spirit is overlooked and misunderstood, and the gifts he brings can be misused.

In this 2-part class, we'll open scripture to explore two simple questions: who is the Holy Spirit, and what does the Holy Spirit do? Through teaching and discussion, we'll gain a better understanding and foundation for the power, love, and unity we receive through the Holy Spirit.

Everyone's welcome, whether you're new to faith or have been following Jesus for a long time.



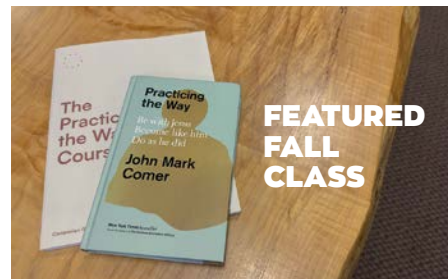
Register by Sunday, September 15 at ctlk.link/events. Questions? Email Jayne Doll (jayned@ctlk.church).

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 conversation, Bible study, and to enjoy lunch together. Invite a friend (55+) and join us! Our fall gatherings are September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12. **\$2 donation for lunch is appreciated.**

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



Practicing the Way

8 Mondays starting September 30
6:00–8:00 PM in The Meeting Place
\$20.00 for materials

We are constantly being formed by the world around us. To be formed by Jesus will require us to become his apprentice.

In order to be formed by God, and not by the world, we have to become people who have space in our daily lives for God to do what only God can do—transform the deepest parts of us to become like him. By learning to rearrange our days, we can follow the Way of Jesus. We can be with him. Become like him. And do as he did.

This introduction to spiritual formation is full of theological substance and cultural insight as well as practical wisdom. Join Pastor Julie Burleson for this 8 week experience as we become apprentices of Jesus.

Childcare available for ages 0-5. See details at registration link below.

Register by Sunday, September 29 at ctlk.link/events. Questions? Email Pastor Julie Burleson (julieb@ctlk.church).



SEE ALSO...

Men's & Women's Events, page 11
Marriage Workshop, page 14
Prayer Room Workshop, page 15

Childcare for ages 5 and younger is available during Monday night classes this fall.

Register separately for childcare at ctk.link/childcare

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 financial struggles? We believe God wants to heal every part of our lives, including our finances. Faith & Finances is a great option if you'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.

"I appreciate everyone in this class and I love sharing prayer requests with others so that we may all help each other through!"

– BRIAN, PREVIOUS PARTICIPANT

The small group 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).



NEW! Faith & Finances Interest Meeting

Monday, September 16 • 6:00–7:00 PM

Curious if the Faith and Finances group 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.

No need to sign up—just show up!



Table Group Launch

Tuesday, October 8
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216

Table Groups are a type of small group centered around a regular rhythm of sharing meals, praying, growing, and serving together. They bring together 10 to 15 people who'll love and support each other in practical ways as they also find ways to serve those around them. We believe we are most formed like Jesus in community, and we'd love to give you a seat at the table!

To join or host a new Table Group, register at groups.ctk.church and join us for the launch party on Tuesday, October 8.



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

Needlecraft Care Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month
Sep. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5
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.

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



Kingdom Workshop

2 Wednesdays, October 16 & 23
6:00–7:30 PM in Room 215 • \$15.00

Have you ever wondered about your place in God's grand plan? The Kingdom of God is Jesus' favorite topic in the Gospels, and is meant to be the primary lens through which we view the world. But what is it exactly?

Former CTK pastor Brian Steele has taught hundreds of people including pastors, church staff, and educators on what it means to live in God's Kingdom. In this 2-session workshop, Brian will walk you through how to recognize God's very present kingdom, and how to delight and engage as a true kingdom citizen.

Register by Sunday, October 13 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).

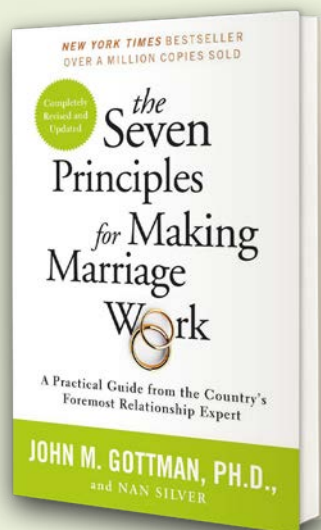


Financial Assistance for Class & Event Fees

Here at CTK, we don't want the cost of classes to be a barrier to spiritual growth and building community. If you're interested in one of our classes or events that has an associated cost and need a little help, limited financial assistance is available.

Please email Keri Allen, Blessing Coordinator, at keria@ctk.church or call 360-733-1337 for more information.

for couples



The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

1-Day Workshop • Saturday, November 16

9:00–4:30 PM in The Meeting Place

\$125.00 per couple

Most of us know if we have a bad relationship, but do you know what makes for a great relationship? The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work is built on more than 50 years of groundbreaking relational research with thousands of couples. This 1-day workshop will be taught by two local licensed couples' therapists. Whether your relationship is in a good spot or has some challenges, the practical skills and resources you'll gain can make it better. Scholarships available!

Please note: This workshop helps couples across a wide spectrum of relational health, but is not recommended for those experiencing domestic abuse, severe mental illness, or substance abuse.

Register by Wednesday, November 13 at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan Ervin (ryane@ctk.church)



Limited financial assistance is available to help couples with the registration fee. Email Keri Allen, Blessing Coordinator, at keria@ctk.church or call 360-733-1337 for more information.

for everyone

Check out these creative ways to connect with others

Meal Prep Group

4 Wednesdays, October 9–October 30
6:00–8:00 PM in the Catering Room
\$80.00 for ingredients

Please *romaine* calm, we're offering four nights of meal prep! We all have days when there's no time to think about dinner, so we've created an opportunity to come together, meet some great people, and get some meal prep done ahead of time. We will prep two meals per night, and each meal serves four people. You'll be able to customize the dishes to suit your family's preferences. If you hate onions, leave them out. Can't stand bland? Go ahead and spice things up!

Let us do the shopping, and join us for 4 nights that will include 2 main dishes, a taste of community, a dash of scripture, and a *thyme* of prayer.

Cost for all 4 nights (8 four-person meals) is just \$80 and this group is limited to 10 participants. We are not able to offer individual nights.

Register by Sunday, October 6 at ctk.link/events or email Missy Elzea (missye@ctk.church).



Artisans & Crafters Gathering

4 Mondays, October 14–November 4
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216

Calling all crafters, artists, and hobbyists (age 16+)! We'll be gathering together starting mid-October to create in community. This group is broad and can include a variety of art forms like embroidery, sketching, knitting, scrapbooking, jewelry-making, digital art, watercolor, and more. Bring a project of your own that you're working on and we'll provide a few options as well for anyone who just wants to show up and engage their imaginative side.

Projects should be no bigger than 2 x 3 feet so you have space to work and should not use materials that might be difficult to clean off carpet. While you create, we'll contemplate something inspiring from God's word and share prayer requests. Come build connections with others as you set aside a time and place to hone your craft.



Please pre-register at ctk.link/events so we know you are coming. Questions? Email Missy Elzea (missye@ctk.church).

prayer ministry

Workshop: How to Engage with the Prayer Room

Tuesday, October 22
6:00–8:30 PM in The Prayer Room

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



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.

guided through a prayer time or use it as you feel led. No matter where you are in your journey with prayer, you can 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 by Sunday, October 20 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).



Kingdom Come | 48 Hours of Prayer

Friday, November 1, 3:00 PM through Sunday, November 3, 3:00 PM

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray to the Father, he included this: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9-13). What would happen in our world, community, church, and individual lives if we prayed this way? What might the Lord want to do in and through us, by bringing his kingdom to this earth? With so much going on in our world today, as a church we want to surrender our will to his, asking for his kingdom to come in power. This November, we'll be doing that in prayer for 48 straight hours.

Join us for an hour or more in the Prayer Room as we contend for God's Kingdom to Come during day and night prayer. We will have a guide and prompts for you to use.

We have partnered with 24-7 Prayer, a global prayer movement that provides free prayer resources and guides for the Church. Sign up for Kingdom Come through the 24-7 Prayer website at ctk.link/kingdomcome.

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



Day to Pray FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

For a number of years, Christ the King 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 as we pray in unity for the church, the community and the world. Our designated Day to Pray recently moved to the first Thursday of every month so we can use the new Prayer Room and pray in person, in community with others!

As always, you can pray anywhere that's convenient for you. But if your chosen time slot falls between 9 AM and 4 PM, we invite you to join us in the Prayer Room at CTK. 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? Email Prayer Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church)



In God's Kingdom, We Are Called to Stand in the Gap

Join us during Blessing month at CTK

The needs in Whatcom County come in a wide variety and are unique to each person and each situation. Some families are trying to make ends meet with the rising cost of living. Some community partners have projects around their facilities that they feel like they're never going to get to. Some people need access to healthy food.

The people of CTK are committed to meeting these needs in partnership with over 30 local nonprofits. How?

Through the CTK Blessing offering and the ministries it funds. Together we stand in the gap to bless our neighbors and the nonprofits who serve them.

Response Teams

The Response Teams ministry is focused on responding to the practical needs of our community partners. But we aren't just throwing people at a project. One of the most important aspects of Response Teams is the unique opportunity to express our faith and our hope, putting the love of Christ into action.

The goal with Response Teams is to come alongside our partners and the work they are already doing in the community. We want to meet their specific needs and let them be the experts while we are the hands and feet supporting them. Often, our projects help create space and ease the burden of lingering projects, enabling our partners to focus on the important work they are committed to. Filling the gaps is our specialty!

As an example, read what the head of the Boys & Girls Clubs had to say:

"I was able to visit both the Club and Early Learning Center in Ferndale and they both look so refreshed! We value that CTK has lightened the load for our maintenance man, Aaron. He is such a dedicated member of our team who takes pride in our facilities, but as a one person department, he can't always get everything done.

The CTKers who came to help could have made so many other choices about how to spend their time on a beautiful Saturday morning, I am so grateful that they chose to spend it making our space safer and more welcoming."

Heather Powell, CEO
Boys & Girls Club of Whatcom County

Sharing our Building with Community Partners

Being a good neighbor means welcoming others into our home. That's why CTK shares the building God's given us with several of our community partners. This makes it possible for them to offer services they couldn't afford in another location. Rather than recreating the wheel or becoming direct service providers, we look for ways to leverage

what we have to expand what our partners can offer the community. Here are a few examples:

Blue Skies Back-to-School Boost

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! This past July, CTK hosted Blue Skies' annual Back-to-School Boost where hundreds of families got essential clothing and supplies for the upcoming school year.

Good Friends Club

We lease 2 classrooms at no cost to Dementia Support Northwest so they can keep the cost as low as possible for members of their caregiver respite program. Loved ones with dementia spend several hours engaged in therapeutic, fun activities while family members run errands, go to their own appointments and get just a bit of a break.

Kids In Motion

This dedicated group of physical, occupational and speech therapists see their clients in an Adventureland classroom we converted to pediatric therapy space. Major developmental milestones – like rolling, crawling and walking – have "windows of opportunity" that come and go very quickly. Meeting these windows is the only way to ensure all children grow to reach their fullest potential. Sharing the space with CTK allows Kids in Motion to have a larger area to support children and use equipment they can't take on home visits.

Bellingham Food Bank

Every Tuesday afternoon, our parking lot transforms into a drive-through food bank. The Bellingham Food Bank has used CTK as their weekly North Bellingham distribution spot for almost 9 years now. God placed us here as a central location on the north end where lots of families live in nearby apartments. This year, an average of 520 families each week stream through our parking lot to pick up a box of food.

World Relief

English Language Classes

Refugees and other immigrants arriving to the U.S. come with a wide variety of educational and linguistic backgrounds, but all share the desire to thrive in their new home. Learning English — a gateway to life in the U.S. — is a critical part of this journey. Monday-Thursday mornings a group of students can be found in an upstairs classroom at CTK learning to read, write and speak basic English. We love the chance to meet people from nations all over the globe as they come and go to class!

CTK Food Share & Farm

Local food banks tell us the needs are rising steadily over the last few years. Our Food Share ministry works to adapt to the need as it grows and changes shape. Each year, our team oversees the planning and daily tasks needed to grow about 50 tons of produce, collect thousands of non perishable items and business donations, then drive that food all over Whatcom County to our 32 different partner locations.

Here are some new ways we've been impacting our community:

- Over 200 students came to the farm to learn about what we do and interact with us, each in unique ways.
- Our partners have sent us teams of people to help work in the fields, connect with our team, and join us in prayer. It's been wonderful to see the outside community engage with us in new and meaningful ways.

Since this ministry began, we hoped that our impact would come through not just the food we share but also the people living out their faith. Ultimately our work is our testimony, and the community is noticing!

Sharing The CTK Blessing with Individuals & Families

As the cost of living rises with no relief in sight, the margin that many of us are used to living with is getting tighter and tighter. One small, unexpected expense can have a devastating effect on our budgets.

We are seeing an increase in the amount of people across all campuses that are struggling to stay afloat. So far this year, we have helped people with over \$10,000 toward the cost of rent/mortgage, 20% more than last year. We are so grateful for your generosity that helps fill that essential gap.

Thank you for your generosity over the past year.



Throughout the month of November, we'll be sharing more about the CTK Blessing, what it accomplishes in our congregation and our community, and how you can give to support it.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CTK Blessing Financial Goals for 2025

\$ 70,000	to help CTKers in financial need
\$ 30,000	CTK Food Share & Farm
\$ 20,000	CTK Response Team Service projects
\$ 60,000	for Community Partnerships
\$ 20,000	for Partner Collaborations
\$ 200,000	TOTAL GIVING GOAL

Equipping & Empowering Kids and Adults with Disabilities

Get to know our community partners who make ways for every person to live a full life

Disability—it's an umbrella term that encompasses so many different experiences. Disabilities can be visible or invisible, mild or severe, physical or cognitive, but one thing's for sure: every person has so much more to them than a diagnosis.

Each of CTK's community partners knows this well and sees how much value individuals with disabilities add to the community when they have access to participate in it. We respect the work our partners do to create that access and encourage the strengths, abilities, and potential of those they serve.



Kids in Motion Therapy Clinic

Sees patients under 18 right here at CTK in Room 114

Down at the end of the AdventureLand hallway, we have a room outfitted for speech, occupational, and physical therapies. This space gives the Kids in Motion team an option to offer

families when their other offering, in-home therapy, doesn't make the most sense. We love to see kids and their families coming and going to appointments, knowing that they are building skills and maximizing their potential with each session!

Public insurances do not cover the cost of providing these services, so fundraising is important to keep these therapists going and kids growing in these essential skills.

Go to kidsinmotionclinic.org to donate. Every little bit helps!



CASCADE CONNECTIONS *opportunities for everyone*



Cascade Connections

Provides residential & vocational services at various sites around Whatcom County

For over 40 years, Cascade Connections has empowered people with disabilities to enhance their quality of life. Cascade offers various residential, vocational, and training services that make independent living and employment accessible to individuals who might otherwise be confined to state institutions. Community access and

inclusion improve the lives of everyone involved, so Cascade works to provide opportunities for everyone and to help Whatcom County get to know their neighbors with disabilities.

The About Us section of Cascade's website is full of inspiring stories! Watch a couple at cascadeconnections.org.



Dementia Support Northwest (DSNW)

Offers Respite Care Mon-Thu here at CTK in Room 213

DSNW provides a variety of safety-net support and education options for navigating the different phases of the dementia journey with your loved one.

We enjoy hosting their Good Times Club here at CTK four days a week. We have seen what a valuable support respite care is for families, providing caregivers a few hours to run errands, take care of their own appointments, and rest. It's also fun to pop in, sing a song, play a game, or share a joke with members of the Good Times Club!

Explore all of DSNW's programs at dementiasupportnw.org.



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



Welcoming the Stranger

In our third year of partnership with World Relief, we want to highlight their work right here in our community, even as their broader national organization celebrates 80 years of equipping the local church to serve the most vulnerable.

Globally, World Relief works to prevent forced migration and care for those who are displaced. In the US, they resettle refugees into welcoming communities, partnering with churches to live out the Old and New Testament commands to

Learn More...

Welcoming the Stranger Bible Study

8 Thursdays starting October 17 • 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 216
(Not meeting on Thanksgiving)

This 8-session Bible study gives us a chance to explore one of the most complex issues of our day, immigration, from a biblical perspective and helps us find ways to live out the calling God has given his church. Each session is designed with five main components: Watch, Read, Discuss, Pray, Experience. Join CTKers Wendy Powell and Malissa Reichert as we humbly, respectfully, and bravely open up this difficult topic to the light of Scripture.

Register by Sunday, October 13 at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Email Daylee (dayleeh@ctk.church).



Caring for Refugees: Panel Discussion with World Relief

Tuesday, November 19 • 6:30–8:30 PM in Room 216

Refugees face many challenges and difficult decisions along their journey to resettlement after being forcibly displaced. Our world has experienced two large-scale refugee crises in just the last 3 years—first the fall of Kabul, as the Taliban took back control of Afghanistan, and then the war in Ukraine.

Our local World Relief office opened in 2021 with one part-time staff member and has grown to a staff of 13 that resettled 197 refugees this past year. We want to give you a chance to hear about their work, ask any questions you have about how refugees come to resettle here, and learn how you can help welcome new families into our community after such a traumatic upheaval and stressful process.

Since there will be Syrian food to try and some time for discussion, please help us plan ahead by RSVP'ing at ctkserves.org/welcoming.



welcome the stranger with hospitality, generosity and justice.

CTK understands that immigration can be a very hot topic, fueled by ideologies of this world and our own opinions. But as your church, we invite you to search the scripture and share experiences with others in order to allow the truth and the heart of God to shape your views. To that end, this fall we're offering two opportunities to learn and two opportunities to take action:

Take Action...

Welcome Kits

Refugees and asylees often flee their homes at a moment's notice. Welcome Kits provide the basic household items people need as they resettle here in Whatcom County.

During Blessing Month (November), we will be collecting items to build kitchen kits for newly arrived families. These include things like pots, pans, utensils, garbage bags, mixing bowls and more. Can your small group build out a whole kit? Could your family fundraise or engage your neighborhood or your child's classroom to build a kit? Can you add one or more items to the bin in the Commons as we compile kits here?

Evangelical Immigration Table

This widely supported, biblically based coalition provides education and advocacy around the policies that align with God's law and heart on the complex issues of immigration. They provide dozens of ways to learn more and to speak on behalf of those who have no voice, giving us a practical way to live out Micah 6:8 which says, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

For more information or to sign up for any of these, visit ctkserves.org/welcoming. Questions? Contact Pastor Wendy Powell (wendyp@ctk.church or ext. 2212).



*"Lord, when did we see you a stranger and welcome you...?"
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
— JESUS (MATTHEW 25:38,40)*

missions

Cross a Bridge

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

Bridges of Connection are special opportunities to serve your church's Global Partners—right where you are—as they make a difference in communities around the world! Walk across a Bridge of Connection and serve in practical ways, alongside our CTK Global Partners, from wherever you call home.

At CTK there's always a place for you, and that includes the gifts and talents that God has given you. What bridge will you say yes to crossing?

**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 love to listen, this might be for you!



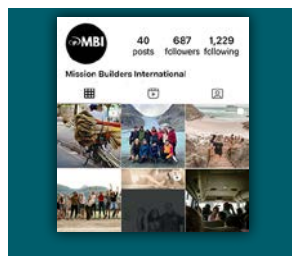
Sponsor a Child through Pamoja Love

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

Are you trained 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 / Design Support for YWAM Montana

YWAM Montana's sister organization, Mission Builders International, needs someone to run their social media platforms & provide design support.



Lead a Remote After School Program through Italy For Christ

Do you have skills in English, music, or IT? You could help teach a small group of students!

*Ready to cross one of
these bridges?*



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



**Brian and Tracy Hull,
CTK Global Ambassadors**

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Watch videos and learn more at
ctk.church/missions

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

ctk podcasts



Tanzania Outreach Trip

Late April–May 2025 w/Pamoja Love

Focus area: Maasai people group, widows, orphans, single mamas' sewing group, children's ministry, medical outreach, serving the vulnerable in love.

In Arusha, Tanzania we partner with a local YWAM Base where there is a vast array of ministry opportunities to join in.

By joining this mission, 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 us 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)

You'll 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 these trips, email Kim Ryan at hello@pamoja.love. Learn more about Pamoja Love at www.pamoja.love.



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

and jesus.net/live



Join our hospitality team

Help create a warm, welcoming atmosphere on Sundays



Are you looking to get involved in volunteering at CTK but aren't sure where to begin? Our Hospitality Team is looking for greeters for both of our Sunday services. Greeters set the tone at Sunday services by creating a welcoming environment where people know they belong as soon as they approach our doors. Take your next step in being the church today!

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



Lights, camera, action!

The CTK Production Team is responsible for a lot of behind-the-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.

If you're interested in joining the team, they'll be hosting an info booth in the Commons on Connect Sunday, September 15 before and after both services. Stop by and they'll answer questions and help you get connected.

You can also 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). 



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join Our Event Team

Have fun helping us host events that bring people together!

About once a month our Connections Team hosts events to help CTKers get connected to their church family—or for the community to get connected with the church. Volunteers make these events possible, and we're looking for people who are willing to help by setting up, prepping food, mingling with guests, or cleaning up. This usually takes only 30 to 60 minutes of your time, and you can choose events that best fit your schedule.

To let us know you're interested, text **EVENTS** to **360-585-0641** or email Lori Brown (lorib@ctk.church).



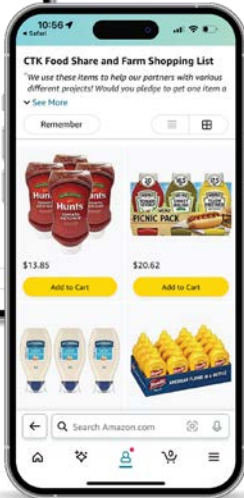
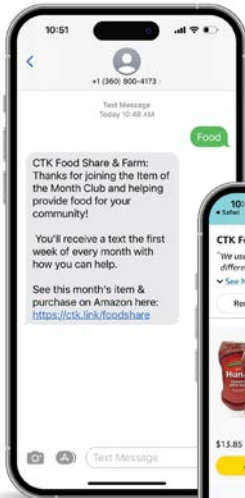
Join CTK Food Share's Item of the Month Club

You may know that CTK's Food Share & Farm ministry delivers and shares vegetables with our 32 partners. But did you know that it also has delivered 7,211 non-perishable items so far this year? Our team of 8 drivers who drive 6 days a week have been able to deliver not only 38,066 lbs of produce so far this year but also have dedicated hundreds of hours to meeting the needs of our community partners through non-perishable foods. Because agriculture is strong in Whatcom County, local food banks have great access to fresh food during the summer months. But after the summer harvest season, they highly rely on non-perishables to make it through the winter months.

Join us in the fight against hunger this fall by joining our Item of the Month Club.

Text **FOOD** to **360-800-4173**

and we'll text back a link to the online Amazon Wishlist for that month's item as a friendly reminder*. Or use the list below and drop the item in the Food Share bin in the Commons at CTK Bellingham.



*Message and data rates may apply. Opt out at any time by texting STOP



SEPTEMBER

Canned Soup & Chili for Eleanor Apartments



OCTOBER

Tuna Pouches for Mt. Baker School District winter break boxes



NOVEMBER

Cereal for Mt. Baker School District winter break boxes



DECEMBER

Fill the van with kids' snacks for Whatcom County schools

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.

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



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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