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# How to get the most from CTK Life

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

Inside you'll find just about everything we're offering this spring 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.

If you're reading CTK Life online, you can tap or click on any orange **web link** you see, and you'll go right to that destination! And if you tap on email addresses in the text, your device will open up a new email already addressed to the recipient with the subject line filled out. You'll love how easy this makes it to connect and respond!

## We'd love to hear your story.

Email [stories@ctk.church](mailto:stories@ctk.church)



Scan the QR code to email us your story

## A Note from Grant Fishbook LEAD TEACHING PASTOR



I just finished building a greenhouse. Laurel and I purchased a kit from Costco and to say the least, it was a much bigger project than I anticipated!

As I unpackaged hundreds of pieces of wood, UV treated plastic, nuts, bolts, screws, hardware, sealing compound, door vents, anchors and shelves, I was intimidated! I thought to myself, *there is no way I am going to make this thing come together*. To say that I am mechanically challenged is an understatement.

But with a little determination, a few days of sunshine, some grace for myself when I made a mistake and had to start over, lots of encouragement from Laurel, and actually *reading the instructions...* the project came together.

Last week, as I watched Laurel and my granddaughter enjoy the space and the flowers that are now growing in the greenhouse, it was all worth it. Truth be told, I loved every moment of that project, especially the moment when it was done!

Spring is an amazing time to grow at CTK. We have created so many opportunities for you to grow in your faith and your commitment to Jesus. Spring is a time to plant new seeds of faith, hope, and joy; and the truth is, if you don't plant, you will never be able to harvest all that God has for you. So take some time and ask Jesus what he wants to grow in your heart and soul in this season. Then start planting and expecting a harvest.

**Remember that whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

I am so excited about our spring preaching series that's right around the corner. We'll celebrate Easter and then quickly move into a series about how Jesus has made a way for us to be *hope-filled* so that we can be *hope-full!* After that, our summer will be all about the powerful promises of God.

Excited to grow with you,  
*Pastor Grant*



During our Easter series, True Story, people took a moment on a Sunday morning to write their stories of transformation and claim the promise of Philippians 1:6 — “that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...”

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## A Note from Melonie Kemp NETWORK EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Welcome to the spring edition of CTK Life! As followers of Jesus, we're called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength—and to love

others as ourselves. These aren't just suggestions; they're the foundation of everything we do. Jesus made it clear that all of Scripture hangs on these two commandments.

While we might get it right sometimes on our own, it's only through the Holy Spirit's guidance and power that we can truly live this out consistently. This is our first and highest calling—everything else comes second.

In this edition of CTK Life, you'll find plenty of ways to say "yes" to these commandments—engaging your heart, mind, and actions to love like Jesus and follow his example. Be sure to check out all the serving opportunities with our partners through our Response Team Ministry. Spring and summer are the perfect seasons to put our faith into action and serve others just as Jesus did!

My prayer for us in this season is that we become more aware of God's kingdom at work around us and that we increasingly see as Jesus sees, love as he loves, and do as he did. Let's be the church together and see God's will done in Whatcom County as it is in heaven!

Blessings,  
*Melonie*

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Alpha

### ON THE COVER

CTK Response Team volunteers tackle major projects for our Community Partners—and have lots of fun in the process!

# for everyone



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## Baptism Classes

Sunday, May 18 • 6:00–7:45 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, June 1.

To be included, come to our baptism class on Sunday evening, May 18 either in person or on Zoom. We look forward to learning your faith story and explaining what baptism is all about.

Register by Friday, May 15 at [baptism.ctk.church](http://baptism.ctk.church).

Questions? Contact Erin Drews ([erind@ctk.church](mailto:erind@ctk.church) or x2219).

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

See all the details on [page 10](#).



Baptism  
web page

## Connect with the CTK family this spring at these upcoming all-church events



## Ministry Connect Sunday

Sunday, April 27

After services in the Commons

On Sunday, April 27, plan to stick around after service for a light snack, good company, and an opportunity to connect with our CTK ministry teams. Whether you're curious about what we offer for young people, looking to grow in your faith, ready to find a place to serve, or just want to know what's happening this spring at CTK, our staff and volunteers will be ready to answer your questions.

Stop by a ministry booth in the Commons and learn more about ways to engage in community and encounter Jesus at CTK.



## All-Campus Worship Night

Wednesday, May 21

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! Invite your friends and family as we gather together as one church body. All ages are welcome, but please note that childcare will not be provided.

Questions? Email Anna Claire Forney ([annaclairef@ctk.church](mailto:annaclairef@ctk.church)).

## Table Game Group

3 Mondays, April 28, May 5, and May 12  
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 215

Do you love playing games but don't often get the opportunity? Come join us on three Monday nights for our new Table Game Group! Meet others who enjoy games too and invite your friends. We'll play a variety of card games and board games each night, plus be encouraged by something from the Bible and prayer. So bring your A game and come play with us; we promise you won't be "board"!

Please note: this group has been planned with adults in mind, and we encourage those over 18 years of age to sign up.

Register at [ctk.link/events](http://ctk.link/events).

Questions? Email Missy Elzea ([missye@ctk.church](mailto:missye@ctk.church)).



# weekly program



## Celebrate Baptisms

Sunday, June 1

After both services in the Commons

We'll be baptizing in both services on Sunday, June 1, and we invite you to celebrate as a church family after each service. We'll provide some sweet treats to eat as we hang out in the Commons to get to know each other and celebrate those in our church family who made the decision to get baptized.



## Pentecost Sunday Prayer & Worship Gathering

Sunday, June 8

6:30-8:00 PM in The Meeting Place

During the Easter season, you may have taken part in one or both prayer and worship gatherings we offered (Preparing for Easter and Holy Week). This gathering serves as a closing chapter to the first two.

Join us for a special prayer and worship gathering as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This meaningful church tradition reminds us of God's presence, the birth of the Church, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost (from the Greek and Latin for fiftieth) is observed 50 days after Jesus' resurrection. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the disciples' public ministry.

Everyone is invited to join us for a time of teaching, musical worship, and guided prayer.

*Please note: childcare will not be available, but all ages are welcome.*

Questions? Email Pastor Carrie Butler ([carrieb@ctk.church](mailto:carrieb@ctk.church)).

When you're looking for the most current information about events and other opportunities at CTK, look no further than our online weekly program at [info.ctk.church](http://info.ctk.church). You'll have all the latest news and resources right at your fingertips—on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

To get there quickly during services, just scan the QR code shown on the seat or the screen in front of you and tap the link that pops up. It'll take you right there.

Updated every week, the online weekly program is loaded with **convenient clickable links** to help you easily...

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



...and more!

Check it out today at [info.ctk.church](http://info.ctk.church)



## New to CTK?

If you're new to CTK, we want you to know you're not just welcome here, you're wanted here! We would love to know your name and help you find a place to connect with our community in a way that works for you.

Just fill out a **Connection Card** at the Connection Point any Sunday (and get a gift as a thank-you) or online anytime at [connect.ctk.church](http://connect.ctk.church) so we can introduce ourselves and keep you in the loop about things that might interest you.

## Partnering to Feed our Hungry Neighbors

You can play a part in the return of the postal food drive, May 10–May 15

This May, CTK will attempt one of the largest service projects in our history. And true to the name of our ministry called Response Teams, it came about by way of an ask for help.

For years, the National Association of Letter Carriers has put on a community food drive called Stamp Out Hunger where we can share food with our hungry neighbors simply by leaving it at our mailbox the day before Mother’s Day (Saturday, May 10 this year). But a few years ago, for a variety of reasons, this food drive became unmanageable locally and was put on hold. And local food banks felt the loss.

As increasing grocery prices send more and more seniors, families, and individuals to the Bellingham Food Bank for help, their staff is working really hard to keep up with the need. So both the Bellingham Mail Carriers and the Bellingham Food Bank asked CTK if we could help with the massive task of sorting approximately 70,000 pounds of donated food to bring the food drive back!



Normally, this sorting process takes Bellingham Food Bank five months of hosting small volunteer crews in the midst of their other work. But we intend to get the food sorted and delivered for distribution in **one week!** This ambitious goal will require 250 CTK volunteers saying yes to the request for help from our community.

Built on our years of partnership with the Bellingham Food Bank and our connections to other churches and community meal programs (see *Partnering Organizations*, right), we are uniquely equipped to meet this need. Like Esther in the Old Testament, it seems God has prepared us “for such a time as this,” and God has provided what we need at every turn.

Shifts will be hosted by different CTK ministries and campuses, so be sure to join the one that fits you or your family best. What a beautiful way for us to live into God’s promise from Isaiah 58:10: “*If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.*”

### Schedule

DATE	SHIFT	ORGANIZING MINISTRY & NOTES
Sat, May 10	11:00 am–3:00 pm	Response Teams ( <i>lots of lifting</i> )
Sat, May 10	2:30–6:30 pm	Response Teams ( <i>lots of lifting</i> )
Sun, May 11	3:00–5:30 pm	Response Teams
Sun, May 11	6:00–8:30 pm	High School Ministry ( <i>bring your family!</i> )
Mon, May 12	6:00–8:30 pm	Worship Teams and Adult Ministries
Tue, May 13	6:00–8:30 pm	Middle School Ministry & CTK Downtown ( <i>bring your family!</i> )
Wed, May 14	10:00 am–12:30 pm	Women’s Ministry
Wed, May 14	6:00–8:30 pm	Kids’ Ministry ( <i>bring your family!</i> )
Thu, May 15	3:00–6:00 pm	Men’s Ministry
Thu, May 15	6:00–8:30 pm	Young Adults Ministry and Alpha

### Who will distribute the donated food to neighbors in need?

- **The first 50,000 pounds** donated will go to the Bellingham Food Bank. They’ve seen a 127% increase in need since 2021 (compared to a statewide increase of 50%).
- **The next 10,000 pounds** will be split among Southside Food Bank (a ministry of Hillcrest Chapel), the Salvation Army Food Bank, Seniors Helping Seniors (a micro food bank for seniors on a fixed income), SeaMar Community Health Center (fresh nutrition program), and the Orca Pantry (serving Whatcom Community College students).
- **The rest** will be loaded on planes here at the Bellingham Airport as part of an annual drill of the statewide Disaster Airlift Response Team. This group trains to make sure we have a viable airborne delivery system for food and medical supplies in the event an earthquake knocks out road systems.



Sign up at  
[ctkserves.org/sorting](https://ctkserves.org/sorting)

# ctk blessing

## Partnering Organizations

Working together to feed our neighbors in need



If you're in need of a computer, email [Keri Allen \(keria@ctk.church\)](mailto:keria@ctk.church) or call the church office.

## A New Way to Give to the Blessing

As a church family, you have been giving generously to the CTK Blessing for 22 years! These are the funds, given above your regular tithe, that allow our church to:

- Support CTK families and individuals who are in financial crisis
- Partner with 15 local nonprofits to serve our most vulnerable neighbors
- Grow, collect and deliver tons (literally!) of fresh and shelf-stable food to local food banks and meal programs

When the people of God pool our resources, we're able to have a greater impact on the very real needs right here in Whatcom County. And now there's a new way to give.

After getting this request numerous times, we've created a way for you to **give to the Blessing in honor of someone else**. Here are some ways that can work:

### As a birthday or holiday gift...

When you give in this way, we'll contact you to ask if you'd like us to send out a "Because of You..." thank you letter. This quick one-page summary gives your honoree a better idea of what your gift in their honor is being used for, including pictures, a few statistics, and a story.

## Computers 4 People in Need

If you're the parent of a K-12 student or an individual on a lower or fixed income, we want to remind you that CTK partners with Computers for People in Need (C4PIN) to get technology into the hands of those who need it.

C4PIN is a local volunteer-driven organization whose purpose is to provide every person access to technology tools by offering quality refurbished computers.

### As a memorial gift...

It's not unusual for families hosting their loved one's memorial here at CTK to invite people to make a memorial gift to the CTK Blessing instead of flowers or other ways of showing support. Now we've added an online way for people to give to the CTK Blessing in memory of a loved one. They will be honored in our quarterly letter to other supporters of The Blessing.

To give online in honor of someone, go to [my.ctk.church/give-with-memo](https://my.ctk.church/give-with-memo).

You're also welcome to give by check or cash using a green Blessing envelope at the giving boxes at CTK.

You can also mail checks to CTK, 4173 Meridian St, Bellingham, WA 98226. Just make sure you put the name of the person you're honoring on the memo line.

### One more note...

If your company has a gift matching program, we want to make sure you know that even employers who exclude churches may still qualify gifts to The Blessing which are designated funds because of how we spend them. Email Pastor Wendy Powell ([wendyp@ctk.church](mailto:wendyp@ctk.church)) for more details.

# response teams

## CTK Response Teams kicks off 2025 service project season

Sunday, May 4 • Before & after services in the Commons

Pick up this year's full service project schedule and find your chance to practically serve our community partners! Our season starts with:

- MAY 10-16** A whole week of opportunities to sort up to 90,000 pounds of food donations from the postal carriers food drive (see page 6)
- SAT, MAY 31** New Building Painting for Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic
- SAT, JUN 14** Remodel/Renovations and Landscaping for Lighthouse Mission Ministries Agape House
- SAT, JUN 28** Outdoor Projects for New Way Ministries



## How do I put my faith into action?

The CTK Response Teams ministry is one answer to this question. As followers of Jesus, we're called to use our time and talents to be the tangible hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. Maybe you're in the trades and have a deep knowledge and mastered skills in construction, or maybe you're a willing extra set of hands to get a job done.

Each year the CTK Response Teams ministry comes alongside the Community Partners of CTK and responds to their needs through the completion of a variety of projects.



Last year alone, 291 people showed up and invested over 1,700 hours. They landscaped the Boys and Girls Club in Ferndale, built an office space for our friends with World Relief, did deep cleaning at the new Lighthouse Mission Ministries building, and much more. We tackled a dozen different projects that took the time, energy, and talents of everyone willing to serve.

So how do you fit into CTK Response Teams? How do you put your faith into action? Whether you're a

gardener, electrician, or just really good at sweeping—whatever your skill set, we bet there's a place for you.

If you're ready to join a Response Team right now, fill out an interest form at [ctkserves.org/join-the-team](https://ctkserves.org/join-the-team).



If you'd like to know more, stop by the Response Teams tables in the Commons on Sunday, May 4 and we'll help you choose a project.



**ctk** Response Teams

See a need, meet a need together, in Jesus' name  
[ctkserves.org](https://ctkserves.org)

## HELP WANTED: Response Team Leaders

### Project Coordinator (1-2 needed)

Project Coordinators scope out all the logistics of a service project by meeting with the community partners and visiting the work sites. Project Coordinators also coach and develop Project Leads in the logistical, relational, and spiritual aspects of a project.

This role is well suited for someone with a background in project management, people management, or asking all the detailed questions.

### Recruiter (1 needed)

Recruiters focus on engaging with people and connecting volunteers to projects. A Recruiter is highly relational and engages with others to recognize their different skills and capacities they bring to the Response Teams Ministry.

This role is well suited for someone who is curious about others, hearing others' stories, and connecting others to projects.

### Project Lead (2-3 needed)

Project Leads execute the day-of project coordination. A Project Lead is the primary facilitator for volunteers serving on a project. This role is well suited for someone who is passionate about engaging others and connecting with them relationally.

This role is also well suited for someone with a high aptitude for problem solving and task delegation.

For more info on open roles visit [ctkserves.org/join-the-team](https://ctkserves.org/join-the-team).



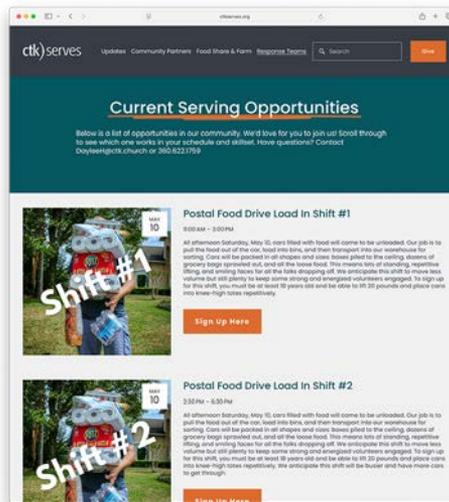
## A place to learn, a place to serve

For all the ways we serve out in the community, check out the new updates at [ctkserves.org](https://ctkserves.org)

Whether you're looking for your next opportunity to serve our community or learn more about the history of serving at our church, [ctkserves.org](https://ctkserves.org) (home page shown below) is the site to visit.

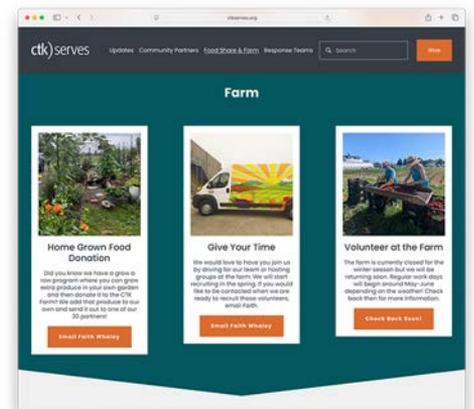


Curious why there's a separate website just for serving? CTK Serves focuses on the variety of ways our church serves beyond our ministries and programs. It focuses on the ways we share food, lend hands to our community partners, and work together throughout Whatcom County to meet the real needs present.



The information at [ctkserves.org](https://ctkserves.org) is not only for those who consider CTK their church but also for our community partners and others who may not even attend CTK to get a glimpse of how God has invited CTK to be a blessing (and maybe even jump in themselves from time to time).

As details take shape for projects and other serving opportunities, we add them to the **Opportunities to Serve** page on [ctkserves.org](https://ctkserves.org) (below, left). Browse upcoming serving opportunities and make a plan to lend a hand and serve those in need! Bring your family, serve as a small group, invite a friend... the possibilities are endless!



As the CTK farm enters its peak season, when thousands of pounds of food need to be harvested for our partners, more hands make light work. Browse the **Get Involved** page (above) to put your hands in the dirt and support the fight against hunger.

To learn more about serving our community, explore [ctkserves.org](https://ctkserves.org).

# kids



## 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](mailto:duanew@ctk.church) or ext. 2236)

## Baptism Class for Kids

Sunday, May 18  
6:00–7:45 PM in Room 210

Has your child expressed an 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. The class takes place on Sunday, May 18 and baptisms will take place Sunday, June 1 in both services. Parents are asked to attend the class 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.

Register by Friday, May 15  
at [baptism.ctk.church](http://baptism.ctk.church).



For more information contact  
Children's Pastor Duane Weaver  
at [duanew@ctk.church](mailto:duanew@ctk.church).

visit

[kids.ctk.church](http://kids.ctk.church)

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



## Nursery

Infants and toddlers up to 23 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

2–5 year-olds

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 grow in their identity in Christ, learn to see for "God opportunities," and avoid pitfalls that can cause us to lose our way.



## CTK Kids Volunteer Orientations

Last Sunday of Every Month  
Choose one: Apr 27, May 25, or Jun 29  
9:00–10:30 AM in Room 102

Discover the rewards of engaging with kids as they embark on a journey of discovery, learning, and spiritual growth. If you're anywhere between middle school and retirement age, there's a place for you on the CTK Kids volunteer team.

Join us for one of our monthly orientations to see where you fit. You'll meet some of our staff, see our ministry in action, and learn what it means to be a CTK Kid's volunteer.

No need to register—just stop by  
Kids' Check-in to get started.



## Encounter Crews

### Discovering Jesus Together

As we reflect on the past six months of Encounter Crews, we want to celebrate all that God is doing in our children's lives. We continue to witness their faith grow as they learn what it means to walk with Jesus. Each week, they arrive eager to learn, deepening their relationship with the Lord and one another. Their enthusiasm and curiosity about God's word are truly inspiring.

In January, we guided our 3rd–5th graders through a discussion on baptism – its inward significance and its role as a public declaration of commitment to God. Each child and their parents were invited to a baptism class in February. We look forward to continuing these conversations, creating space for thoughtful questions and exploration of their faith.

I'm excited about what lies ahead for our students and the future of Encounter Crews. Check out the summer edition of CTK Life for details on enrolling your child in the 2025–26 session.

If you feel called to serve, consider volunteering with Encounter Crews. It's a meaningful way to give back and help guide our kids on their faith journey. Whether you're passionate about leading small groups or supporting children, we'd love to have you join us.

Looking forward to all that's ahead,

Melanie Cobb,  
Children's Discipleship Director

**Encounter Crews enrolls annually in early fall. If your kids are interested in joining the 2025-26 session, email Melanie Cobb ([melaniec@ctk.church](mailto:melaniec@ctk.church)) for more info.**

## CTK Kids Buddies

### One-on-one helpers wanted during Sunday services

CTK Kids strives to provide an excellent experience for kids with different needs and abilities. Often, a child needs a one-on-one buddy to help them feel safe and comfortable in our classrooms. A child may struggle in their first time at church and just need a safe person to navigate the new environment with them. Others have a physical, mental, or social need that would benefit from extra assistance to be successful in the classroom.

If you have a heart for these children, we would love to speak with you about how you can make a meaningful difference in their lives.



Let us know if you're interested through our volunteer interest form at [ctk.link/kidsbuddy](https://ctk.link/kidsbuddy). Questions? Email Children's Pastor Duane Weaver ([duanew@ctk.church](mailto:duanew@ctk.church)).

## “Wow, does this ever fill my tank!”

This spring, we invite you to experience the blessing of serving in children's ministry. But don't just take it from us—read what a few of our current volunteers have to say about serving with CTK Kids.

“It's so fun seeing the kiddos run in excited about their class. I love getting to know the children and their parents. It's such a blessing to volunteer and serve as God has asked us to.” - **Check-in Volunteer**

“My first memory of church is when I went to a classroom and met a kind and gentle man whose smile made me feel wanted. He made an eternal difference to me. I want to make an eternal difference too, so I volunteered with children's ministry. This is so life-affirming. Wow, does this ever fill my tank!” - **Nursery Volunteer**

“My kids are grown, so this gives me time with little people once again! I love this stage of life—the wonder and excitement of seeing things through their eyes. I also realize how important it is for these little ones to enjoy coming to church. I get to help instill this amazing routine into their young lives.” - **Adventureland Volunteer**

“Being a volunteer means I get to serve my community and the next generation of disciples. Working with the kids has brought so much happiness and laughter in my life. I look forward to every Sunday I get to help in class!” - **Base Camp Volunteer**

Come experience the joy of serving alongside these volunteers and more. We're excited to welcome you to our team!

Let us know you're interested at [ctk.link/kids](https://ctk.link/kids) or email Claire Moore at [clairem@ctk.church](mailto:clairem@ctk.church).



# students



## High School Hub

Every Wednesday through June 4  
7:00–8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove

One of the ways our high school community gathers together is through a group called Hub. Hub is a coed small group of high school students who have deeper discussions about what it means to follow Jesus together. This is a space for authentic Christian community to take place every Wednesday night.

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



## WEEKLY STUDENT GATHERINGS

### Middle School United (MSU) + Super Tuesdays

Every Tuesday Through June 10  
6:15–8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove



Middle School UNITED (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 once a quarter, MSU hosts a Super Tuesday featuring an outrageously fun activity of some sort, often off-site. Our spring Super Tuesday date is April 22.

No need to sign up—just drop off your students on Tuesdays at 6:15 PM at the side entrance facing DSHS.

### High School United (HSU)

Every Sunday through June 8  
6:15–8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove



All high schoolers are invited to join us at High School UNITED (HSU)—a community where every student is welcome. Our aim is to build strong, life-giving friendships with each other. We share meals, talk about what's happening in our lives, encourage each other, and follow Jesus together. We want to be a community that practices a new way of living together—and that's the way of Jesus. Join us and bring your friends!

No need to sign up—just show up Sunday at 6:15 PM. Use the side entrance facing DSHS.

**HSU** Questions about High School UNITED?  
Email Katie Hjort ([katieh@ctk.church](mailto:katieh@ctk.church))

**MSU** Questions about Middle School UNITED?  
Email Pastor Josh Lease ([joshL@ctk.church](mailto:joshL@ctk.church))

### SCHEDULE NOTES

The final HSU of the school year is Sunday, June 8 and the final MSU of the school year is Tuesday, June 10.

**NO HSU ON...**  
April 20 (Easter Sunday)

**NO MSU ON...**  
April 8 (Spring Break)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT



### MSU Future Night

Tuesday, May 20  
6:15–8:30 PM in The Meeting Place

Future Night is a time for celebration as we honor and commission our graduating 8th graders and welcome all incoming 6th graders to Middle School UNITED (MSU). We would love to have incoming 6th grade parents and students join us to get acquainted with MSU, meet the staff, and hear a little bit about our vision for student ministry. We'll also take some time during the evening to celebrate our 8th graders for their time in MSU and answer any questions students or parents of 8th graders may have about High School UNITED. There will be pizza and lots of fun—bring the whole family!

**No need to register—just show up!**  
Questions? Email Pastor Josh Lease ([joshl@ctk.church](mailto:joshl@ctk.church)).



## HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT



### HSU Senior Dinner

Monday, June 2 • FREE  
6:30–8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove

High school seniors—your UNITED family wants to celebrate and honor you! Some of you seniors have been part of UNITED Student Ministries since 6th grade (7 years!) and some have recently joined our community. Either way, the HSU staff and leaders would love to treat all high school seniors to dinner, pray over you, honor you, and send you into your next season of life.

*Please note: this event is open to high school seniors and HSU leaders only.*

**No need to sign up—just show up!**  
Questions? Email Katie Hjort ([katieh@ctk.church](mailto:katieh@ctk.church))



## Stay connected to UNITED

There are new ways to stay connected to all that is happening in the UNITED community.

### Join our text lines

For weekly program reminders text “**HSU**” for high school updates or “**MSU**” for middle school updates to **360-855-8683**.

### Follow us on Instagram

[@ctkunitedsmsu](https://www.instagram.com/ctkunitedsmsu) for middle school

[@ctkunitedsu](https://www.instagram.com/ctkunitedsu) for high school

### Subscribe to our monthly email newsletter

Hear about the ways God is moving, learn about upcoming events and get updated prayer requests. Email Josh Lease, Student Ministry Pastor, at [joshl@ctk.church](mailto:joshl@ctk.church) to subscribe.



# young adults



**8 Thursdays, April 24–June 12  
6:00–8:15 PM in The Meeting Place**



**Register by Wed., April 23 at [ctk.link/alpha](http://ctk.link/alpha).**

**Have a question about young adults ministry at CTK?**

Email Young Adults Pastor Jake Hruza ([jakehruza@ctk.church](mailto:jakehruza@ctk.church)).



## Tuesday Morning Prayer

**Every Tuesday through June 10  
6:00–7:30 AM • Meeting Place Alcove**

Every Tuesday morning, CTK Young Adults meet at CTK for 90 minutes of prayer. We believe that when Jesus is present, we have everything we need. The lost will be saved, the sick will be healed, and Jesus will bring a fresh touch from heaven. As we gather together for prayer, we'll open our hearts to his love, ready to receive whatever God has in store for us. Come with hunger, expectation, and with your eyes fixed on Jesus. Please bring your Bible and a journal.

**To receive prayer updates, text PRAYER to 360-495-8683.**

## Alpha

Whether you've been following Jesus for a long time, are new to faith, or are just curious about God, you likely have questions about it all. Alpha is a place where you can bring your questions and learn (or relearn) the foundations of the Christian faith in an open and friendly environment. Everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs.

Join us for 8 Thursday evenings this spring as we eat dinner together and jump into the questions we all have about Jesus and what it means to follow him.

*Childcare available for 5th grade & younger only with RSVP by Sunday, April 13 at [ctk.link/alphakids](http://ctk.link/alphakids).*



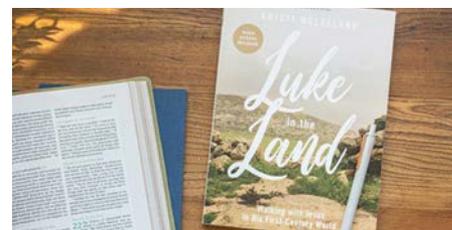
## Saturday Morning Coffee

**3 Saturdays, April 26, May 31, June 21  
9:00–10:00 AM at Bakerview Woods  
428 W Bakerview Rd in Bellingham**

Join us for a monthly coffee gathering at Woods on West Bakerview. Once a month, we want to connect for a delightful Saturday morning coffee and conversation. 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!**

# women



## Luke in the Land WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**7 Monday evenings, April 28–June 30  
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 210  
(Not meeting on Memorial Day)  
\$20 for materials**

On Monday evenings this spring we'll be looking in depth at the book of Luke together, following Kristi McLelland through Israel as we study and see where the stories of the Bible took place.

Over 7 sessions, the way you read the accounts of Jesus will be illuminated through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everybody.

**Scholarships available; email Erin for details ([erind@ctk.church](mailto:erind@ctk.church)).**

**Register by Sunday, April 27 at [ctk.link/events](http://ctk.link/events). Questions? Email Pastor Julie Burleson ([julieb@ctk.church](mailto:julieb@ctk.church)).**



**for couples**



# men



## Heaven WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7 Wednesdays, April 23–June 11 • \$20  
10:00 AM–Noon in The Meeting Place

In this 7-session video-based study, Jennifer Rothschild explores the subject of heaven from a biblical perspective. She separates what's true from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. You'll not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for his children, but also learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits.

**Scholarships available; email Erin for details (erind@ctk.church).**

Register by Monday, April 21 at [ctk.link/events](http://ctk.link/events). Questions? Email Pastor Julie Burleson ([julieb@ctk.church](mailto:julieb@ctk.church)).



## Guys' Breakfast

Saturday, May 3 • \$5.00  
9:00–11:00 AM • Meeting Place Alcove

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 family. Feel free to bring your kids (age 10 and older) as well.

RSVP by Thursday, May 1 at [ctk.link/events](http://ctk.link/events).

Questions? Email Pastor Tyler Forney ([tylerf@ctk.church](mailto:tylerf@ctk.church)).



## Men's Book Study: Fighting Shadows

8 Tuesdays, April 29–June 24  
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216

Discover the satisfaction of becoming the man God created you to be. In a world that's grown increasingly confused about—and sometimes suspicious of—masculinity, authors Jefferson Bethke and Jon Tyson send a powerful call to men everywhere: it's time to step into the light of Jesus' vision for you as a man.

Join Pastor Tyler as we journey through this book together in reading, discussion, and community.

RSVP by Sunday, April 27 at [ctk.link/events](http://ctk.link/events).



Register by Sunday, April 20 at [ctk.link/events](http://ctk.link/events).

Questions? Email Pastor Ryan Ervin ([ryane@ctk.church](mailto:ryane@ctk.church)). Scholarships available! Contact Erin Drews ([erind@ctk.church](mailto:erind@ctk.church)).



## Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts

Launches Sunday, April 27 | 6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216 | \$100.00 per couple

Dating, engaged or newly married? Start strong with SYMBIS.

Marriage is one of the biggest decisions of your life—but too many couples walk into it unprepared. Without the right tools, small issues can become big problems. A strong, Christ-centered marriage doesn't happen by accident.

That's why we offer SYMBIS (Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts)—a proven, research-backed experience that helps engaged couples and newlyweds build a solid foundation.

Over the course of five weeks (with flexibility to accommodate schedules), you'll walk through a personalized SYMBIS inventory, learn a biblical framework for marriage, and have intentional conversations with a wise, healthy mentor couple. Together, you'll gain the insight, skills, and confidence to cultivate a lifelong love.

Don't just prepare for a wedding—prepare for a marriage that reflects Christ and stands the test of time. Sign up today and take the first step toward lifelong love.

# families



## Child Dedication

**Complete an interest form any time and watch for our next class and ceremony this fall**

There are so many responsibilities in raising our kids, yet 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're committed to raising your child to love and follow Jesus, we invite you to consider Child Dedication this coming fall.

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, where family and friends are invited to support you in this commitment to your child.

**Preregistration required. Start by completing the Child Dedication Interest Form at [ctk.link/dedication](https://ctk.link/dedication).**



**Questions? Email Megan Peek at [meganp@ctk.church](mailto:meganp@ctk.church).**

## Moms in Prayer

**Every Tuesday through May 27  
(Not meeting April 22)  
9:30-10:30 AM in the Prayer Room**

Moms, grandmas, and other mother figures—the power of prayer for whatever your young ones might be going through can bring even more hope when you pray with others. Join us any Tuesday morning to pray the promises in God's Word over the kids you care about, their teachers, and our schools. We have adopted Bellingham Technical Institute and NW Indian College to support through prayer in addition to our regular prayers for the schools our loved ones attend.



This group is a safe and supportive place to connect with others to pray for the next generation. Replace fears with hope and connection to find encouragement and support.

**No need to sign up—just show up any Tuesday. Questions? Email Pastor Julie Burleson ([julieb@ctk.church](mailto:julieb@ctk.church)).**



## Connect & Play

**1st & 3rd Thursday through June 5  
10:00-11:30 AM in Room 116 • FREE**

Are you a parent looking for a bit of community? Bring your kids and join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays for coffee, conversation, and playtime. We provide toys and crafts for kids while you and fellow CTK parents take time to chat and connect.

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

**Register at [ctk.link/events](https://ctk.link/events).  
Questions? Email Megan Peek  
([meganp@ctk.church](mailto:meganp@ctk.church)).**



*Below: CTK Kids helped lead worship at one of our family services in 2024*



# prayer ministry

See also...

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## Join the Ministry Prayer Team

Praying for others is a powerful, meaningful, and tangible way to share Jesus' love with those who come forward after services. If you have a passion for encouraging others through prayer, we'd love to have you join our Ministry Prayer Team.

To learn more and join the next training, sign up at [serve.ctk.church](https://serve.ctk.church) or email Prayer Pastor Carrie Butler ([carrieb@ctk.church](mailto:carrieb@ctk.church)).

## Visit the Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is a space set aside for our church family to encounter Jesus individually and corporately. You'll find places to sit or kneel, prompts to help you engage, and creative ways to express your prayers, but we encourage you to use it as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Located upstairs in Room 214, it's available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and during Sunday services. And on the first Thursday of every month, you're welcome to participate in Day to Pray along with others in the Prayer Room (see details below).

Whether it's for a few minutes or a few hours, we invite you to come check out the prayer room any time.

If you have questions about the Prayer Room and its purpose, email our Network Prayer Pastor, Carrie Butler ([carrieb@ctk.church](mailto:carrieb@ctk.church)).

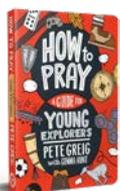


## 24/7 Prayer

We have partnered with 24-7 Prayer, a global prayer movement that provides free prayer resources and guides for churches everywhere. Our Prayer Room is one of more than 25,000 across 78 nations, all connected through this incredible movement of nonstop prayer.

To learn more about 24-7 Prayer or use some of their resources, go to [24-7prayer.com](https://24-7prayer.com).

Here are a couple to consider:



How to Pray: A Guide for Young Explorers



Pray the Bible every day with Lectio 365 App



## Day to Pray FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

For a number of years, Christ the King Church 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.

Here at CTK Bellingham, our monthly Day to Pray is the first Thursday of the month. 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](https://ctk.link/pray) and choose a time slot



Already signed up? Find prayer guides at [ctk.church/day2pray](https://ctk.church/day2pray)



Questions? Email Prayer Pastor Carrie Butler ([carrieb@ctk.church](mailto:carrieb@ctk.church))



# all adults



**FEATURED  
SPRING CLASS**

## Alpha

**8 Thursdays starting April 24  
6:00–8:15 PM in The Mtg. Place  
FREE! Includes Dinner**

Whether you've been following Jesus for a long time, are new to faith, or you're just curious about God, you likely have questions about it all.

Alpha is a place where you can bring your questions and learn (or relearn) the foundations of the Christian faith in an open and friendly environment. Everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs.

Join us for 8 Thursday evenings this spring as we eat dinner together and jump into the questions we all have about Jesus and what it means to follow him. Invite a friend to join you. Open to high school age and older. We hope to see you there!

**Register by Wednesday,  
April 23 at [ctk.link/alpha](https://ctk.link/alpha).**



**Questions? Email Pastor Julie  
Burluson ([julieb@ctk.church](mailto:julieb@ctk.church)).**

**Childcare available for  
5th grade & younger only with  
RSVP by Sunday, April 13 at  
[ctk.link/alphakids](https://ctk.link/alphakids)**

## Faith & Finances

**10 Mondays starting April 14  
6:00–7:30 PM in Room 211**



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 the course of 10 weeks together, we'll learn practical financial tools to help in everyday life—like setting realistic goals, expense tracking, creating a spending plan and managing debt. The small group format is meant to create a safe environment and set of connections to explore this area of life in community. Progress is most likely when we have the support and encouragement of others who get it!

***“Faith & Finances helped us learn how to make our money work better, and we made a lot of good friends.”***

— KAZ BRYAN, FAITH & FINANCES GRADUATE

Share 90 minutes with us Monday nights as we discover the path toward financial stability and freedom!

**Register by Sunday, April 13 at  
[ctk.link/faithandfinances](https://ctk.link/faithandfinances).  
Questions? Contact Keri Allen  
([keria@ctk.church](mailto:keria@ctk.church) or 360-733-1337).**



## Financial Assistance for Class Costs

We don't want cost to be a barrier to spiritual growth and building community. If you need a little help with class costs, limited financial assistance is available.

**To get started, email Erin Drews  
at [erind@ctk.church](mailto:erind@ctk.church) for details.**

## See also...

Young Adults opportunities, page 14  
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## Table Group Launch

**Thursday, May 1  
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216**

Table Groups are the main way we find our place in biblical community at CTK. Centered around a regular rhythm of sharing a meal, praying, growing, and serving together, they bring together 10 to 15 people who will follow Jesus together. 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](https://groups.ctk.church) and join  
us for the launch party on May 1.**

**Questions? Email Pastor Carrie  
Butler ([carrieb@ctk.church](mailto:carrieb@ctk.church)).**



## Grief Support Group

**Every Tuesday Evening  
6:00–7:30 PM in Room 212**

Grief and loss can come in a variety of packages and stall us like nothing else. They can stem from the death of someone close, a sudden career change, or even a child making decisions we don't agree with. On top of the loss itself, we can shame ourselves for not “getting over it,” never realizing just how stuck we are.

CTKers Brian and Stacy have seemingly seen it all and are masters at creating a safe space to process, to listen, and to heal in the arms of Jesus. If you need a safe space to process the burden you carry, come join this drop-in grief support group.

**Come as often as you like—no RSVP  
needed. Questions? Email Pastor Ryan  
Ervin ([ryane@ctk.church](mailto:ryane@ctk.church)).**

# hospitality



## 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, singing hymns, Bible study, and lunch together. Invite a friend (55+) and join us! Our spring quarter gatherings are April 10, May 8, and June 12. \$2 donation for lunch is appreciated.

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



## Needlecraft Care Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month  
January 24, May 1 & 15, June 5 & 26  
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 two Thursday mornings each month. You'll find great fellowship, various levels of experience, and always-helpful advice.

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

360-733-1337

## Join our hospitality team

Help create a 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](http://serve.ctk.church) and click on Hospitality or email our Hospitality Coordinator, Lori Brown ([lorib@ctk.church](mailto:lorib@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](mailto:lorib@ctk.church)).



## The Power of Prayer

Among all the ways you can support our Global Partners, prayer tops the list

**IT'S A JOY** as CTK's Global Ambassadors to visit our global partners around the world, engage in their ministries and lives, and offer them encouragement from their CTK family.

A primary purpose of our role is to ask, "How can CTK best serve you? What can we do to help?" When we first started asking this question, we thought money would certainly be the answer. And yes, funds are necessary and valuable, but the answer we receive over and over again is prayer.

*"We need CTK to pray for us, because prayer is powerful!"*

*"Knowing you are praying for me is such a gift. Your prayers mean everything."*

*"We really appreciate your prayers! Keep praying for my family."*

Our global partners have all said yes to God's call to serve others well. While serving brings immense joy, it can also bring immense challenges. As our partners step in to minister to those in physical or emotional pain, those living in poverty, those enduring abuse, and those who are in despair, our partners understand that without God they can do nothing. Prayer changes everything; it is their lifeline.

## Celebrating your generosity!

Our giving goal for Missions Month 2025 was \$144,000, and we're humbled to share that **nearly \$215,000 was given!** Lives will be forever changed through your generosity. This will fully fund all the projects described in our Missions Month booklet and more. See what your giving will make possible at [ctk.link/missionsbooklet](https://ctk.link/missionsbooklet).



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

  @ctkglobalambassadors

Watch videos and learn more at  
[ctk.church/missions](https://ctk.church/missions)

So we invite you to participate in their most requested act of service. **Take a moment to pray for our partners by name, lifting them, their families, and their ministries up to Jesus.**

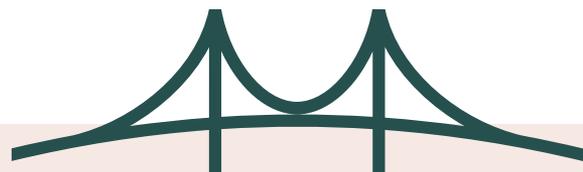
- Laya Sirikul; Thailand
- Pastor Somsak and Dwight Martin; Thailand
- Guy and Sondra Sottile; Rome—Italy for Christ
- Francesco and Melita Romeo; Sicily—Italy for Christ
- Mark and Dawn Masucci; YWAM Montana
- Gordy McDonald; YWAM Montana
- Paul and Lynnette Randerson; YWAM Kona
- Matt Smith; India
- Happiness Nassary; Tanzania—YWAM Arusha
- Jacinta Mukolwe; Kenya & Tanzania—YWAM Arusha
- Thomas and Beatrice Omolo; Nairobi, Kenya

**And the staff of our partners at:**

- AIM Belize
- Living Water International
- Samaritan's Purse
- National Leadership Center, Israel

**Thank you for praying!**

To receive periodic specific prayer requests for our global partners, sign up to receive the Missions Prayer Letter at [ctk.church/missions](https://ctk.church/missions).



## BRIDGES OF CONNECTION

Explore opportunities to serve  
alongside our Global Partners at  
[my.ctk.church/  
bridgesofconnection](https://my.ctk.church/bridgesofconnection)



## UPCOMING OUTREACH TRIPS



### Kenya Outreach Trip

Fall 2025 with Pamoja Love  
Duration: 2 weeks; dates TBD

Join us on this life-changing journey with Pamoja Love. Our team will immerse in diverse communities across Kenya, offering hope, compassion, and tangible assistance to those who need it most, including widows, orphans and vulnerable communities.

For more information, email Kim Ryan at [hello@pamoja.love](mailto:hello@pamoja.love).  
Learn more about Pamoja Love at [www.pamoja.love](http://www.pamoja.love).



### Honduras Outreach Trip

with Living Water International  
October 11-18, 2025

Join a team from CTK as we partner with LWI and link arms with the local church to provide desperately needed clean water and living water—the good news of Jesus. Activities may include helping drill a well, community outreach, hygiene training, sharing Bible stories, children’s events, and more.

Email CTK Missions Director Tracy Hull ([tracyh@ctk.church](mailto:tracyh@ctk.church)) for more information.



### 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 10:00 AM at [jesus.net/live](https://jesus.net/live) or on the second Wednesday of every month at [podcast.ctk.church](https://podcast.ctk.church).



### Rome Jubilee Outreach Trip

with Italy for Christ • November 3-10, 2025

Imagine 33 million people from all over the world pilgrimaging to one place in one year. That’s the picture of Jubilee 2025. Once every 25 years the Roman Catholic Church opens a special door in 4 main cathedrals with the belief that if you walk through the doors, you are relieved of the punishment for your sin. The vision of our global partners at Italy for Christ is to minister to the pilgrims with a vision of a “Forever Open” outreach, sharing the message

that, in Jesus, the door to forgiveness is always open.

CTK will be sending a team to minister to pilgrims by distributing a booklet directing people to a deeper relationship with Jesus, handing out water bottles and backpacks, and engaging people in conversation about Jesus. There may also be an opportunity to serve the Catholic church by helping in various simple ways in handling the large number of pilgrims.

Email CTK Missions Director Tracy Hull ([tracyh@ctk.church](mailto:tracyh@ctk.church)) for more information.



Also, join Grant live every Wednesday at 10:00 AM at [jesus.net/live](https://jesus.net/live) for live questions and responses.

Catch new episodes at  
[podcast.ctk.church](https://podcast.ctk.church)  
and  
[jesus.net/live](https://jesus.net/live)



# food share & farm

## Join CTK Food Share's Item of the Month Club

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

or scan QR below and we'll reply with a link to the online Amazon wishlist for that month's item as a reminder.\* If you shop on Amazon, your donation can be shipped directly to the church. This is a simple thing that really makes a huge difference for our Food Share partners!

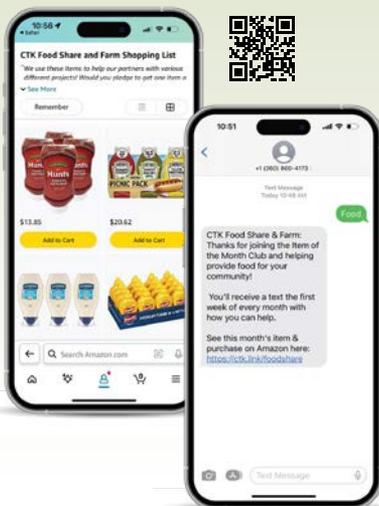
**Our 2025 Goal:** 350 CTKers committed to giving 2-3 monthly items all year long.

### Spring Items

**APRIL** Canned Protein  
for Point Roberts Food Bank  
**GOAL** 1000 cans

**MAY** Canned Soup  
for Seniors Helping Seniors  
**GOAL** 1000 cans

**JUNE** Herbs & Spices  
for Agape Food Bank  
**GOAL** 1000 jars



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



Last year, the CTK Farm hosted over 45 events with a total of 800 people in attendance. This is an incredible way we use the farm not only to get more food harvested but to invite the community into what we're doing. Each year, these events engage CTKers and the local community through:

- Field trips for all ages
- Serving opportunities called Pick-n-Picnics
- Farm tours

Do you have the gift of hospitality or hosting? We would love to use your God-given gifts to host the fun events we have coming up this year!

If you're interested, email Food Share & Farm Director Faith Whaley at [faithw@ctk.church](mailto:faithw@ctk.church).

Want to know more? Check out below what Kathleen, one of our hosts, has to say about volunteering in this way!

## Meet CTK Farm Host, Kathleen

**How many years have you hosted?**

5 years.

**What skills are needed to host at the CTK Farm?**

Outgoing, friendly, love for God and his garden, a love to connect with people. We can teach you the rest!

**What's your favorite part about hosting events at the farm?**

I love getting to meet new folks and giving them the opportunity to work in "God's garden." It's such a beautiful place. I also love telling them our story.



**What's a quick story about one of your favorite hosting moments?**

The Lynden Moms Group is a group of mothers who've been coming for the last 4 to 5 years in the fall with their kids to harvest carrots. Their kids range from 2 to 8 years old and just have a great time. In December, I volunteered at our All is Bright event and a little girl came up to me and said, "I picked carrots at your farm." She remembered!

**What would you say to someone interested in hosting?**

If you're interested in hosting, just let us know and we'll get you started. It's fun, and we would love for you to become part of our farm family.

## Come Volunteer at the CTK Farm!

June 8–August 18  
6069 Hannegan Rd (at Hemmi Rd)

It's almost time for us to play in the dirt together! **Sunday, June 8 is the official launch of the CTK Farm's 2025 growing season.** Come and say hi to us before and after services to learn about the amazing opportunities for you to join us in this fight against hunger. We're looking for event hosts, weekly volunteers, one-time volunteers, drivers and more. There are so many opportunities for you to be part of what God's called us to do in Whatcom County.

## CTK Food Share & Farm Mini Documentary Screening and Interest Meeting

Join us on Sunday, June 22 after each service to be the first people to see our Food Share Ministry's new mini-documentary. Key volunteers and staff will be on hand to share their passion for feeding our hungry neighbors and answer questions! No need to RSVP; just show up!

## Come & See Tours

The best way to get started as a first time volunteer is to join us for a Come & See tour and workday. We'll show you around, explain what we're up to, and then get you out in the field pitching in! Pick a date and sign up at [ctk.link/comeandsee](https://ctk.link/comeandsee).

## Farm Work Days

We are at the farm planting, weeding, and harvesting each Monday and Friday from 9:00 AM to noon. Join us for a time of community, prayer, and playing in the dirt!

See all the ways you can get involved at [ctkserves.org/getinvolved](https://ctkserves.org/getinvolved).

**CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY CHURCH** is a network of five Whatcom County churches that share the same name, the same mission, and the same central services to help organize our network.

While all our campuses have a lot in common, each location has its own unique flavor, shaped by its leadership team and the community it serves (Bellingham, Blaine, Downtown Bellingham, Ferndale, and Sudden Valley).

If you're ever looking for a church family closer to your home or something a little different than the Bellingham campus offers, check out other campuses Facebook pages or go visit another campus some Sunday!

## More CTK Network Campuses



**Blaine** 674 Peace Portal Dr  
Sundays, 10:00 AM  
[facebook.com/ctkblaine](https://facebook.com/ctkblaine)



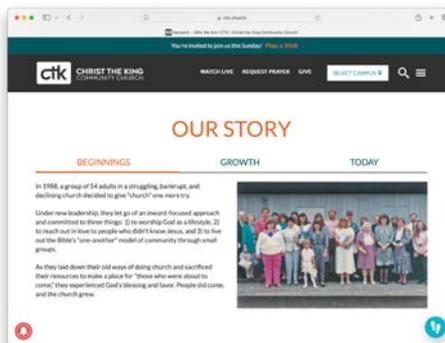
**Ferndale** 5627 3rd Ave  
Sundays, 9:30 & 11:00 AM  
[facebook.com/ctkferndale](https://facebook.com/ctkferndale)



**Downtown B'ham** 1419 N Forest  
Sundays, 10:00 AM  
[facebook.com/ctkdowntown](https://facebook.com/ctkdowntown)



**Sudden Valley** 8 Barn View Ct  
Sundays, 10:00 AM  
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Learn more about our campuses and our history at [ctk.church/bellingham/about](https://ctk.church/bellingham/about)

# 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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