

# ctk life

SUMMER 2025

The best weekend  
of the year...

## GO CAMP

for 6th–12 grade

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SUMMER FOCUS

## Get fueled to serve!

Find community and put your faith in action  
with the CTK Farm, Response Teams,  
and the next generations pages 6, 8, 10 & 14



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COMMUNITY CHURCH



# 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 summer to help you connect, grow, and serve with the family here at Christ the King Community Church.

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

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



Summer is my favorite time of year—grilling in the back yard, summer vacation, long evenings on the back deck, shorts and flip-flops, sunshine, gardens in bloom, a slower pace, fresh vegetables from the garden and iced coffee! What a combination!

Summer at CTK also brings an exciting combination of opportunities to grow deeper in your faith and in relationship with others. Social gatherings, summer small groups, community service projects, the CTK Food Share & Farm, and summer church are all ways of connecting to God and each other. My prayer is that we will all utilize these opportunities not solely for what we will **get**, but also for what we can **give**.

This summer, I am excited to be preaching through a series on the timeless promises of God that will result in the restoration of calm for those of us who not only know the promises but put them into action.

The words of 2 Peter 1:3–8 have been ringing in my ears lately:

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and

goodness. <sup>4</sup>Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

<sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Did you see that? We have **everything** we need for a godly life through the promises of God. And when we add goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love to our faith, the world around us can be changed!

Throughout this series, I am going to introduce a 21-day devotional audio guide (see page 19) that will add to the teaching on a daily basis. It's a new component that I hope will bless and challenge you.

I hope you are as excited for this summer at CTK as I am!

Growing together,  
Pastor Grant



**Looking Back:** In May, more than 350 CTK volunteers of all ages put their faith into action by sorting over 67,000 pounds of food donated through in the local postal food drive, Stamp Out Hunger.

## A Note from Melonie Kemp

NETWORK EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Summer is one of the most loved seasons here in the Pacific Northwest. With long days, beautiful weather, and endless opportunities to be outdoors,

many of us intentionally shift our pace and schedules to enjoy all this season has to offer. It's also a natural time to try something new—and to connect in fresh ways with God and others.

In this edition of CTK Life, you'll find events, gatherings, and serving opportunities designed to fit within the rhythm of summer. Each one is an invitation—to meet new people, build meaningful relationships, and take a

next step in living out your faith. Our neighborhoods and communities are more than where we live. They're our local mission field.

Whether through a barbecue with your small group, a picnic in a park, a service project, or a casual summer hangout with your neighbors, there's spiritual value in intentionally showing up, serving together, and making space for new connections.

I hope you'll say yes to a few of these summer opportunities as a chance to reflect Jesus' love in tangible ways—and have lots of fun as well!

Wishing you a great summer!  
Melonie



Stop by the  
**SUMMER SERVICE  
STATION** in the  
Commons starting  
Sunday, June 22  
to fill up on all the  
resources you need  
to start serving!

Summertime is a season when many of our ministries pause their weekly gatherings, classes, and groups to create space for fun and meaningful serving opportunities.

Throughout this edition of CTK Life, you'll see lots of ways to serve Jesus by serving others. And each time you say yes, you'll experience a deeper sense of community as you volunteer alongside your church family.

It's no surprise that the time and effort we offer to our kids and student ministries, our Food Share & Farm, and our community partners fills their tanks. But as it turns out, serving also fuels our own souls for the long road of life!

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Every Labor Day weekend, CTK middle and high schoolers head to Firwood for Go Camp. See details on page 12.

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# for everyone

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



## Connect Sunday Summer Tour

3 Sundays, 6:00–7:30 PM  
June 29, July 20 & August 17

This summer, we're taking our Connect Sunday events on the road. Enjoy the beauty of three different Whatcom County Parks as you connect with your church community.

Being part of a church isn't just the Sunday service; it's about the people you have an opportunity to surround yourself with. Get to know your church family and let them get to know you.

There's something for everyone and all activities are optional. We'll provide lawn games, prizes, snacks and conversation starters. These events are designed for the entire church family whether you're 9 or 99. So grab a chair or picnic blanket and join us at the park. We can't wait to see you there!

- **Sunday, June 29**  
**Cornwall Park**
- **Sunday, July 20**  
**Whatcom Falls Park**
- **Sunday, August 17**  
**Squalicum Creek Park**

No need to sign up, just show up!  
Questions? Email Kobi Dorning  
([kobid@ctk.church](mailto:kobid@ctk.church)).

Watch the online weekly program  
([info.ctk.church](mailto:info.ctk.church)) or check out  
[ctk.link/events](https://ctk.link/events) for more details.



## Pancake Feed Fundraiser

Sunday, June 22  
After services in The Meeting Place

United Student Ministries is hosting a pancake feed to raise funds for Go Camp 2025. Our goal is \$12,000 to offset the cost and make Go Camp affordable for every family with a middle or high schooler. This pay-what-you-wish breakfast will be served by our students after both church services. Come hungry and help us reach our Go Camp goals!



## 4th of July Weekend: One 10 AM Service & After Party

Sunday, July 6 • 1 service at 10:00 AM  
Party after service in the Commons

On 4th of July weekend we'll have just one service at 10 AM. After all the July 4th fireworks and festivities, let the fun continue after the service! Stick around and have a blast with cool treats and the opportunity to connect with your church family.

## Art at The Farm

All 5 Sundays in August  
4:00–6:00 PM at the CTK Farm  
\$20.00 for materials

Come out to the CTK Farm every Sunday in August and engage your creative side as we sit surrounded by the beauty of God's creation! Art at the Farm is a new 5-week group that will gather to create art through a variety of media (watercolor, pencil, oil pastel), inspired by the surroundings at the farm. Rather than working from step-by-step instructions, local artist Jana Gering will teach a short, focused lesson each week that will help direct your creativity.

We'll gather for the first four Sundays to create art together, and on the final Sunday we'll do some work at the farm and give back to our community, as well as show off some of the pieces we've created! This group is open to seasoned artists as well as those who have never picked up a paintbrush. We will provide supplies or feel free to bring your own if you have favorites. We're excited to get together and get inspired by the beautiful CTK Farm. Come join us!



Register by Friday, August 1 at [ctk.link/events](https://ctk.link/events).  
Questions? Email Missy Elzea ([missye@ctk.church](mailto:missye@ctk.church)).



# weekly program

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## Parking Lot Party

Sunday, August 3

After both services in the parking lot

Come party with us in the front parking lot of the church after services! We'll be serving up some summer treats, playing games, and connecting with one another while enjoying a gorgeous Whatcom County summer day. And just in case the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the celebration inside!

EVERY  
SUNDAY



## New to CTK?

Are you new to CTK? We'd love to welcome you to our church with a gift! Stop by the Connection Point in the middle of the Commons before or after any Sunday service and fill out a quick Connection Card so we can keep you updated on events, classes, and other opportunities at CTK.

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](https://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](https://info.ctk.church)



## Love your hobby? Share it with others!

Do you love Jesus and have a hobby you'd enjoy doing with other CTKers? Let's talk about how your love for Jesus and your love for your hobby could work together to create a space for people to gather at CTK!

To find out more, email Missy Elzea ([missye@ctk.church](mailto:missye@ctk.church)).





# food share & farm

## It's time for us to play in the dirt together!

The farm's success depends on everyday people just like you who are willing to put their faith and their concern for our struggling neighbors into action.

This season we're looking for weekly volunteers, one-time volunteers, and more. There are so many opportunities for you to be part of what God's called us to do in Whatcom County.



**F**or as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

**ISAIAH 61:11**

## Farm Work Days *JUST SHOW UP!*

Mondays & Fridays, 9 AM–Noon

Every other Sunday, 1–3 PM starting June 22

### CTK Food Share & Farm Documentary

**Sunday, June 29 after services in The Meeting Place**

On June 8 we debuted our new documentary short, "Seed to Community" in our Sunday services. If you missed it or would like to watch it again, on Sunday, June 29 after both services, we'll be showing the film along with discussion and Q&A.

If you're curious about our work fighting hunger in the community, ways to participate, or have any a question about this ministry, join us! We'll share the heart behind this ministry and all the ways to get involved.

If there's someone in your life you want to share the ministry of our church with, invite them too! Look for the movie ticket-style invitations in the Commons.

### Ready to volunteer at the farm?

**Come & See tours happen all summer**

Your first step as a new volunteer is to sign up for a Come & See. You'll get a tour, some orientation, and your first chance to work in the field (or greenhouse). There are plenty of dates to choose from.



Sign up at [ctk.link/comeandsee](https://ctk.link/comeandsee).

### NEW: Sunday Work Days

**Every other Sunday starting June 22 1:00–3:00 PM**

For years, our regular in-season workdays have been Monday and Friday, 9 AM to noon. This year we're adding a third regular work shift at the farm every other Sunday afternoon from 1:00–3:00 PM beginning June 22. Bring a picnic lunch to the farm after church and then work for a couple hours with your family.

**No need to sign up—just show up!**

### Blueberry Gleaning: Save the Dates

**Thursday Evenings in July (tentative)**

As we do every year, we'll be gleaning blueberries from a local farm for community food banks and meal programs. Specific dates will be released as we get closer, but normally it's Thursday nights in July. All ages welcome. What you pick in the first hour goes to our Food Share partners, and what you pick in the second hour is yours to enjoy and share!

### Whatcom Farm Tour

**Saturday, September 13 10:00 AM–4:00 PM**

For the third year, the CTK Farm will be a stop on the Sustainable Connections Whatcom Farm Tour. Last year we saw over 200 community members stop by to see what God is up to as we grow food to give away!

Save the date, Saturday, September 13, and think about inviting a friend, co-worker, or neighbor who may or may not be part of a church but would be interested in farming or passionate about feeding the hungry.

**The CTK Farm is located at the corner of Hannegan Road and E Hemmi Road (6069 Hannegan Road. Enter from E Hemmi Road and park in the grassy area next to the first field.**



# hospitality

## 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!

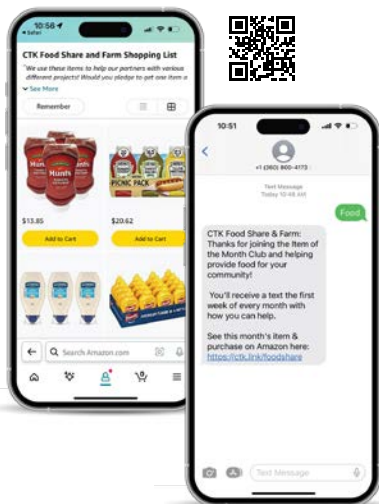
**Our 2025 Goal:** 350 CTKers committed to giving 2-3 monthly items all year long.

### Summer Items

**JULY** Cereal  
for Project Hope Food Bank  
**GOAL** 350 boxes / bags

**AUG.** Canned Tuna  
for The Bridge Food Bank  
**GOAL** 1000 cans

**SEPT.** Canned Beans  
for Seamar Clinic-Farmacia  
**GOAL** 1000 cans



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

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](https://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 Events 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 after the event. 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)).





# response teams

## We are a church who demonstrates...

- ...the **compassion of Jesus** by choosing to see and care about the real needs all around us.
- ...the **presence of Jesus** by showing up in our local community to help.
- ...the **provision of God** by giving generously of our time and our resources to meet people's needs.
- ...the **relational nature of God** by cultivating long-term mutual relationships with the nonprofits serving our neighbors who need it most.
- ...the **humility of Christ** by supporting and joining partners' efforts rather than recreating the wheel to do our own thing.

One of the most encouraging kinds of help we offer our community partners is the funding and volunteers to tackle projects that would otherwise stay on their "someday" list (when their staff has extra time and their budget has surplus). CTK Blessing funds and Response Team volunteers are a powerful combination that make our partners and those they serve feel seen, valued, and provided for.

**Will you check your summer schedule and make room to join us for at least one of these projects?**



## Be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community this summer!

Join a response team service project



## All experience levels welcome!

**Choose a project from the list and make a plan to serve with us!**

### CTK Response Teams Project Schedule

All projects are on Saturdays from 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

<b>JUN 28</b>	New Way Ministries Window Washing and Outdoor Projects
<b>JUL 19</b>	AHA Childcare General Projects
<b>JUL 19</b>	Cascade Connections Landscaping
<b>AUG 9</b>	Engedi Refuge Garage Organization and Outdoor Renovation
<b>AUG 23</b>	Boys and Girls Club Northwest Daycare Outside Clean Up
<b>SEP 13</b>	Lydia Place Storage Unit Organization
<b>SEP 27</b>	Blaine CAP Parking Lot, Building Maintenance, and Landscaping
<b>OCT 11</b>	Road2Home A/C Unit Swap Out

**CHOOSE ONE**

**Our mission is simple: See a need, meet a need together, in Jesus' name**



Find more details & sign up at [ctkresponse.org/projects](https://ctkresponse.org/projects)



## Praying with our feet this summer

This summer, we're praying on the move, bringing God's Kingdom of love, justice, and peace wherever we go in Whatcom County and beyond. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we can carry his presence into everyday places, blessing people and partnering with him in his restorative Kingdom work. Whether you're at the park, harvesting beans at the CTK Farm, or camping with friends, take the opportunity to pray!

### 3 Ways to Pray with Your Feet

#### 1. Pray As You Walk

Get to your feet and prayer walk around your neighborhood, park, school, city—anywhere you know needs God's presence! Use the **Holy Here** app ([hollyhere.com](https://hollyhere.com)) to encourage, inspire, and see where others are prayer walking. To learn more about prayer walking and have a chance to practice with others, come to one of these

#### Prayer Walking Workshops:

**Choose from:**

**Sunday, June 29 • Room 215  
1:00–3:00 PM with lunch**

**or**

**Saturday, July 12 • Room 215  
10 AM–Noon with snacks**

**Note:** There will be options to pray seated for people with limited mobility.

**Register at [ctk.link/events](https://ctk.link/events).  
Questions? Email Carrie Butler  
([carrieb@ctk.church](mailto:carrieb@ctk.church)).**



#### 2. Pray As You Serve

We have many opportunities to serve our community this summer through Response Teams, the CTK Farm, and in our kids and student ministries, and we believe our prayers can take our work even further. So whether you're painting, cleaning windows, pulling weeds, or teaching toddlers, pray as you put your faith into action!

#### 3. Pray As You Go

Taking a vacation? Bless the new people you meet. Going to the baseball game? Bless the concession worker. Stay-cationing? Bless your neighbor. Working long hours? Bless your boss. Hiking with friends? Bless who you walk past. You get the idea—pray wherever you go!

**Not sure how to get started?  
See four simple steps below.**

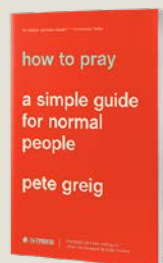
### 24-7 Prayer

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 and  
other books by  
Pete Greig**



**Pray the Bible  
every day with  
Lectio 365 App**



## Wondering how to pray?

### Here are 4 simple steps:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how he is already working in the people and place
2. Listen for his response
3. Bless the people and good that you see in the place you are in and ask for more
4. Thank God for all he is doing

**If you would like more information about how to pray, go to [ctk.church/prayer](https://ctk.church/prayer) or reach out to Pastor Carrie Butler at [carrieb@ctk.church](mailto:carrieb@ctk.church).**

# kids



**FRIDAY, JUNE 27**  
**6:00–8:00 PM**

IN THE PARKING LOT • FREE!

Join us for the most  
smashingly fun event  
of the summer!

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

This is a great event for your kids to invite their friends—the more the merrier!

**Please note:** Parents are required to attend with their children.

RSVP not required, but if you do, you'll be entered into our raffle to win a Big Drop prize!

RSVP for the raffle by Wed.,  
June 25 at [ctk.link/drop](https://ctk.link/drop).



Questions? Email Clare Moore  
([clairem@ctk.church](mailto:clairem@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](mailto:duanew@ctk.church) or ext. 2236)

### 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

**One Sunday Every Month**  
**Choose June 22 or July 27**  
**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 in middle school, in retirement, or anywhere in between, there's an opportunity for you. See where you fit in this journey.

On either of the dates above, come meet some of our staff, see our programs 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.**



## 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 summer, we invite you to experience the blessing of serving in children's ministry. But don't just take it from us—read what some 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**

"I love to share the good news of our Savior with our kiddos. It's a delightful way to work with children and to serve King Jesus. After each session I feel so blessed to be a member of this team." – **Adventureland Volunteer**

"I serve because I'm so blessed in return for the volunteer service that I provide for the children each week. The children return to us an indescribable gift that cannot be matched. Their love for Jesus is passionate, and they grow stronger each week in their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. That's why I serve!" – **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).



## Volunteer at Lummi Children's Jesus Quest Bible Camp

Saturday, June 28  
10:00 AM–2:00 PM

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

Jesus Quest Bible Camp hosts 7-12-year-olds. In addition to teaching about Jesus, the Bible, and prayer, the goal is to provide campers with an unforgettable experience.



On Saturday afternoon, we have a couple of hours of water activities. Many of these activities involve using water balloons, culminating in a giant water balloon fight. On Saturday morning June 28, we're looking for volunteers to fill water balloons and set up for the activities.

If you're interested in helping, sign up at [ctk.link/jesusquest](https://ctk.link/jesusquest).

Questions? Email Melanie Cobb ([melaniec@ctk.church](mailto:melaniec@ctk.church)).

See also...

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Blueberry Picking



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# students



## Get ready for the best weekend of the year.

**August 29–September 1  
At Camp Firwood • \$275**

Hey middle and high schoolers—the best weekend of the year is almost here! Go Camp is back and happening Labor Day weekend at Camp Firwood.

It's an incredible chance to have fun, make new friends, and grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus. Every year, lives are impacted in powerful ways, and we trust God will do something incredible again.

**Get ready for the weekend you'll never forget!**

**Limited financial assistance is available. To inquire, visit [ctk.link/scholarship](https://ctk.link/scholarship).**



**REGISTER and find out more at [ctk.church/gocamp](https://ctk.church/gocamp)**

**DON'T DELAY! Registration closes Friday, August 15.**

**Questions? Email Pastor Josh Lease ([joshi@ctk.church](mailto:joshi@ctk.church)).**

## You can never outgrow Go Camp!

Our biggest student ministry event of the year is almost here—Go Camp! This unforgettable weekend retreat brings together over a hundred middle and high school students from across the county to build community, have fun, and encounter Jesus in powerful ways.

But Go Camp isn't just for kids. This year, we're inviting more adults than ever to be part of the experience. Why? Because we believe that life change happens best in community—and if you're an adult, that includes you.



We want Go Camp to be a space where all generations grow together; where students feel seen, safe, and supported, and where adults discover the joy and impact of walking alongside the next generation in faith.

That's where you come in. Whether you can offer a few hours or the whole weekend, we're looking for over 80 volunteers to help make Go Camp happen. There are all kinds of ways to serve—before the weekend, full-time at camp, or even behind the scenes in prayer. Would you consider being part of what God is doing in the lives of students this summer? He can and will use your presence and your story in powerful ways.



### Get Involved

Stop by the table in the Commons on Sundays all summer long and we'll help you find a role that fits—whether that's:

- Serving at Camp Firwood in a variety of roles for all or part of the weekend
- Helping with prep and logistics before camp
- Supporting through prayer

**Ready to serve? Learn more and sign up at [ctk.church/gocamp](https://ctk.church/gocamp).**

**Have questions? Stop by the Summer Service Station in the Commons all summer long and we'll help you find a good fit.**





## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER EVENTS

Mark your calendars for our main middle school event this summer. We're looking forward to having lots of fun as a community!



**MSU Goes to the Fair**  
Thursday, August 14 • 5:30–9:00 PM

Text **MSU** to **360-858-8683** to receive all the updates over the coming months.

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER EVENTS

### HSU Summer Nights

High School UNITED is gathering throughout the summer to have fun wherever we can find it! Save the dates so you can be sure to join us.

**Bonfire**  
Monday, June 30 • 7:00–9:30 PM

**Pool Party**  
Monday, July 14 • 5:30–8:00 PM

**Hike & Picnic**  
Monday, July 28 • Meet at CTK at 10:00 AM

**Lynden Fair**  
Monday, August 11 • 5:30–9:30 PM

Text **HSU** to **360-858-8683** to receive all the updates over the coming months.

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

**MSU** Questions about Middle School UNITED?  
Email Megan Peek ([meganp@ctk.church](mailto:meganp@ctk.church))



**Saturday, July 26**  
**11:00 AM–3:30 PM\***  
at CTK Bellingham

\* We estimate the championship game will start at 3:00 PM depending on how many teams sign up.

CTK Student Ministries is hosting a corn hole tournament to raise funds for Go Camp 2025. Lives are changed every year at Go Camp, and we want as many students as possible to join us. Our goal is to raise \$12,000 to offset camp expenses and make it affordable for every family.

**Entry fee is \$40 per team of 2**, and concessions will be available for purchase along with raffle tickets.

Spread the word and enter the tournament at [ctk.link/cornhole](https://ctk.link/cornhole)! Questions? Email Pastor Josh Lease ([joshl@ctk.church](mailto:joshl@ctk.church)).



## UNITED Fall Launch Party

*For Middle & High Schoolers*

**Sunday, September 7**  
**6:15–8:30 PM in the Mtg. Place**

Save the date—UNITED is kicking off the new school year with a launch party for both middle and high school students. Come on out for food, games, prizes, and to start building community!

**No need to sign up—just show up!**

## 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

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

## Summer Service Projects for Young Adults (age 18-30s)

### Engedi Refuge Organization & Outdoor Renovations

**Saturday, August 9 • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**

Extreme Makeover: Garage Edition (along with some other handy-person repairs). Are you an excellent organizer or maybe just strong and able to move heavy things? Engedi Refuge Ministries is a faith-based, holistic program where women can recover from the devastating effects of sexual exploitation.

CTK Young Adults is partnering on this Response Team project by helping reorganize Engedi's garage space, install new shelving, build outdoor furniture, and perform a handful of interior repairs. So come lift with your legs, decode some furniture building instructions, or lend your handy abilities to this project.

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

### Aha! Childcare and Early Learning Center Projects

**Saturday, July 19 • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**

AHA! Childcare in Ferndale is a new community partner who supports the community with childcare, garage sales to support parents, food bank distribution, and other holistic family support.

CTK Young Adults is partnering on this Response Team project by sending a small, diverse team to construct garden boxes, fix doors, prep floors, and re-stripe AHA!'s parking lot. Bring your construction skills, eye for design, or simply ready serving hands to welcome AHA! Childcare as a new community partner this summer.

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

### Lydia Place Storage Unit Organization

**Saturday, September 13 • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**

Many hands make moving light work, especially when we need to put everything we pull from a storage unit back inside. Lydia Place is focused on disrupting the cycle of homelessness and pursuing healing for generations to come. They serve over 300 homeless families, single adults, and single-parent households in our community each year.

This year, we'll support them by constructing a loft area in their storage unit where they keep many of their items for the work they do. CTK Young Adults will partner with CTK Response Teams to pull everything out of the unit, construct the storage loft, and then put everything back in. So whether you're a construction visionary, a solid organizer, or a strong back, join us in serving Lydia Place.

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

**Have a question about young adults ministry or any of these projects?**

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



### Saturday Morning Coffee

**Selected Saturdays:**

June 21, July 12, Aug. 2 & 23, Sep. 6

**9:00–10:00 AM at Bakerview Woods  
428 W Bakerview Rd in Bellingham**

Join us for a monthly coffee gathering at Woods on Bakerview. Throughout the summer we want to connect for just for coffee and conversation, and we'd love to see you there! (Food and beverages are at your expense.)

**No need to sign up—just show up!**



### Young Adult Barbecues

**2 Thursdays, July 24 & August 14  
6:30–8:30 PM at 1292 E Axton Rd**

Summer's almost here, and we're celebrating with two laid-back BBQ hangouts just for young adults! We'll have food on the grill, lawn games, music, and all the good vibes.

Whether you've been around for a while or are brand new, this is the perfect chance to relax, meet other young adults, and enjoy summer together. Bring a friend (or a few!) and come ready to grow in community. For ages 18–30s. No childcare provided.

RSVP at [ctk.link/events](https://ctk.link/events).



# 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 Pastor Duane Weaver at [duanep@ctk.church](mailto:duanep@ctk.church).**

## Summer Fun for Families

Join us this summer for these fun and family-friendly summer get-togethers.

**Connect Sunday Summer Tour**  
**6:00–7:30 PM at local parks • FREE!**

- Sunday, June 29: Cornwall Park (Cornwall north entrance)
- Sunday, July 20: Whatcom Falls Park (Electric Ave. entrance)
- Sunday, August 17: Squalicum Creek Park

See full details on [page 4](#)

**No need to RSVP, just show up.**  
**Questions? Email Claire Moore at [clairem@ctk.church](mailto:clairem@ctk.church).**



## CTK Kids, Teens, & Families Blueberry Picking

**Mid to late July**  
**Watch [info.ctk.church](https://info.ctk.church) for exact dates**

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

**Interested? Let us know at [ctk.link/blueberries](https://ctk.link/blueberries) and we'll contact you when the crop is ready to harvest!**

**Questions? Email Claire Moore ([clairem@ctk.church](mailto:clairem@ctk.church)).**

# men



## Guys' Adventure Hikes

Gentlemen, we live in such a beautiful part of the country; let's get out and enjoy it together! Come adventure with us as we hike locations around the county. Wear sturdy, comfortable hiking shoes or boots, pack water and a lunch to carry with you, and bring any other items you may need (poles, sunscreen, First Aid, etc.). We'll meet at CTK and carpool from there.

### JUNE HIKE

**Sat., June 28 • 8:00 AM–2:00 PM**  
**South Lake Whatcom Trail**  
**Meet at CTK**

**RSVP by Thursday, June 26**  
**at [ctk.link/events](https://ctk.link/events).**



### AUGUST HIKE

**Sat., August 2 • 8:00 AM–4:00 PM**  
**Location TBD • Meet at CTK**

**Watch [info.ctk.church](https://info.ctk.church) for registration information in July.**

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

# all adults

## See also...

Young Adults opportunities, page 14  
Men's Events, page 15



### 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."

CTKers Brian and Stacy 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)).**



### Needlecraft Care Group

**1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month  
June 5 & 26, July 10 & 24,  
August 7 & 21, September 4  
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 Women's Director Sydel McKim ([sydelm@ctk.church](mailto:sydelm@ctk.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 fun, fellowship, singing hymns, Bible study, and lunch together. Invite a friend (55+) and join us! Our summer quarter gatherings are July 10, August 14, and September 11. **\$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).**

## What does Go Camp have to do with adults?

Our biggest student ministry event of the year happens on Labor Day weekend—Go Camp! This unforgettable end-of-summer retreat brings together over a hundred middle and high school students from across the county to build community, have fun, and encounter Jesus in powerful ways.

But Go Camp isn't just for kids. This year, we're inviting more adults than ever to be part of the experience. Why? Because we believe that life change happens best in community—and if you're an adult, that includes you.

We want Go Camp to be a space where all generations grow together; where students feel seen, safe, and

supported, and where adults discover the joy and impact of walking alongside the next generation in faith.

That's where you come in. Whether you can offer a few hours or the whole weekend, our Student Ministries team is looking for over 80 volunteers to help make Go Camp happen. There are all kinds of ways to serve—before the weekend, full-time at camp, or even behind the scenes in prayer.

Would you consider being part of what God is doing in the lives of students this summer? He can and will use your presence and your story in powerful ways.



### Get Involved

Stop by the table in the Commons on Sundays all summer long and we'll help you find a role that fits—whether that's:

- Serving at Camp Firwood in a variety of roles for all or part of the weekend
- Helping with prep and logistics before camp
- Supporting through prayer

**Ready to serve? Learn more and sign up at [ctk.church/gocamp](https://ctk.church/gocamp).**

**Have questions? Stop by the Summer Service Station in the Commons all summer long and we'll help you find a good fit.**



# online resources

from Pastor Grant & Laurel Fishbook



## Continuing the Conversation with Grant & Laurel Fishbook

Everyone needs a safe place to talk. Pastor Grant and Laurel Fishbook are passionate about the messiness of authentic conversation. Fielding hard questions with sometimes difficult responses, they bring a lot of laughs, maybe some tears, and everything in between. Join them to gain understanding about yourself, others, and the Jesus we love.

Check out new 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).



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)



## Pastor Grant's Devotional Audio Guides from [jesus.net](https://jesus.net)

Looking for some encouragement and challenge in your personal time with Jesus this summer? Join Pastor Grant for one or more of these 21-day devotional journeys using daily audio guides produced by [jesus.net](https://jesus.net).

Sign up at the links provided to receive a daily email containing the audio devotional along with a link to a downloadable/printable guide. When you sign up, you'll have the option to donate to [jesus.net](https://jesus.net) or request free access.



### Every Moment: A 21 Day Spiritual Reset for Your Past, Present and Future

**Summary:** Many times I wish life came with a reset button—for my past, present, and future. Yet Jesus calls us to live in every moment, as each one is a sacred moment from him.



Sign up at [ctk.link/reset](https://ctk.link/reset)



### Named & Chosen: A 21 Day Exploration of Your Identity in Christ

**Summary:** I have some old names in my heart that I have carried for far too long—failure, liar, fraud, and broken. Whether these names were true or not, I allowed them to become a part of me. Acknowledging the pain of that old label is the first

step in letting it go, and releasing the pain to God is an important part of healing. As a follower of Jesus, you have been made new! God does not see you with all the brokenness of your old life. He sees you as clean, whole, and restored.



Sign up at [ctk.link/named](https://ctk.link/named)



### Restoring Calm: The Transformative Power of God's Promises

**Summary:** Strengthen your faith with this 21-day audio guide. Receive daily encouragement and learn how to claim God's promises in your life.



Sign up at [ctk.link/restoringcalm](https://ctk.link/restoringcalm)



### 21 Days of Listening to God's Voice

**Summary:** Discover how God speaks and how you can grow in this intimacy with him to live in all that God has planned for you! In this 21-day journey narrated by Pastor Grant, you will learn how to practice actively listening to God and, little by little, to develop your spiritual ears. Written by David Thiery and narrated by Pastor Grant Fishbook.



Sign up at [ctk.link/listening](https://ctk.link/listening)

## CTK Global Partner Focus: India

Carrying the Gospel to 23 million people... by bike!

### OUR CTK GLOBAL PARTNER IN INDIA

is working alongside an indigenous ministry which has been sharing Jesus in a very populous state. Most of the people are Hindu, animists, and Muslim. Few know about or follow Jesus, making the harvest exceedingly plentiful and the darkness great. The focused area of outreach has a population of over 23 million people. Our partner's goal is to reach all of them.

But how can so few believers reach 23 million people with the gospel? Facing this seemingly impossible mission, the ministry leader has taken a different perspective, preferring to drive his stake into the truth that God is bigger than the odds.

By carefully mapping out the area and calculating what it would take to get the job done, he estimates that 300 missionaries working full-time for four years will be able to go to every village and each house in this vast outreach area, giving residents a Gospel of Luke or John. Said differently, these 300 missionaries, working in the context of teams, will target 4.6 million homes



over the course of 48 months, with the goal of giving one Gospel to each home. Much of their travel will be by bike. And thanks to your generosity during Missions Month in March, at least one of these teams of 10 has been fully funded for one year.

Wow...talk about vision! Pray for this massive undertaking, that God's

Word would be shared with millions of people, and many would come to know Jesus as their Savior!

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



Brian and Tracy Hull,  
CTK Global Ambassadors

  @ctkglobalambassadors

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



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## UPCOMING OUTREACH TRIPS

# ctk campuses



### 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.



### Kenya Outreach Trip

November 2025 with Pamoja Love  
Duration: 2 weeks; exact 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).

**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)



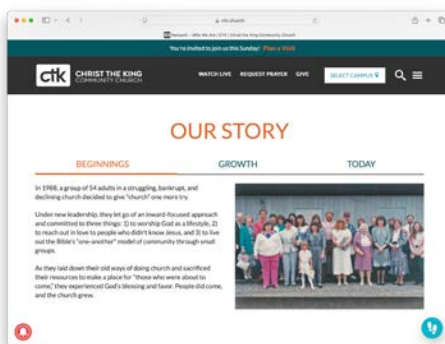
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# service times

## IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Sundays at 9:30 & 11:15 AM

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

## ONLINE-ONLY REBROADCAST

Sundays at 6:00 PM



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