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Celebrate the joy of baptism with us on Sunday, April 26.

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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 spring to help you connect, grow, and serve alongside 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 smartphone'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



Scan the QR code to email us your story

A Note from Grant Fishbook LEAD TEACHING PASTOR



Last summer, Laurel and I purchased a greenhouse kit. I painstakingly put it together (who knew a greenhouse could have so many parts!), and because

it was far beyond the sprouting season, we enjoyed its look, but not its benefits until fall.

In the late fall, we moved some of our plants and planters into the structure in hopes of nursing them through the winter. I watered occasionally, but in large part, forgot about them. Just last week, I walked into a greenhouse full of limp, brown plants. Apparently, I have a lot to learn about the benefits of this structure! I'm hoping spring brings revival and that as the plants move outdoors, life will begin anew!

Isaiah 61:11 holds a beautiful promise of God: **For 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.**

This spring at CTK, our Sunday messages will continue the themes of

the winter season with a focus on the process of personal spiritual growth. We are going to extend the "Jesus and Me" series throughout the spring because I can't think of a better theme of deepening our connection with Jesus. It promises to be personal, fun, and highly practical.

We'll kick off our spring ministry season with a huge celebration of Easter Resurrection power! Jesus was not just buried... he was planted and came back to life to open the door to our salvation! Easter, baptisms, new life, and new growth are all a part of our spring plans.

There is so much excitement about the CTK Farm coming back to life, the Stamp Out Hunger food sorting project, the movement and service of our Response Teams, and the first steps of our Global Partner initiative in the Philippines.

I hope that you'll take steps this spring to find ways to grow, connect, and serve as we continue to pursue Jesus with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength!

Excited for the future!
Pastor Grant



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

New Sunday Service Times
Starting Sunday, June 14

9:00 & 11:00 AM

A Note from Melonie Kemp NETWORK EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

In Acts 1:8, after the miracle of his resurrection, Jesus says to his disciples, “You will be my witnesses.” Most of

us think of a witness as someone who simply sees something happen. A witness observes an event and later describes what they saw. We witness sunsets, celebrations, accidents on the highway, and the quiet, ordinary moments of everyday life. In this sense, witnessing can feel passive. As bystanders, we notice what happens and remember it.

But Scripture teaches us that witnessing is something more.

When Jesus tells his followers that they will be his witnesses, he is not asking them merely to report what they’re seeing in front of them. He is calling them to live out and share what they have experienced inside.

The disciples had walked with him, seen his compassion, heard his teaching, and encountered the hope of the resurrection. They were not only observers of these events, they were transformed by them.

To bear witness to God’s work is more than watching life unfold. It’s learning to recognize his presence in the midst of our daily lives. Sometimes that presence appears in quiet ways—strength during a difficult season; forgiveness and freedom where

bitterness once lived; peace in uncertain moments, or hope when our world feels chaotic. As we begin to notice these moments, they naturally become something we can’t help but share.

It’s not about having perfect words or giving a sermon. Often it’s simply telling the truth about our lives—how God met us in our fears, how Jesus shows up in the difficult moments, and how the Holy Spirit gives us comfort and strength when we need it most. When we share these stories, we are not just recounting events. We are pointing to the living God who is still at work in us and among us.

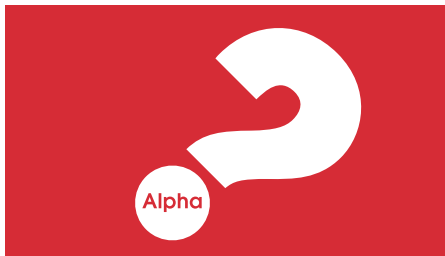
There are opportunities in this edition CTK Life to learn more about recognizing and naming God’s work among us (two great options below). This kind of seeing and sharing isn’t meant to be done alone. It happens as we listen to one another’s stories and walk together in faith. In community, we find the courage and language to bear witness to God’s grace among us and share it with the people around us.

So in this season of new life and growth, consider the invitation Jesus gives. Ask God to open your eyes to where he is working in your life and in the lives of those around you. The story you carry of God’s faithfulness and presence may be exactly what someone else needs to hear.

Blessings to you in this season,
Melonie

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Celebrating baptism with a round of family hugs for everyone!

PHOTO: SCOTT SAYERS

for everyone

Be part of the big CTK family at these all-church spring events



Connect Sunday Baptism Celebration

Sunday, April 26

After both services in the Commons

After church on April 26, we invite you to slow down for a few minutes, enjoy some finger foods, and take time to meet a few people you don't know.

You may already be connected at CTK, but every Sunday there are many people here who haven't yet found their place to know others and be known. Taking a moment to say hello could be just the spark they need to find the type of connection and community that can lead to a deeper relationship with Christ. And if that isn't reason enough, it's baptism Sunday, so let's celebrate! We'll be in the Commons after both services.

Questions? Email Kobi Dorning (kobid@ctk.church).



All-Campus Worship Night

Friday, May 29

6:00-7:30 PM in the Worship Center
Doors open at 5:30 PM

Come lift your voice along with friends from all five of our campuses in a night of worship and praise! Invite your friends and family as we gather together as one church body. We welcome guests of all ages—children included! While childcare won't be available, we'd love for your whole family to join us.



Pancake Feed Fundraiser

Sunday, June 14 after both services
in the Meeting Places

Who's excited for pancakes?! United Student Ministries is hosting our annual Pancake Feed to help send students to Go Camp 2026! Our goal is to raise \$12,000 to offset camp costs and keep it accessible for every student who wants to participate.

Come on over to the Meeting Place after the service for a pay-what-you-can breakfast served by our students. Bring your appetite, invite a friend, and help us make Go Camp possible!

Cash, check, and online donations will be gratefully accepted!



Wanna have coffee?

If you're new to CTK, one of our Connections Team crew would love to chat with you. Whether you have questions about the church or want to know where you can get plugged in, we're here to help. And even if you don't have questions, we would just love to get to know your name. We're glad to have you in our church family.

To schedule time for a warm beverage and a brief chat, email our Welcome Team Director Kobi anytime at kobid@ctk.church or shoot her a text at 360-585-0641.

serving together



CTK Life... mailed right to you!

The quarterly CTK Life, the online weekly program (info.ctk.church) our website (ctk.church), and the Midweek Connection email that goes out every Wednesday are the main ways we communicate with our large and ever-shifting congregation.

CTK Life contains an entire quarter's opportunities to connect, grow, and serve—all in one publication. You can use it to find your next step in spiritual growth. Or as a prayer prompt to cover the CTK family and God's work here in our midst. Or you can use it to invite someone to a specific opportunity as the Holy Spirit leads. And if you know someone who's looking for a church, CTK Life can give them a sense of who we are and CTK's specific calling as a part of the larger body of Christ.

For those of you who primarily watch services online, CTK Life is available online as well. But we've come to learn that some of you would appreciate a printed copy of CTK Life instead. That's easy enough! We'd be happy to mail you one each quarter so you can thumb through, mark up, pray over, and share it.

Just call the church and leave your name and mailing address for Daylee, or email her at dayleeh@ctk.church. Though we might not see you in person, we see you online and know that you are a part of our church family.

CHURCH-WIDE SERVICE PROJECT

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Sorting

May 9–18 • Location TBD

Based on last year's successful collaboration, we've been asked to team up again with Bellingham food banks and the Bellingham Postal Workers Union to sort the food donated at mailboxes all across Bellingham on Saturday, May 10. If you missed last year's drive, check it out at ctkserves.org/sorting.

For this year's drive, here's how you can help:

- No matter where you live, **spread the word!** During the first week of May, chat with neighbors as you're able and encourage them to give. If you have a shared mailbox, offer to drop off your neighbors' donations at the mailbox. Also, share CTK Bellingham's social media posts.
- **Get hyper-local!** This drive happens nationwide, but some communities lean into it more than others. We're sorting for the Bellingham postal workers, but if you live in other Whatcom County communities, call or stop by your post office and ask

how you can help during their Stamp Out Hunger drive.

- This year we decided to use this huge service project as an opportunity for groups who already gather to pursue Jesus together to also serve together. So if you're a part of men's or women's ministry, Response Teams, the Food Share & Farm team, a class this spring, worship team, youth group, a small group, or kids who attend children's ministry, you'll hear more in April about how to **serve at one of our sorting shifts**.
- Last year, 66,554 pounds of food was collected by Bellingham mail carriers and sorted by CTK volunteers. **If this year's donations break the all-time record of 70,000 pounds**, we'll celebrate that at church on Mother's Day and ask you to fill three additional sorting shifts to get the job done.

Have questions or want to learn more? Contact Daylee (dayleeh@ctk.church or 360-622-1759).



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 6th grade—to have fun, make friends, and learn how much Jesus loves them (and how to love him back)!

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

Kids' Baptism Class

Class: Sunday, April 12
6:00–7:45 PM in Room 210

Baptisms: Sunday, April 26
in both morning services

Has your child decided to follow Jesus and expressed interest in being baptized? Our kids' baptism class is the perfect next step toward being baptized on Sunday, April 26 in either service.

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



Register by Friday, April 10
at ctk.link/events. For more
information, please email
Children's Pastor Duane Weaver
(duanew@ctk.church).

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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.



FOR 5TH & 6TH GRADE

Sunday mornings during
both services in the
Meeting Place Alcove

This year we launched a new Sunday morning gathering for 5th and 6th grade, and it's been a huge success!

Summit is a place to connect with friends, learn about Jesus, and bridge the gap between our elementary and middle school communities. You'll find us in the Meeting Place Alcove during both services enjoying games, lesson time, group discussion, and snacks.

Check in at Kids' Check-in or at the end of east hallway (look for the Summit banner). We hope to see your 5th or 6th grader there!



New to CTK? Pre-register kids
anytime at ctk.link/ctk-kids.

Questions? Email Megan Peek
(meganp@ctk.church).



visit
kids.ctk.church for the latest information & events



Encounter Crews

Every Tuesday through May 26
6:30–8:00 PM in Base Camp

Encounter Crews discipleship program has been a fun way for kids to dive deeper into God's Word each week while building community and friendships in a small group setting. Each evening includes worship, games, crafts, lesson time, and discussion. Encounter Crews is for kids in the 1st through 5th grades and we'd love for you to join us as we grow together in the foundations of faith rooted in God's Word.

We've received great feedback from both parents and kids. Kids say that they look forward to coming all week long, and that it's the highlight of their week. We've truly seen God moving in the lives of children and leaders alike, and we look forward to connecting with the kids and helping to bring Bible stories to life.

We'd love for you to join us—it's never too late to come see what Encounter Crews is all about! The cost is just \$20, and our 2026 session continues through May 26, then breaks for summer. Watch for fall session sign-up in the summer edition of CTK Life, at info.ctk.church, or on the CTK website.

Cost for the remainder of the year is **\$20.00** for materials.



Register at ctk.link/e-crews.

Interested in volunteering, have more questions, or need a scholarship? Email [Melanie Cobb \(melaniec@ctk.church\)](mailto:melaniec@ctk.church).

Child Dedication

Register by Sunday, May 10

Class: Sunday, May 17 • 9:30–10:30 AM in Room 210

Ceremony: Sunday, May 31 • 4:00–5:00 PM in Basecamp

There are numerous responsibilities involved in raising our children. Nothing is more valuable than pointing them to Jesus. Child dedication at CTK is about equipping and supporting you to do this vital work. If you're committed to raising your child to love and follow Jesus, we invite you to consider child dedication.

To get started, you'll complete a questionnaire, then join other families for a class that will prepare you to dedicate your child to God and encourage your Godly parenting. Following the class, we'll gather for a dedication ceremony on Sunday, May 31, 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 (ctk.link/dedication) by Sunday, May 10. Questions? Email [Pastor Duane Weaver \(duanew@ctk.church\)](mailto:duanew@ctk.church).

Serve with CTK Kids

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our community at CTK. Behind every warm welcome, every organized event, every quiet act of service, there's a story—one shaped by faith, connection, and a willingness to say yes. We believe those stories matter. Here are a few testimonials from our volunteers.

Nancy, Adventureland Volunteer

"Our teams share the love of God through music, Bible stories, crafts, and play. I love when we make it personal that Jesus loves each one so much and show them how much we can love him back."

Adriana, Base Camp Volunteer

"I volunteer with the kindergarten class and I am blessed to watch their love for the Lord grow and grow. Their eyes light up and they smile big when they hear that Jesus loves them all, that he made them all unique and different for a reason, and that he is always with them. I believe volunteering with children's ministry makes an impact on both yourself and the children. It has for me."

Natasha, Nursery Volunteer

"I see children experience the wonders of Jesus through play—when they learn to play together, share, and take turns. Parents get the best experience of Jesus' love when they come to pick up their kids and see a huge smile on their faces and get the best hugs in the world. In those moments you see a love that's honest and pure, that doesn't expect anything in return."

Whether you're already serving or considering taking your next step, we hope these testimonies encourage and inspire you to see how God moves in powerful, personal ways through simple acts of faithfulness. Many of our volunteers say they've encountered God in new ways, especially through the eyes of children, whose curiosity, honesty, and wonder reveal his heart in fresh and unexpected ways. There's something sacred about seeing faith come alive in a child.



If you'd like to start a story of your own with CTK Kids, let us know you're interested at ctk.link/kids. Questions? Email [Clairem \(clairem@ctk.church\)](mailto:clairem@ctk.church).

students

SPECIAL EVENTS

Discovering
our purpose
week by week.



Middle School United (MSU)

Every Tuesday through June 16
6:15–8:30 PM • Mtg. Place Alcove
(Not meeting March 24)

MSU meets every Tuesday evening for games, snacks, worship, a short message, and small group time. It's a fun, welcoming space for middle schoolers to build friendships and explore faith together. Everyone's invited—come hang out with us!

Questions? Email Megan Peek
(meganp@ctk.church).



High School United (HSU)

Every Sunday through June 14
6:15–8:30 PM • Mtg. Place Alcove
(Not meeting April 5 or May 24)

High School United (HSU) meets every Sunday for an evening full of games, snacks, worship, teaching, and small group time. It's a space to have fun, grow in faith, and connect with friends. All high schoolers are welcome! See you there!

Questions? Email Katie O'Bray
(katieh@ctk.church).



Future Night

Tuesday, May 26
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 graders and their parents 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 you may have about High School United. There will be pizza and lots of fun—bring the whole family!

No need to sign up—just show up!
Questions? Contact Megan Peek
(meganp@ctk.church).

GO CAMP: SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for Go Camp 2026! Our annual middle and high school retreat will back again on Labor Day weekend, September 4-7, 2026. Registration opens Friday, May 1.

Limited financial assistance will be available. To inquire, please complete the intake form at ctk.link/scholarship. Questions? Email Shayna Yip (shaynay@ctk.church).



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in the Meeting Places

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HSU

Questions about High School United?

Email Katie O'Bray (katieh@ctk.church)

Text HSU to 360-858-8683 to receive occasional updates

MSU

Questions about Middle School United?

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CELEBRATING SENIORS



Senior Commissioning

Sunday, May 31 in both services

Join us as we celebrate and pray over our graduating high school seniors during our Senior Commissioning. This special moment during both Sunday services is an opportunity for whole our church family to recognize these students and send them out with encouragement and blessing as they step into their next season of life. We invite all seniors and their families to be part of this meaningful time together.

If you have questions or would like your senior to be included, please email Katie O'Bray (katieh@ctk.church).

FOR PARENTS

HSU & MSU Parent Gatherings

High School: Sunday, April 26

Middle School: Tuesday, April 28

6:00-7:15 PM in the Meeting Place

Join us for our High School and Middle School Parent Gatherings! This is a great opportunity to get to know our team, hear about what your students are learning at UNITED, and get a glimpse of where UNITED is headed for the end of the year and into summer. We'll share our heart behind the upcoming lesson content, ways to stay connected, and how we can partner together to help your students grow in their faith. We'd love to see you there!

Questions? Email Josh Lease (joshL@ctk.church).



Navigating Anxiety with Your Teen

Monday, April 27

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

Teenagers are experiencing anxiety and depression at alarmingly high rates, and as a parent, knowing how to help them can feel overwhelming. Join us for an equipping workshop led by two local counselors where you'll gain practical tools and insights to better understand what your teen is experiencing and how you can support them well. You'll leave equipped not only to care for your child's mental and emotional health, but to walk alongside them as a disciple-maker—pointing them toward Jesus in the middle of their struggle.



 **Register by Sunday, April 26 at ctk.link/events.**
Questions? Email Josh Lease (joshL@ctk.church).

Senior Dinner

Monday, June 1

6:30-8:30 PM

in the Meeting Place Alcove

High school seniors—your United family wants to celebrate and honor you! Some of you 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 the next season of life.

Please note: this event is open to seniors and HSU staff/leaders only.

No need to sign up—just show up!
Questions? Contact Katie O'Bray (katieh@ctk.church).



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Stay connected!

Join our text groups

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 for middle school

@ctkunitedsu for high school

CTK Young Adults ministry brings together a wide range of people age 18–30ish for community, discovery, discipleship, and sometimes just for fun! It's important to us to be integrated into the life of the greater church, so you'll find us along with everyone else at Sunday services, community service projects, all-church worship nights, and more. Whether you're single, dating, or married, have kids or don't, you're invited to come connect, grow, and serve with us. Follow us on Instagram @ctk.young.adults.



Young Adults Dating Workshop

Saturday, May 16
9:00 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place

Let's be honest, dating isn't getting easier. It can stir up hope, insecurity, desire, and a lot of unanswered questions. More than we realize, dating shapes us, forming our expectations, our habits, and even our understanding of love.

Whether you're single, dating, or somewhere in between, this 3-hour workshop is a space to slow down, ask honest questions, and explore what it looks like to pursue healthy, intentional relationships. We don't have it all figured out, but we want to walk this out together with clarity, integrity, and wisdom.



Register by Thursday, May 14
at ctk.link/events.

Have a question about any young adult opportunity?

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

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Young Adults Saturday Morning Coffee

2 Saturdays, March 28 & April 25
9:00–10:00 AM at Bakerview Woods
428 W Bakerview Rd

Join us for one of our casual gatherings at Woods on West Bakerview to connect over coffee and conversation. Whether you're a coffee connoisseur or just looking for space to make new friends, we'd love to see you there! (Food and beverages are at your expense.) Spring get-togethers are March 28 and April 25.

No need to sign up—just meet us there!

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. You'll find 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 displayed 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)
 - Fill out a Connection Card
 - Give online
 - See current CTK job listings
- ...and more!



Check it out today at
info.ctk.church

production team



Lights, camera, action!

The CTK Production Team is responsible for a lot of behind-the-scenes roles when it comes to running our services like filming, sound, lighting and graphics.

Did you know that most of our amazing volunteers had no previous training or experience when they started? Over time they've honed their skills to produce the beautiful, high quality worship services you enjoy.

If you're interested in joining the team, stop by the sound booth at the back of the auditorium after any Sunday service. On most weekends, our friendly production team staff or volunteers can help you start getting connected.

Or visit serve.ctk.church, choose the Bellingham campus, and click on AV Production Team to let us know you're interested.

Questions? Email Gabe Chartier (gabec@ctk.church).



hospitality

You are CTK!

Join the Connections Team

CTK's Connection Team works together to create environments where people feel not only welcomed, but wanted. We cannot be the church we mean to be without volunteers who make it happen. Whether it's greeting at the doors, serving coffee, hosting our online community, or helping at the Connection Point to make new people feel at ease, *you* are CTK.

And if you're willing to show hospitality but can't commit to an ongoing schedule, we'd love to add your name to our special event volunteer list. None of us can do everything, but all of us can do something. Be a part of making CTK a warm, welcoming church.

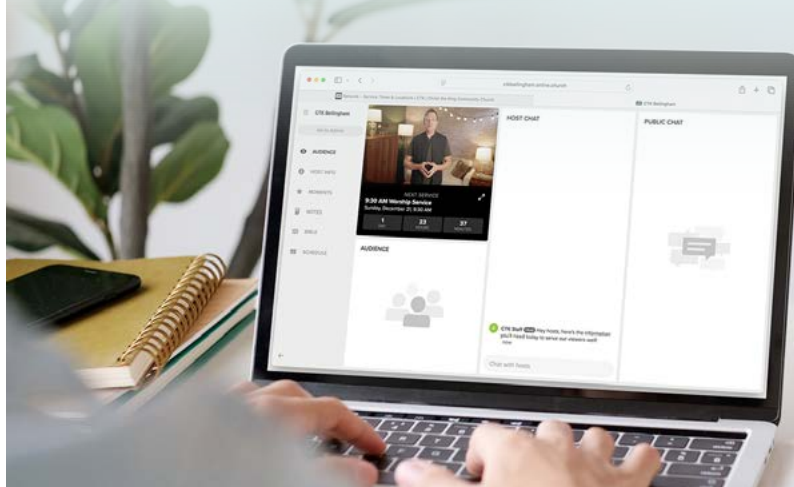
For more information, or to chat about ways you might be created to serve, contact our Welcome Team Director, Kobi Dorning (kobid@ctk.church or 360-733-1337).



Join our Team of Online Service Hosts

Do you watch the service online at least once a month? We're looking for online hosts to welcome people who are watching online and make sure they have the links they need to get connected. All the training you need is provided. If you're following Jesus, have been a part of the CTK family for a while, feel like you know our culture, and can find your way around the computer well enough to register for an event or order some take out, we'd love to talk to you about the possibility of volunteering to be an online host.

For more information, email Pastor Julie Burleson (julieb@ctk.church).



all adults



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Baptism Classes

Sunday, April 12 • 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, April 26.

To be included, come to our baptism class on Sunday evening, April 12, either in person or on Zoom. We look forward to hearing your story and explaining what baptism is all about.

Register by Friday, April 10
at baptism.ctk.church.

Questions? Contact Erin Drews
(erind@ctk.church or x2219).

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

See details on page 6.



Baptism
web page



AN OPEN INVITATION TO OPEN CONVERSATIONS

FEATURED WINTER CLASS

ALPHA

10 Thursdays, April 9–June 11
6:00–8:00 PM in the Meeting Place **FREE**

Alpha is a series of ten relaxed evenings of free dinner and conversation where people of all backgrounds can get together to explore the big questions of life, Jesus, and faith. No pressure. No judgment. No charge. Just real conversations.

If you're exploring for the first time, rethinking, or are just plain curious, Alpha is for you.

Childcare is available; please register children separately with the link or QR code on the right.



Register at ctk.link/alpha and for childcare at ctk.link/alphakids.



Questions? Contact Erin Drews
(erind@ctk.church).



Community Groups

We weren't meant to walk with Jesus on our own. We believe that being part of a strong biblical community is one of the keys to being transformed by Jesus.

So who are you in community with? Are you following Jesus with others by your side through the ups and downs of life? If not, a CTK Community Group is a great option for you. Community Groups are a safe space to follow Jesus with others. These groups of 5 to 15 people gather during the week to share rhythms of prayer, study, scripture, meals, and service as they practice the way of Jesus together. If you're looking to build relationships with others who love Jesus and want to grow in following him, we'd love to connect with you!

To find out more, contact Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church).



HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

How to Share the Gospel

4 Thursdays, April 16–May 7
6:30–8:00 PM in Room 215 • **\$15**

No matter how much we love Jesus, the thought of "sharing the gospel" can seem intimidating to us, and even offensive to others. But the Holy Spirit in us seeks to draw near to people who are far from God, and the Great Commission calls us to share what we believe.

In this 4-session class, we'll learn how to overcome our insecurities and put words to our faith so that others can know Jesus. We will learn how to embody the heart of God by "inviting people to our table," listening deeply, and testifying simply to the good news of Jesus.



Register by Wednesday, April 15
at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Erin Drews
(erind@ctk.church).



Financial Peace University

9 Sundays, April 19–June 14
9:30–10:45 AM in Room 215
\$99.99 per household

Money stress doesn't have to ruin your life. If you're tired of living paycheck to paycheck, carrying debt, or feeling behind, Financial Peace University (FPU) gives you a clear, step-by-step plan to take control of your money.

In this 9-week course, you'll learn how to build a budget that works, pay off debt, and start saving for the future using practical, biblical principles. Using this plan, the average FPU household pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days.

You can do this. Join us this spring.



Register at ctk.link/events by Friday, April 17 and we'll send a link to pay through the FPU website.

Questions? Email Pastor Ryan Ervin (ryane@ctk.church).

We never want cost to keep you from growing in your relationship with God. Thanks to our congregation's generosity to the CTK Blessing fund, limited scholarships are available for many of our adult classes and workshops.

To find out more, contact Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church or 360-733-1337).

See also...

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Grief Support Group

8 Tuesdays, April 21–June 9
6:00–7:30 PM in Room 213

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, health issues, 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 share, listen, and heal in the arms of Jesus. If you need a safe space to process the burden you carry, come join this grief support group. This group meets 8 weeks per quarter. Spring start date is Tuesday, April 21.

Come as often as you need to—no registration needed. Questions? Email Pastor Ryan Ervin (ryane@ctk.church).



No need to sign up—just show up!

Questions? Contact Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church or 360-733-1337).



Needlecraft Care Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays through June 18
10:00 AM–Noon in Base Camp

Spring Dates:

April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18

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.

As well, yarn donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the front desk when the church is open.

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

Seniors' Bible Study, Hymn Sing & Lunch

2nd Thursday of Every Month
April 9, May 14, and June 11
10:30 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place

Join us for a warm, welcoming monthly gathering where seniors (age 55+) enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal, uplifting fellowship, singing hymns, and meaningful conversation centered on Jesus. Held on the second Thursday of every month, it's a chance to worship, learn together, and connect in a spirit of friendship and community. Whether you're a longtime CTKer or new to the area, there's a seat at the table for you. Come hungry, leave blessed!

\$2 donation for lunch is appreciated.

marriage



Register by Friday, April 24
at ctk.link/events.



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

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts

Launches Tuesday, April 28 | 6:00–7:30 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—a proven, research-backed experience that helps engaged couples and newlyweds build a solid foundation. Over the course of 5 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 with purpose and intention.

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.

servicing

Find Your Spot to Serve with CTK

We believe that church is a potluck, not a buffet. Each one of us belongs to this church family, not just for what we receive, but also for what God has brought us here to give. In a church of our size, there are many ways to “bring your dish to the potluck”.

Every follower of Jesus is called to impact the world around them, and we are here to make taking that step of faith simpler and clearer. In fact, your gifting, your life experience, your skills, and your stage of life make you the perfect person for a particular role serving others in the name of Jesus.



Start here to find your spot:

- **Visit serve.ctk.church** to explore the different ways to serve at CTK, partnering with God to help others meet Jesus and grow spiritually.
- **Visit ctkserves.org** to look at the current list of ways to make a difference out in the community through our partners and the vulnerable neighbors they serve.
- **Call CTK's office at 360-733-1337** and ask about serving. Kobi will talk you through some possibilities and get you connected to the right person to find out more.
- **Stop by the Connection Point** in the middle of the Commons before or after service and we can begin a conversation to help you find a good fit.

Our greatest needs this spring:

- **CTK Kids:** Sunday helpers for 4th grade and younger (see page 6)
- **Summit:** 5th & 6th grade ministry during either Sunday service (see page 6)
- **Connection Point:** Information hosts at both Sunday services (see page 11)
- **AV Production Team:** camera operators—no prior experience needed! (see page 11)
- **Response Team Service Project Leads:** see sidebar on page 21





DAY OF PRAYER

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Haven't signed up for Day of Prayer? Register and choose your prayer hour at ctk.link/pray.



Find the monthly prayer guide at ctk.church/dayofprayer.

Day of Prayer

First Thursday of every month

Pray anywhere!

Prayer Room (214) is open 9 AM–4 PM

Christ the King is part of a county-wide prayer movement with one simple goal: to see every day of the month covered in prayer by churches across our community. Together in unity, we pray for the church, our neighborhoods, and the world, asking for God's kingdom to come. At CTK Bellingham, our day is the first Thursday of each month.

You're welcome to pray wherever you are, or join us in the CTK Prayer Room between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Prayer guides, prompts, and themes will be available each month to help focus your prayers as we seek God's peace, restoration, and hope for our community and beyond.

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

Watch & Wait Prayer Night

Thursday, April 4 • 7:00 PM–Midnight
in the Meeting Place Alcove
Stay a while or for the whole time

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus invited his disciples to watch and wait with him in the Garden of Gethsemane. As his followers today, we invite you to join us for a night of prayer as we respond to that same invitation.

Through guided prayer, Scripture reading, silence, and reflective space, we will linger in the weight and tenderness of this holy night. Together we will remember his love poured out, his surrender to the Father's will, and his request that his friends remain awake and present with him.

Come for the entire evening or any portion of the night as we slow down, fix our eyes on Christ, and keep watch in expectation of the cross and the hope to come.



RSVP at ctk.link/watch to let us know which hour you plan to arrive.

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



Visit the Prayer Room

The Prayer Room (214) is a space for us 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.



To make sure the room is available, please sign up to pray at ctk.link/prayer-room. You can also visit anytime on Sunday mornings.

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

Join the Ministry Prayer Team

Praying for others is a powerful, meaningful, and tangible way to share Jesus' love with those who come forward on Sunday mornings and other gatherings. 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 online at serve.ctk.church or email Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).

24-7 Prayer

CTK has partnered with 24-7 Prayer, a global prayer movement that provides free prayer resources and guides for the Church. Our Prayer Room is one of 25,000 across 78 nations, all connected through this incredible movement of non-stop prayer.



To learn more about 24-7 Prayer or use some of their resources, go to 24-7prayer.com.



Moms in Prayer

Every Monday through June 1
9:30–10:30 AM • Prayer Room (214)
(Not meeting on Memorial Day, May 25)

There's incredible power in prayer—especially when we come together as moms, grandmas, moms at heart, and a caring community to lift up the children in our lives. No matter what challenges or joys our kids may be facing, praying alongside others brings renewed hope and strength. Join us any—or every—Monday morning as we gather to pray for our children, their teachers, and our schools, standing firm on the promises found in God's Word.

Together, we'll replace worries with hope and build meaningful connections with women who truly understand and support one another. *Please note: childcare is not available.*

No need to sign up, just show up any Monday. Questions? Email Holly Pike (hollyp@ctk.church).



Divorce Care for Women

13 Tuesdays, April 14–July 7
6:30–8:30 PM in Room 210
\$25.00

Divorce Care is a 13-week, faith based support group designed to help individuals heal from the pain of separation or divorce through expert-driven videos, group discussion, and personal reflection.

This group will be offered in-person to women at Bellingham CTK. It provides a safe, confidential environment for participants to navigate emotional challenges and find hope. Every group is led by someone who has also experienced divorce and understands the journey to recovery. We hope you'll join us for mutual support and encouragement. *Please note: childcare is not available.*

Register by Sunday, April 12 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Contact Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).



CTK Women's Book Club *New!*

We're so excited to have launched a fresh, fun, and totally doable book club for 2026—full of stories, connection, and community. We're mixing things up with fiction, biography, inspiration, and seasonal reads that are warm, engaging, and perfect for real life. No pressure, no homework—just a beautiful rhythm of women getting on the same page for inspiration and growth.

How It Works

- We read one book every two months (you purchase)
- One casual meetup at the end of each cycle
- Come even if you didn't finish—you're always welcome
- Low-pressure, high-connection, full of warmth and laughter



Currently Reading: *Hinds' Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard, an allegorical Christian classic about spiritual growth and walking with God, told through the journey of "Much Afraid."

Whether you're an avid reader, a slow reader, or a "just want community" reader—you belong here. Join the conversation on our social media accounts, @WomenofCTK.



Sign up at ctk.link/bookclub for more info. Questions? Contact Holly Pike (hollyp@ctk.church).



Friday, April 24

6:30–8:30 PM in the Meeting Place • **\$10.00**

Women, put on your comfiest PJs and join us for a cozy night of bingo, games, snacks, and laughter! Let's celebrate God's goodness together with prizes, fun, and good conversation. Pajamas encouraged, not required — comfort celebrated.



RSVP by Thursday, April 23 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Contact Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).

Women's Spring Bible Studies

This spring we're offering two different studies on Wednesday mornings: **The Body Teaches the Soul** focuses on the connection between physical habits and spiritual health, while **The God You Need to Know** explores the work and presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. *The God You Need to Know* is also our Monday evening Bible study option.

The God You Need to Know

7 Monday Evenings, April 13–June 1
6:00 PM–8:00 PM in Room 215
(Not meeting Memorial Day, May 25)

OR

8 Wed. Mornings, April 15–June 3
9:45 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place
\$25.00



Everyone has questions about the Holy Spirit—what he does, how he works, and why some believers seem more connected than others. In *The God You Need to Know*, Margaret Feinberg

traces the Spirit's presence from the Old Testament to Pentecost, showing that the Holy Spirit has been active since the beginning. This study helps us recognize the Spirit's voice, experience God in everyday moments, and grow in a deeper relationship with him today.

 Register for the Monday evening session by Wednesday, April 8 at ctk.link/events.

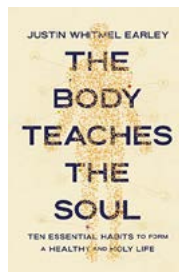
Register for the Wednesday morning session by Sunday, April 12 at ctk.link/events. 

Childcare available for the Wednesday morning session only, contingent on minimum 6 kids registered.

 Register children at ctk.link/WedChildcare.

The Body Teaches the Soul

8 Wednesdays, April 15–June 3
9:45 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place
\$25.00



The Body Teaches the Soul reminds us that our bodies are not separate from our spiritual lives, but essential to them. Through Scripture, research, and personal story, Justin Whitmel Earley

shows how everyday habits like eating, sleeping, and exercising shape our faith and mental health. This study invites us to care for our bodies as God's good creation, integrating body and soul in a life of discipleship.



Register by Sunday, April 12 at ctk.link/events.

Childcare available, contingent on minimum 6 kids registered.



Register children at ctk.link/WedChildcare.

See also...

Mamas & Kiddos Mornings, page 19
Events for all adults, pages 12-13

Class scholarships are available; email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church) for details. Questions about Bible studies? Email Pastor Sydel McKim (sydelm@ctk.church).



The Widow's Table

1st & 3rd Thursdays thru June 4
6:00–7:30 PM in Room 210
April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, June 4

The Widows Table is a new place for widows of all ages and seasons of loss to share the real parts of the journey—the confusing, the isolating, the unseen, and the hope found in the middle of it all.

Something sacred happens when we sit with those who understand what others can't quite put words to. Here, you don't have to explain your grief. You can simply be; seen, known, and understood. Through story, creativity, and conversation, we will honor the love we still hold, the steps we take forward, and the God who meets us in the messy middle.

This isn't a class or a counseling group. It's a gathering for honest friendship. And as we come to the table together, we'll recognize the empty chair that represents the one we've lost.

Come as you are. Bring your story. There's room for you here.



Register at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Pastor Sydel McKim (sydelm@ctk.church).



Guys' Breakfast

Saturday, April 18
9:00–11:00 AM in the Meeting Place
\$5.00

You weren't meant to do life alone. Many men want connection and purpose but struggle to find it in the busyness of life. Without intentional community, it's easy to end up isolated, lacking the support and friendships that make life richer.

Guys' Breakfast to the rescue! This quarterly gathering is a great place to start and sustain life-giving friendships. Over a great meal, you'll meet other guys, hear what's coming up this year for men, and discover how you can grow alongside a band of brothers who have your back.



To help us plan enough food, please RSVP by Friday, April 17 at ctk.link/events.

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



Men's Bonfire

Friday, June 12
7:00–9:00 PM • Location TBD

In the midst of busy schedules and constant noise, Men's Bonfire night is an opportunity to get outside, build genuine brotherhood, and have meaningful conversations about faith, life, and what it looks like to grow as men in Christ. Whether you've been walking with Jesus for years or are just beginning to explore faith, come pull up a camp chair, enjoy the fire, and be part of a community of men pursuing him together.

Time may change depending on sunset and host.



RSVP by Wednesday, June 10 at ctk.link/events to help us plan for food. Questions? Email Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church).



Men's Coffee & Prayer

2nd Wednesday of the month
7:00–8:00 AM in the CTK Cafe

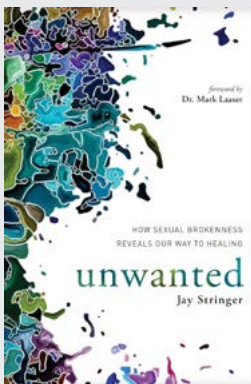
Life moves fast, but you don't have to navigate it alone. Many of us carry pressures, questions, and hopes that need space to breathe. That's why CTK Men's Ministry is opening the café on the 2nd Wednesday of every month for a simple yet meaningful hour of coffee, connection, and prayer.

Join us for a relaxed morning where you can grab a cup of coffee, connect with other guys, and spend time praying together. Whether you're walking through something big or just want to start your day centered, let's take it to God together!

Upcoming Gatherings: May 6, June 10

No need to register, just show up!

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



Restored: Making Sense of Your Story and Your Struggle

6 Wednesdays, April 15–May 20 • 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 215 • \$40.00 for materials

Many men wrestle with patterns of pornography use, fantasy, or unwanted sexual behavior—and wonder why it keeps showing up. Restored helps you understand the story beneath your struggles, not just the behavior itself.

Guided by a licensed therapist and built around Jay Stringer's groundbreaking book, *Unwanted*, and its insightful self-assessment, this group creates a safe, grace-filled space to explore your story, uncover the roots of shame, and find lasting freedom.

You don't have to stay stuck. Begin the journey from brokenness to wholeness.



Register by Monday, April 13 at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Pastor Ryan Ervin (ryane@ctk.church).

Scholarships available; email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).

families



FOLLOWING JESUS AS MEN

Workshop: Following Jesus as Men

Saturday, May 2
9:00–11:00 AM
in the Meeting Place
\$10.00

What does it truly mean to follow Jesus as a man in a world that constantly tells you who you should be? Following Jesus as Men is a gathering created to help anchor your identity firmly in Christ—not in performance, success, strength, or silence—but in who Jesus says you are. Together, we'll confront the quiet weight of shame that so often shapes men's stories and discover the freedom that comes from bringing it into the light of the gospel.

Through deep engagement with Scripture and honest brotherhood, we'll build practical rhythms of following Jesus—daily habits and disciplines that form us into men of courage, humility, integrity, and love. This is a space to grow, be sharpened, and walk confidently in the identity you've been given in Christ.



Register by Thursday, April 30
at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Contact Erin Drews
(erind@ctk.church).



Parenting Panel & Dinner

Tuesday, May 5
6:00–7:45 PM in Room 216
\$5.00 per parent

Parenting is a gift, but it can also be challenging! We want to support you in the journey. If you have kids age middle school and younger, join other families for a relaxed, encouraging evening of real conversation and connection.

We'll provide a Cinco de Mayo-themed dinner for parents* while your kids are cared for. A panel of parents will share honestly from their own journeys—what's helped, what they've learned, and what they wish they'd known—followed by time to connect with other families in similar seasons.

Childcare available by for ages 5th grade and younger by separate RSVP.

Please feed your child dinner before attending; only snacks will be provided.



Register by Sunday, May 3 at
ctk.link/events. Questions?
Email Erin (erind@ctk.church).

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Navigating Anxiety
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Child Dedication

Register by Sunday, May 10

Class: Sunday, May 17
9:30–10:30 AM in Room 210

Ceremony: Sunday, May 31
4:00–5:00 PM in Basecamp

If you're committed to raising your child to love and follow Jesus, we invite you to consider child dedication.

To get started, you'll complete a questionnaire, then join other families for a class that will prepare you to dedicate your child to God and encourage your Godly parenting. Following the class, we'll gather for a dedication ceremony on Sunday, May 31, 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
(ctk.link/dedication) by Sunday, May 10.

Questions? Email Pastor Duane Weaver
(duanew@ctk.church).



Mamas & Kiddos Mornings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays through May 26
9:00–10:30 AM in Room 116

Hey mama—whether you're pregnant, a first-time mom, or chasing toddlers, you don't have to do this season alone. Come as you are and join us for a relaxed time to dwell, refresh, and connect with other women who get it. Little ones will enjoy a safe and age-appropriate play space close by.

Questions? Email Bethany Pellerin
(bethanyp@ctk.church) or Holly Pike
(hollyp@ctk.church).

By the Work of Our Hands

As the growing season approaches, consider how you might join the team at the CTK Farm

The CTK Farm is entering its 19th season of growing food for hungry people in our community. As we took time this past winter to process with God what's next, one thought clearly stood out: God sees our efforts as worship to his name, and through our work he is becoming famous in Whatcom County. The very work our hands do is leading to open doors for us to speak about Jesus and show others that God cares about them deeply.

We would love for you to join us in the fields to help serve our community, not only for the good it does, but for the light it shines as we worship God together by the work of our hands.

This season we're looking forward to a new gleaning program (see sidebar) and hosting more groups out at the

farm. We're looking for a few folks who have the gift of hospitality or just love hanging out with kiddos to help us host field trips and Pick 'n' Picnics for all different ages. If that interests you or you'd like to find out more, scan the QR code or go to [ctlk.link/farmhost](https://www.ctlk.link/farmhost) for more info.

Our work season starts in early May as we till the fields and transplant our starts into the soil. However, our need for volunteers really picks up July through September, so don't miss Farm Focus Sunday at the church on June 28. During the service you'll hear more about what we're doing this season and how you can help!

If you'd like to start serving this spring, email our farm manager John at farm@ctlk.church.



Be Part of Our New Gleaning Team

It's estimated that 30% of all crops grown in the U.S. are left unharvested in fields due to low market prices, labor shortages, or cosmetic standards. That's a lot of food going to waste!

During biblical times, God commanded farm owners to leave a portion of their crops to be gleaned for the poor in the land. Nowadays, gleaning not only prevents waste, but is a cost-effective way to get more produce into Whatcom County's food safety net.

In past years, we've organized gleaning teams for just a few crops. This year we believe God is calling us higher, to help rescue food from local farms and distribute it to food banks along with the food we grow and non-perishable goods you donate. To answer this call, we need to build a whole team, including people to organize, communicate, lead, and join the actual work of gleaning with us.



If you're interested in any way or want to be kept in the loop, please visit [ctlk.link/gleaning](https://www.ctlk.link/gleaning) or scan the QR code to let us know! We'll reach out soon with more details.



response teams

Response Teams Kickoff 2026

Where do you see God as you travel around Whatcom County? Where does his handiwork show up in beautiful and undeniable ways?

Year after year, folks throughout our community get a glimpse of how God can provide through the work of the CTK Response Teams ministry. As followers of Jesus, we are called to use our time and talents to be the tangible hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. No one is meant to sit on the sidelines. Maybe you're a tradesman with deep knowledge and mastered skills in construction, or maybe you're the best extra set of hands to get a job done.

The CTK Response Teams ministry comes alongside CTK families and individuals, as well as our Community Partners, to work on a variety of projects they need help with. Last year volunteers served more than 1,780 hours, landscaping the Boys and Girls Club off Northwest, building a new lobby space for our friends at Agape, installing fence posts for a member of the CTK family, and much more. We tackled 17 projects that took the hands and feet of everyone willing to show up. And this year, we're ready to respond to anything God sends our way.



CTK Response Teams Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, June 7
Before and after both services in the Commons

So how do you fit into CTK Response Teams? How do you put your faith into action in a hands-on way? Whether you're a gardener, electrician, or just really good at sweeping—whatever your skillset is—there's a place for you. After services on Sunday, June 7, connect with us in the Commons and tell us a little bit about yourself. We'll provide this year's full project schedule and help you make a plan to practically serve CTKers and community partners!

Our season starts with:

- **May 9–10** A whole week+ of opportunities to sort food donations (*see page 5*)
- **Sat, May 30** Pressure washing and spreading gravel for the parking lot at Nooksack Valley Food Bank
- **Sat, June 20** Window washing and landscaping for Lighthouse Mission Ministries



Explore volunteer roles online at ctk.link/rt-interest.

Questions? Email Nate Ford (nathanf@ctk.church).

HELP WANTED: Response Team Leaders

Our capacity to serve CTKers and Community Partners is determined by the number of leaders we have for projects. As seasons change, God invites previous leaders into new opportunities, which creates spaces for new leaders to take their place. Our current team consists of 6-8 Project Leads and 2-3 Registrars. This creates capacity for 4 project commitments this summer. The needs of our community are greater than the size of our current team. Here are the open positions:

Project Lead (6-8 needed)

A Project Lead executes the day-of project coordination. A Project Lead is the primary facilitator for volunteers serving on a project. This role is well-suited to someone who is passionate about engaging others and connecting with them relationally. This role is also well-suited to someone with a high aptitude for solving problems and delegating tasks.

Registrar (2-3 needed)

A Registrar is the administrative support on a project. The Registrar is a focused support role that helps ensure waivers are completed, supplies are curated, and food is provided. Are you detail-oriented or administratively gifted? Do you like working behind the scenes to help make things happen? This role is best suited to someone with an administrative background who knows how to communicate well and values supporting others.

Join Response Teams Leadership as we see the needs of CTKers and Community Partners and meet them together in Jesus' name.



For more info on open roles visit ctk.link/rt-interest or email nathanf@ctk.church to start a conversation.

We're not alone!

Christ the King Community Church is a network of five churches with the same name, the same mission, and the same central services that help to organize our network.

Though 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 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



Ferndale 5627 3rd Ave
Sundays, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
facebook.com/ctkferndale



Downtown B'ham 1419 N Forest
Sundays, 10:00 AM
facebook.com/ctkdowntown



Sudden Valley 8 Barn View Ct
Sundays, 10:00 AM
facebook.com/ctksuddenvalley

Explore the CTK Network

Learn more about our campuses and our history at ctk.church/bellingham/about

online resources

from Pastor Grant & Laurel Fishbook



Continuing the Conversation with Grant & Laurel Fishbook

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