

CTK Communiqué



AUGUST 2022

CTK Church -Trenton Rd. Campus **15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI 48195**

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thur 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Closed Friday

Church Office Phone: (734)285-9695

Church FAX: (734)285-4188

CTK Day School - Trenton Rd.

School Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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CTK Church - Pennsylvania Rd. Campus **16700 Pennsylvania Rd., Southgate, MI 48195**

Main Phone: (734)285-9695

Day Care - Pennsylvania Rd. Campus

Day Care Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Day Care Phone: (734)285-8525

CTK Pre-School : (734)285-0903

www.ctlc.me



Trenton Road Campus

Saturday Worship 5:00 PM

Pennsylvania Road Campus

Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Thursday (May 26-Sept. 1) 7:00 PM



LIVING A STEWARDSHIP *Life*

It is all about your heart...

Everything we have is a gift from God
that we are to use to help others.

Financial Snapshot – Through June 2022

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 101,258.60	\$ 659,202.97
Tuition	\$ 25,492.99	\$ 377,895.12
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 126,751.59	\$1,037,098.09
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 230,220.00	\$1,197,144.00
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ (103,468.41)	\$ (160,045.91)

	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 126,751.59	\$ 1,037,098.09
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$ 232,458.42	\$ 1,164,522.35
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	\$(105,706.83)	\$ (127,424.26)

June was a three payroll month. Our income under budget for the month is common when this happens. God provides for us and we typically “catch-up” in the following months. But in today’s changing landscape, this may be more of a challenge. We ask our members to prayerfully consider their stewardship as God has provided, especially in the coming months. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. 2 Corinthians 8:7





In Memory Of	Given By	Memorial Fund
Helen Campbell	M/M David Lumley	Memorial Fund
Helen Campbell	Mary Lou Jenkins	Food Pantry
Helen Campbell	M/M Cindy Turgeon	Memorial Fund
Linda Curry	M/M Oscar Harmon	Memorial Fund
Cheri Giles	Mary Lou Jenkins	Food Pantry
John Mongelluzzo	Judy Mongelluzzo	Memorial Fund
Jack Richter	Carol Richter	Memorial Fund

<u>Birthday Blessings</u>	
<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Gleason Heine	7/6
Tarra Hamilton	7/18
Dorothy Reaume	7/30



Scrap Metal, Cans/Bottles & Capital Fund Drive Fundraising

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Total (since 2006 start)</u>
"C" Dollars	\$ 1,143.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 22,062.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 4,965.47	\$ 1,538.21	\$ 50,776.59
Bottles	\$ 6,269.70	\$ 2,129.60	\$ 40,366.90
Paper Recycle	\$ 78.71	\$ 36.40	\$ 714.01
(As of: 6/14/22)			

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

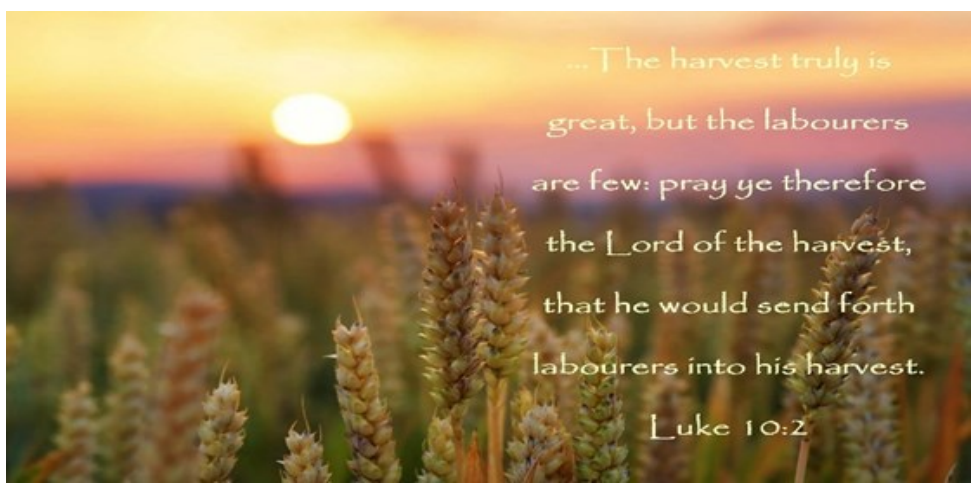
Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 15	Griefshare Start-Up	6:00 PM	TR
August 17	59+ Group	1:00 PM	PA
August 17	Parent Info. Night	6:00 PM	TR
August 22	School Open House	TBD	TR
August 24	First Day K-8/1/2 day	11:30 Dismiss	TR
August 27	28th Annual Golf Outing	8:00 AM	Off-Site
August 29	1st Day of Preschool	8:25 AM	TR
Sept. 1	Ice Cream Social	7:00 PM	PA
Sept. 2-5	No School – Labor Day	All Day	TR
Sept. 11	Sunday School Rally Day	10:00 AM	PA
Sept. 11	Confirmation Orientation	10:00 AM	PA
Sept. 11	Church Picnic	Noon	PA
Sept. 17	Euchre Party	7:00 PM	PA
Sept. 21	59+ Group	1:00 PM	PA
Sept. 23	CTK Fun Run	8:30-11:30	PA
Oct. 2,9,16&23	Early Communion Classes	10:00 AM	PA
Oct. 7 & 10	No School	All Day	TR
Oct. 7 & 8	DS Community Sale	10 – 4:00	PA
Oct. 15	Euchre Party	7:00 PM	PA
Oct. 17	Red Cross Blood Drive	1:00-6:45	PA
Oct. 19	59+ Group	1:00 PM	PA
Oct. 22	Mom 2 Mom Sale		PA
Oct. 30	Early Communion Service	9:00 AM	PA

CTK Early childhood Center is hiring for leads and aides. Must be 17 (contact Kristy in the Daycare for more details) and love working with children. call 734-285-8525



Spiritual Care Ministry



If you have a family member or a friend who is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or confined to their own home and needs visitation or a phone call from Spiritual Care, please call:

Harry Dutka	(734) 285 9695 Ext. 150	hdutka@ctk.me
Lisa Demou	(734) 285 9695 Ext. 210	lisa@ctk.me
Jessica Bourassa	(734) 285 9695 Ext. 100	jessica@ctk.me

So far in 2022 there have been 916 Spiritual Care visits.



GriefShare

GriefShare will be starting on Monday, August 15, 6-8pm in the Trenton Rd. Upper Room. The first meeting will be an introduction to GriefShare and registration. Bottled water and a light snack will be provided. Contact Teresa for more information at 734.282.8012 or tsamson50@yahoo.com



Bible Study Times

- ♦ **Saturday Bible Study** meets in the West Gallery at 6pm at Trenton Rd. Thank you to Suzanne Todd for being our hostess.
- ♦ **Sunday Bible Study & Sunday School** meets in the Gym at 10:00am at Pennsylvania Rd. *We are still looking for a hostess to purchase (and be reimbursed) snacks for Sunday morning bible study. If interested, contact Lisa@ctk.me or 734-285-9695 x 210.*

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume in September.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will take a break for the summer. We will resume in September.



Thursday Night Services

Join us for worship on Thursday Nights

7:00 PM - Now through September 1st
CTK - 16700 Pennsylvania Rd.

**Stay for the Ice Cream Social on
September 1st**



Donation Station Community October Sale October 7th and 8th

The Donation Station has been given permission from the City of Southgate, to open up Building # 9 - the "Old Donation Station" for our two-day community sale on October 7th and 8th from 10: 00 AM to 4:00PM.

This is GREAT news, as we plan to sell clothes, Halloween, Christmas items, China, and shoes out of that building! However, it will require MANY more workers, as we now have two buildings to man during sale hours. So please plan ahead and set aside some time to help us in the following areas:

- ⇒ Overhang sorters
- ⇒ Garbage Removal
- ⇒ Courtyard Cleaners/Weeding
- ⇒ Cashiers
- ⇒ Packers
- ⇒ Runners
- ⇒ Golf Cart Drivers
- ⇒ Building Cleaners: Dusting, Sweeping, Vacuuming
- ⇒ Bakers
- ⇒ Pre-Sale Clean Up Crew
- ⇒ Post-Sale Clean UP Crew
- ⇒ Prayer Partners
- ⇒ Greeters

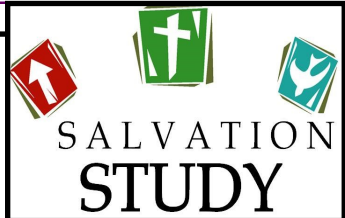


As the sale dates approach, we will be looking for help in all of the above areas. And we ask all of you to join us in prayer for the success of this sale - which we measure not so much in money made, as in the impression, we give to the community of our Church and most importantly of our Lord!

God bless, Carol Cashmer & Nancy Gyorke

Donation Station Salvation Study

On the 4th Thursday of each month, Carol Cashmer teaches a Gospel Presentation Bible study. It begins at 10:30am and is held in the Administration Building kitchen. This is very informal; just contact carol@ctk.me or 734.281.3773 or just show up.



A Note from Vicar PJ Brooks

F R O M T H E



VICAR

The Seminary Class that I am in right now is about worship. During one of the class times, over the course of a few hours the professor walked through the history of the church starting when the church was born at Pentecost until about the year 1800. This walk through history was focused on different traditions and rituals that have been a part of the church, many of which we can recognize in the church still today in one form or another. I was surprised to learn the origin of some of the church rituals so I thought I would share a few with you as well. If someone were to ask you “why do you light candles in church?” You might respond with explaining the symbolism that Jesus is the Light of the World and we use candles to remind us of that. That answer is 100% true, we do attach that meaning to lighting candles. However the origin of candle lighting in church is simpler. You had to light candles to be able to see. Another example is processions in a church service. We attach meaning to this act, but processions started in the church simply because the clergy were traveling from church to church and when he got there he would walk in and the service would start. So does that mean it is wrong to light candles or have a procession? Of course not! God does not require or forbid these kinds of rituals. So if we light candles to help us remember that Jesus is the Light of the World, that’s awesome. And if the church down the street doesn’t light candles, that’s great too. God just wants our heart.

SMP Program Update: This class on worship is class number 2 and I am about halfway through this one. What has been really great in this class is that as part of homework for one week I sat down with Pastor Jay and we talked through all of the rituals that we do in our worship services at Christ The King and why we do them. As always, thank you for your prayers and support!



Day School NEWS

Day School News

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13

This school year’s theme is Seek Me With All Your Heart. We are so excited to see what the Lord has designed for our ministry. As a staff, we look forward to welcoming our students and families back to school. We have several events planned in August. We welcome our new CTK day school families with an orientation. Parent Information Night will share important information for our school families on school operations, and we look forward to the family open house a few days before school begins. Of course, the most exciting day of August is the 24th, our first day of school for kindergarten through eighth grade students. Our preschool will join the fun on August 29! We have missed our students dearly, and we look forward to an exciting year ahead!

God’s Blessings, Dr. Kapp-Heifner

The Middle School and High School Youth Groups



Join us for some fun, food, and learning at middle and high school youth! We will meet Sundays from 6:30 – 8:30pm at PA Rd. campus. We have some fun game nights planned and a Bible study series where we look at some of the big questions that the youth may have about life and their faith! Follow us on Facebook (@ctkhsyouth) or refer to the weekly bulletin for updates. Please contact Jacob Adams (jacob@ctk.me) with any questions or to be added to our text message list.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING

We will be having an ORIENTATION MEETING on Sunday, September 11th at 10:00, in the Confirmation Classroom at PA campus. If you plan to enter your 7th grade student into the Christ The King Confirmation program you and your student should attend this meeting.

Confirmation Class



Our Confirmation is a special program developed to better enable our young people to walk with the Lord as they walk through their lives in this world. It is based on God's Word to better enable them to developing God-pleasing worship habits, as well as academic learning. You will have the opportunity to sign up for it, but attending the meeting DOES NOT commit you to the program. The entire program will be explained as well as picking up the necessary Workbook used throughout the 2 year program. Preregistration for this meeting is not required. If you have questions about the program please contact Donna Hepner, dmh1499@wyan.org the Confirmation Co-Ordinator.

Early Communion Class

Early Communion Classes will be held October 2, 9, 16 and 23rd. First Communion Sunday will be at the 9am service on October 30th. The classes will be held at 10am at the PA Rd Campus during the Bible Study and Sunday School hour. Parents can pick up a registration form (available in mid September) at the Welcome Center at PA Rd Campus, right outside the Sanctuary or in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd. The form is also available on the website under the Ministry tab



by going to the Early Communion link. Please turn in forms to the church office or leave them at the Welcome Center at PA Rd. Parents can purchase the updated "Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation" for \$22.00 on the first day of class (please bring the correct amount of money or a check made out to CTK). This book will be used for their upcoming Confirmation classes in 7th and 8th grade.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Watch Patrol

Looking for a fun way to volunteer for your church? Try Watch Patrol. Your task is to walk around the inside of the Trenton Rd. Campus after hours to make sure all doors are locked and lights are off. This not only protects HIS house, but it helps save money on energy bills. Contact the church office for more details.

Calling All Organizers!

If you are looking for a one time volunteer gig, contact Lisa in the church office. All supplies will be given to you.

Tasks needing to be done:

- Wiping down shelves in the PA Campus kitchen
- Putting down shelf paper on these shelves
- Clean 2 refrigerators
- Organize and clean the Table/Chair room in the PA Gym.

Adopt a Window

Calling all of you who enjoy window cleaning. Would you like to adopt two windows (or more) at PA Campus? If so, contact the church office as we will provide the correct cleaning tools and supplies as well as giving you more information.

This month in CTK History

As summer winds down and school starts at the end of the month, we look back at some of the events that have occurred in August over the years at CTK.

- First, in August 1982, Rev. Terry Cashmer was installed as the new pastor at CTK. We are very blessed he accepted the call.
- Alcoholics for Christ was formed in August 1989.
- In 1996, the watch patrol program was instituted at the Trenton Rd. campus.
- The following year, 1997, The King's Little Kingdom Day Care opened.
- And finally, Pastor Jay's title was changed in 2003 to Minister of Worship. At the same time, both Pastor Jay and Pastor Harry, received the titles of Associate Pastor.



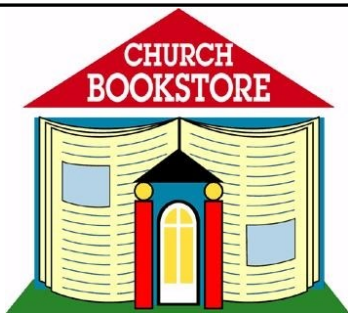
CTK Luther Library

This month the library focuses on Health. The library has a section "Healthcare/ Caregivers" and "Death, Dying & Grief". These sections have 20 books each and are available to check out for anyone who might need them. As home healthcare becomes more relevant these books may help some in

that position. Taking care of a loved one at home is not easy! The caregivers need help and care too!! The care needs also continue after the passing of a loved one. The books are Christian based and a good resource.

PSALMS AND PROVERBS BOOKSTORE

The bookstore encourages you to come in and look around, especially at the Penn campus. The bookstore is usually staffed, so if you need help, a question answered, or a special order placed, they can help you. We are looking to add volunteers, so if you might be interested, please contact Claudia Landberg 734-479-6256 or landberg@umich.edu or Donna Decker at 734-676-1589.



59+ Group

August 17th — Gallop on over for some “horse racing” (A fun dice game) in the Fellowship Building from 1:00-2:15. Plan to have a lot of laughing and maybe a little competition.

Euchre Dates for 2022 **Join us Saturdays at 7:00 PM Sharp!** ***September 17 & October 15***

We play in the Atrium at the PA Rd Campus, starting at 7pm SHARP! (Sorry, but we are unable to accommodate latecomers.) Cost is \$3 per person. Each player is asked to bring a beverage and snack to share. Partners are not necessary; guests are welcome. This is a FUN event and prizes are awarded. Questions?

Contact Mike Shoup 734-624-4350 or
blueknight007@hotmail.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2022



***"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE
SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD
HE WILL NOT TURN FROM IT."***
PROVERBS 22:6 NIV

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Brody Brown

Louis Edmunds

Addison Grogg

Gunner Kind

Ethan Krueger

Natasha Lowry

Olivia Reister

Lincoln Schimmel



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SPLASH



Jesus doesn't take a summer vacation - neither do we! We have fun and exciting things planned for the summer! Join us in our travels to the beautiful sea together, exploring ways God uses water in 2 more Amazing Bible Stories. We already learned of the Amazing Wall of Water that Rescues God's People and An Amazing Rescue Under the Sea. Next, an Amazing Rescue on a Boat In the Water and lastly, we will discover an Amazing Rescue On Top Of the Water. Don't miss all the fun and adventure! Bring a friend with you!



PARENT AND TOT CLASS

We welcome all the Parents and Tots to join the Summer Sunday School Class. It is a comfortable and fun setting where all ages and abilities can participate. Toddlers can join in the fun activities and parents can hear God's words at the same time!



Rally Day - Sept. 11



Mark your calendars! Rally Day will be September 11, 2022. This is the first official day of the 2022-2023 Sunday School Calendar year. Sunday School

Students will meet their Sunday School teachers, enjoy a bounce house, face painting and treats! Bring a friend with you!

Coming in August

August 7: Jesus Calms the storm: Bible Bingo and a special guest

August 14: Jesus calms the storm: Movie and Popcorn

August 21: Jesus walks on water: Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheet

August 28: Outside water games and activities- (Bring a change of clothes and a towel!)



Stephen Ministry Can Help



We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoy-

ing life while you are feeling down.

If you're experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. God works through Stephen Ministers to plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life seems barren and forlorn because of some crisis or tragedy. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it can make a difference in your life.

Contacts:

Pastor Harry Edenfield

Donna Tobeler

Deborah Watterson

734-285-9695



FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT
CTK Family Connection Ministry
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH AT 6:00 P.M. TRENTON RD. CAMPUS

Join us for a family service project, outdoor games, snacks and fun!

Families of all ages and sizes are welcome to attend

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NEW CHURCH BAGS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:

- NEW BOXES OF CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS
- ZIPPER PENCIL POUCHES

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE WELCOME DESK
 THANK YOU!

Family Connection Ministry

Friday, August 19th—6:00 PM

Join us on August 19th at the Pennsylvania Campus for a family service project, outdoor games, and snacks! Families of all ages and sizes are invited. We will be creating family bags for members and visitors with children to use during church. We are looking for donations of new boxes of Crayola colored pencils and zipper pencil pouches. A collection box will be placed near the welcome desk at both campuses. Thank you for your support! Please contact Jackie Brooks, Katie Holzer, or Courtney Pomroy with any questions.



28th Christ The King Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser

100% of proceeds go to the Christ The King Lutheran Church Food Pantry & the ChristNet Program

SATURDAY AUGUST 27th – SHOTGUN STARTS AT 8 AM

**\$75 per
golfer
includes:**

18 HOLES + CART

HOT DOG/CHIPS/POP @ TURN

STEAK OR CHICKEN DINNER

*Can you provide a donation? For information/donations contact: Deanna Warrington @
313-505-1704 dl_prescott@hotmail.com or Jen Gepes @ jellen71@comcast.net.*

Register online @ www.ctk.me/golf-registration



Christ The King Lutheran Church: 15600 Trenton Rd & 16700 Pennsylvania Rd, Southgate, MI 48195 (734) 285-9695 & Sandy Creek Golf Course: 3177 Heiss Rd, Monroe, MI 48162 (734) 242-7200



Donations & Golfers Needed!!!

The 28th Annual CTK Golf Scramble is being held on Saturday, August 27, at Sandy Creek in Monroe. Cost will be \$75 per golfer and includes cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner, shotgun start at 8am. You can register by visiting www.ctk.me/golf-registration.

This year all proceeds will again benefit the CTK Food Pantry & ChristNet!

If you are interested in helping out for the event, or are a local business owner or individual able to donate items or baskets to raffle off, please contact Deanna Warrington at 313-505-1704 or Jen Gepes at 734-775-1972.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 11, Noon at PA Rd Campus

Join us for fellowship and FUN!

**CTK will provide meat, paper goods and dessert;
attendees bring a side dish to pass**

Kids, get ready to have some fun!



LWML/Women's Ministry Save the Dates

**Saturday, October 15, 2022
Fall Rally at St. John's Taylor**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022
Fall Mom2Mom Sale at CTK, Penn Campus**

**Saturday November 5, 2022
LWML Fall Retreat
at Guardian Lutheran, Dearborn**

**Watch for more info soon or contact Gina
gmd.lwml@gmail.com**



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Thank you!

Thank you to all the parents that brought their children to VBS this year. We had 144 registered students and 51 volunteers. The theme of Growing God's Love was perfect and the decorations were outstanding (thank you to Nancy Kurtz and Sara Kurtz). All the volunteers deserve a round of applause as they really showed the children God's Love by being great mentors from daily lesson and music, to recreation, to crafts and snack. A huge thank you to Jackie Brooks for leading our Preschool area. If you are interested in leading this exciting outreach or helping to plan crafts and decorations, please contact me ASAP as we will start planning next year's VBS in a few months.

Blessings to all of you, Lisa Demou



THANK YOU

Blood Drive

Monday, July 11, 2022

Thanks to everyone who was able to donate on July 11. The American Red Cross and CTK extends their heartfelt appreciation as you offered hope to patients in need. Thank you for your support.

God bless, Nancy Chambo





Thank you to everyone who supported the youth group over the past three years helping us get to the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston! We are truly grateful for all the prayers, financial support, and work that so many of you have given to help us meet our goal. Those who attended had an amazing experience. They were able to not only learn and grow in their faith, but also grow closer to each other! The theme this year was *In All Things* and they learned how God is always working in every aspect of our lives. We were able to see and experience this first hand in the generous support we received from you here at CTK. We could not have done this without you. Thank you!

THANKS FOR GIVING

Keep Them Diapered

Your Christ The King Diaper Drive was a huge success! It runs annually between Mother's Day and Father's Day. This recent campaign netted 2,987 diapers, 900 baby wipes, 6 baby bottles, 8 pacifiers, 1 bag of baby clothing, and baby food. The gifts were presented to our usual recipient, which is the Lincoln Park Pregnancy Center. They were most appreciative .

A Thrivent Action Grant of \$250 helped kick off this successful drive. Your generous contributions continued the momentum. The volunteers at the Lincoln Park Pregnancy Center will distribute these items to young families in need.

Thank you for being Jesus' hands!

Pastor Harry, Marilyn, Chris & Suzanne



SING SONGS OF PRAISE

James 5:13

RALLY DAY MUSIC

A combination of singers of all ages and instrumentalists will boost our worship music for Sunday, September 11 – Rally Day. Whether you sing or play an instrument, you are invited to be a part of our music on September 11, Rally Day! Please contact Tim Bode for more information (tim@ctk.me; 285-9695 x170). Here are some additional details:

The 9:00 am and 11:00 services will start with a Call to Worship by a combined children's choir singing "Reckless Love" and accompanied by the praise band and brass ensemble. The children will also then lead the congregation in singing the opening hymn, "Cornerstone."

The Musical Offering will be "Wonderful, Merciful Savior," sung by a special, no-further-commitment choir and accompanied by praise band instruments. All teens and adults are invited to participate.

Brass and praise band instruments will also join in leading congregational music which will include the songs "10,000 Reasons," "The Church's One Foundation," and "Days of Elijah."

Music preparation for the Rally Day services will involve the following rehearsals (all held in the PA Rd. Sanctuary):

- **Brass Ensemble only** – Monday, Aug. 29, at 7:00 pm
- **Adult Choir and Praise Band** – Wed., Aug. 31, at 6:30 pm
- **Combined rehearsal** (adult choir, children's choir, brass, praise band) – Thursday, Sep. 8, at 6:30 pm

Rally Day will mark the beginning of our Fall schedule of Sunday School and other ministries. We encourage all CTK members to re-commit themselves to in-person worship, Bible study, and using your spiritual gifts in ministry to others.

MUSIC PROGRAMS TO BEGIN

CHANCEL CHOIR

Under the direction of Tim Bode, the CTK Chancel Choir will hold its first rehearsal of the new season on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 pm. Please meet in the PA Rd. Sanctuary. New singers (soprano, alto, tenor, bass, & unknown) are welcome, even if you don't read music.

KING'S RINGERS

The King's Ringers adult handbell choir will meet at Bob Jo's Frozen Custard for a pre-season get-together on Thursday, September 1, at 3:45 pm. Newcomers are invited to join us to learn more. The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 8, at 3:45 in the Upper Room (Trenton Rd).

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Brass players are always welcome to join the CTK Brass Ensemble. Our first regular Fall season rehearsal will be held Monday, September 12, at 7:00 pm in the PA Rd. Sanctuary.



Pastor's Message

In preparation for a sermon on the account of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42, I considered John 11:1-2, "Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill." These are two simple verses at the beginning of the chapter recording the resurrection of Lazarus. Critics of the Bible will say that the gospel writers were either knowingly lying or mistakenly passing on false information. In either case, John 11:1-2 says otherwise. If the gospel writers were lying or mistaken, they did a terrible job. Too many details! Consider John's introduction. He claims there was a man named Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead. If John is lying, the last thing he does is include the detail that Lazarus is "of Bethany" and has two sisters, Mary and Martha. Why? If I don't believe him and I'm in Jerusalem, I only need to travel the two short miles to Bethany and start asking questions! Well, maybe you've got the wrong Lazarus? Really? He's the one with two sisters, Mary and Martha. How many of those do you have in Bethany? Unless everyone is in on the lie, and I mean every single citizen of Bethany is a co-conspirator, that kind of lie is too big: it doesn't last a week, much less 2,000 years. The Gospels are full of details; – wonderful and simple, simultaneously insignificant and profound. They all serve God's purpose: the Gospels are true. We can be confident our faith is built on the person of Jesus Christ and His redemptive work in the history.

In Christ, Rev. Jason Cashmer

