

CTK Communiqué



December 2022

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

Church Office Hours: Mon-Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Church Office Phone: (734)285-9695

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

School Office Phone: (734)285-9697

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

Main Phone: (734)285-9695

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

Day Care Phone: (734)285-8525

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www.ctk.me



Trenton Road Campus

Saturday Worship 5:00 PM

Pennsylvania Road Campus

Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

11:00 AM



Financial Snapshot – Through October, 2022

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>October 2022</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 114,794.88	\$1,058,152.56
Tuition	<u>\$ 75,099.65</u>	<u>\$ 750,793.06</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 189,894.53	\$1,808,945.62
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 184,176.00</u>	<u>\$1,979,892.00</u>
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	<u>\$ 5,718.53</u>	<u>\$ (170,946.38)</u>

	<u>October 2022</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 189,894.53	\$ 1,808,945.62
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 178,031.40</u>	<u>\$ 1,859,547.70</u>
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	<u>\$ 11,863.13</u>	<u>\$ (50,602.08)</u>

Last month, we talked about “Eschatological Stewardship.” Eschatology is just a fancy way to say “last things” and is about Jesus’ triumphant return on the last day. When we consider our giving in this way, the focus moves from where we are now (temporary, perishable) to where we will be in heaven (imperishable, eternal). We join the church triumphant as we await Jesus’ return. We pray that God blesses our congregation with first-fruit and tithe giving so that Jesus is glorified on that Last Day!





In Memory Of	Given By	Memorial Fund
Bill Creutz	M/M Jeffery Giese	Memorial Fund
Bill Creutz	M/M Ed Laframboise	Food Pantry
Pastor Carl Zahrt	M/M Bud Shoup	CTK School
John Mongelluzzo	Judy Mongelluzzo	Food Pantry
Arlene Williams	Jack Bias	Food Pantry



Birthday Blessings

Birthday Blessings
In Honor of Birthday
 Tina Pawloski 11/02



On Going Fundraisers

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	\$ 1,017.00	\$ 22,399.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 4,965.47	\$ 2,288.79	\$ 51,527.17
Bottles	\$ 6,269.70	\$ 3,068.30	\$ 41,305.60
Paper Recycle	\$ 78.71	\$ 40.52	\$ 718.13

From the Financial Office—End of the Year....



With the busy and joyous season of celebrating Christ's birth upon us, here are a few points to remember from the Financial Office, as this year draws to a close:

Qualified Charitable Distributions – Taxpayers over the age of 70 ½ are able to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs to a qualified non-profit, such as Christ The King Lutheran Church. With the end of the year approaching, this is a great way to help your church and meet your required minimum distributions from your IRA. Please contact your IRA trustee or financial institution for additional information.

Envelopes will be available at PA Rd starting in mid-December.

The following requests can be found online:

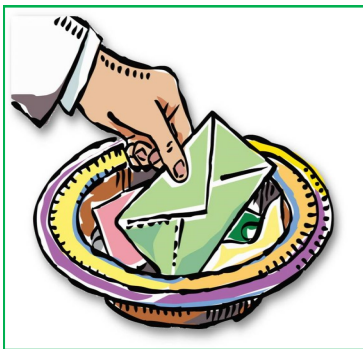
- Request for envelopes, if you do not have a number.
- Request for your envelopes to be brought to Trenton Rd.
- Request for your contribution statement to be printed, if you are unable to access MyCTK.me.

Giving -All donations must be received by Dec 31st in order to be listed on your contribution statement for the year. CTK is able to accept qualified charitable contributions from your IRA. Please contact your IRA trustee or financial institution for additional information.

Contribution statements will be available online at MyCTK.me for members after January 16th, 2023. We are also working on trying to send all contributions statements via email with a secure link...stay tuned for more updates.

A quick way to give on-the-go during this busy holiday season is via text. Just text CTKGIVE to 73256

May God bless your family and giving this year!!



Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes will be available in mid-December. If you would like offering envelopes for 2023 and currently do not have them, or if you no longer need envelopes due to online giving, please contact Kelly in the church office (734) 285-9695 ext. 160 or kelly@ctk.me or fill out the envelope request at www.ctk.me.

Church Office Hours

The church office hours are as follows:

* Monday - Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm

The Church Offices will be closed

December 23, 1/2 day & December 26

December 31, 1/2 Day & January 2, 2023



GriefShare

The Fall session of GriefShare was completed in November. The next session will start sometime after the holidays. God bless all who support this ministry. For information, contact Teresa at tsamson50@yahoo.com or 734-771-1791. Check griefshare.org for other local GriefShare offerings.



Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Dec. 3	Advent By Candlelight	6:30 PM	PA
Dec. 7	Advent Service	3:30 & 7:00	TR
Dec. 9	ECC Christmas Concert	4:30 PM	PA
Dec. 12	Preschool Christmas Prog.	6:00 PM	TR
Dec. 13	Toy Basket Assembly	9:00-11:00 AM	TR
Dec. 14	Children's Christmas Prog.	1:30 & 7:00PM	TR
Dec. 15	Children's Christmas Prog.	7:00PM	TR
Dec. 16	Food Basket Assembly	11AM-2PM	TR
Dec. 16	No School	All Day	TR
Dec. 17	Food Basket Pick-Up	9:00-11:00 AM	TR
Dec. 17	Family Connection Ministry	10:00 AM	PA
Dec. 18	DCB Concert	3:00 PM	TR
Dec. 21-Jan. 3	1/2 Day start of School Break		
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services	5:00, 6:30, 8:30 & 10:00	TR
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	10:00 AM	TR
Dec. 26	Church Offices Closed	All Day	TR/PA
Dec. 31	Saturday Evening Worship	5:00 PM only	TR
Jan. 2	Church Offices Closed	All Day	TR/PA
Jan. 4	School Resumes	All Day	TR
Jan. 13	No School—Teacher PD	All Day	
Jan. 16	No School—MLK Day	All Day	
Jan. 30	Parent Information Night		TR



Voters' Assembly Christ The King Church Thursday, December 8th

The Voters' meeting for December will be Thursday, December 8th at 7pm in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd. Campus. Agenda items will include election of Vestry members and approving the 2023 budget.

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:

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

1,455 care visits from January to the end of November.

THANK YOU
for your kindness



Thank you, CTK family, for all of the prayers, many cards, and phone calls during my recovery from a recent heart attack. I feel very blessed for all of your prayers and kind words of encouragement. In Christ, Judy Benker



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 10am at Pennsylvania Rd.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 AM in the Pennsylvania Rd. Fellowship Center. We are studying the book of Daniel.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets at 8:00 am, Pennsylvania Rd., Fellowship Center. We are studying the Book of Exodus.

4th Thursday Salvation Bible study, based on the Kennedy Evangelism presentation of the Gospel. It is held in the Administration Building Kitchen at the Pennsylvania Rd Campus from 10:30 – 11:30. Contact carol@ctk.me or 734-281-3773.

Soup & Study

Mark Your Calendars!

Soup & Study will be is back after Christmas! We will meet for five weeks starting Tuesday, January 10 through Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 PM for a light dinner, then classes will begin at 6:15 PM. Stay tuned for the list of classes and leaders.





The season of Advent is upon us! Advent is our time of preparation for the coming King. Thinking of the coming King Jesus reminds me of the song Reckless Love. This is a modern worship song, and it is one of the school kids' favorites to sing right now. This is part of the chorus, speaking of God's love for us: "It chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99. I couldn't earn it and I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away." As I think about the story of the Bible, I can't help but think that this is what this whole story is about: A God who relentlessly comes after His people, even from the very beginning, with the first humans, Adam and Eve. Even after they had sinned, it was not God who wanted to stay away from them because they were sinful; it was them who hid from God. God came looking for them. Genesis 3:9, "But Yahweh (God) called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" Then we have thousands of years of history, starting with Abraham, where God refuses to give up on His people. No matter how many times they turn away, He keeps coming back for them. And finally, Jesus comes to save His people, once and for all. I pray that, as we make preparations for Christmas this year, we can remember that God always comes back for His people, and there's nowhere that the grace and love of Jesus can't reach.

SMP Program Update: I'm done with my 3rd class in the program and now I have a little break from homework until after Christmas. My next class is my first week-long intensive in St. Louis, so I am looking forward to seeing how those classes run. Thank you all so much for your continued support, and also for your prayers!

Vicar PJ Brooks





Advent Devotions

Advent devotions for this Advent season are available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Visit www.lhm.org/advent. The theme for this year is “A Son Is Given.”

Advent Folders

Advent Folders –Advent folders contain a quarter holder for each day of Advent, which helps serve as a daily reminder to pray for those in need. The quarters you place in your Advent folders are distributed to the Alms and Scholarship Funds. As the cold winter months approach, the need is always great.



At CTK, we endeavor to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our congregational members. Thanks to your generosity, we can help those in need. If you'd like to pick up an Advent folder, they are available at the Welcome Desks at PA & TR Rd. If you would like to have an Advent Folder mailed out to you directly, please contact the church office or email kelly@ctk.me. You also have an opportunity to give online towards Advent Folders. God bless your giving!

Poinsettia Orders

The Poinsettia chart will be available starting the weekend of November 27 in the Narthex at PA Rd and in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd, by the Welcome Center. Cost is \$8 per plant. We encourage you to purchase a plant (or two) in memory or honor of a loved one. Honorees will be listed on a poster next to the tree, displayed at Trenton Rd. Please take an envelope and place payment in the offering. You may pick up your plant(s) after the Christmas Day Service.

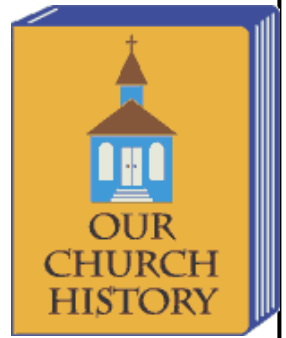


This Month in CTK History

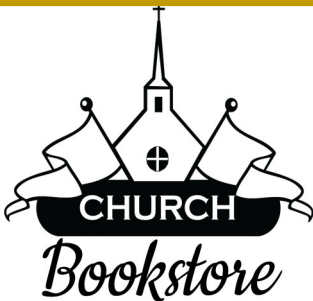
During this Advent season, we look back at some of the highlights in CTK's history during the month of December.

- ♦ *The first midnight Christmas service was celebrated on December 24, 1956.*
- ♦ *The 1960 Day School Christmas Program was held at Davidson Junior High with approximately 600 people in attendance! The school Christmas Programs have continued through the years.*
- ♦ *In December 1988, the Board of Lay Ministers voted to continue Saturday night services.*
- ♦ *And finally, in 1993, the Kings Ringers, the CTK handbell choir, was formed and began performing for the congregation. Keep Ringing!!!*

Merry Christmas!



**Congratulations to Sandy Watson! She won the Bible cover giveaway held in October!
Thanks to all who entered.**



Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

This month is notoriously busy with baking, decorating, and shopping! The CTK bookstore can help with your shopping!! The bookstore has books, gifts, jewelry, Christmas cards, and Bibles at both locations for all your gift giving needs. Please

fill out the appropriate paperwork for any item you purchase at the Penn. bookstore if there isn't a volunteer there. May your Advent season be blessed with hope, joy, peace, and love. Merry Christmas to ALL!!!



Christmas Worship SCHEDULE

Advent Services

Advent Service	November 30	3:30 p.m. TR
		7:00 p.m. TR
Advent Service	December 7	3:30 p.m. TR
		7:00 p.m. TR

Preschool Christmas Program

December 12 - 6:00 p.m. TR Sanctuary

Children's Christmas Program

December 14 - 1:30 & 7:00 p.m. TR Sanctuary

December 15 - 7:00 TR Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24 (Candlelight Services)

5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. at TR

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25 -10:00 a.m. at Trenton Rd.

10:00 AM ONLY at Trenton Rd. No PA Rd. Services

New Year's Eve Service

Saturday, Dec. 31 - 5:00 p.m. ONLY at Trenton Rd.

TR - CTK - 15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate
734-285-9695



Children's Christmas Programs

Preschool Christmas Program

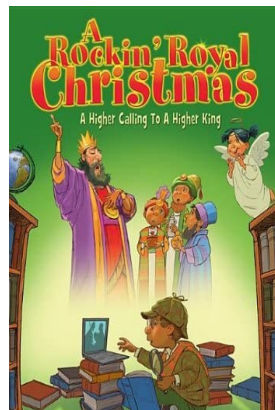
Monday, December 12 - 6:00 PM

Day School Christmas Program

"A Rockin' Royal Christmas"

Wednesday, December 14 - 1:30 & 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 15 - 7:00 PM



All performances will be located at
 Christ The King Lutheran,
 15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate.
Come celebrate Jesus' birth!



The Downriver Community Band Presents Our

Annual Christmas Concert

Free - Open to the Public

**Sunday, December 18 at 3pm
 Christ the King Lutheran Church**

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**WELCOMES
ANDREW MCPEAK**

Presenting:
**The Parents Guide to Gen Z
and Alphas**



Andrew is a sought-after millennial communicator who brings a unique generational perspective to audiences. He is the co-author of Dr. Tim Elmore's latest book *Generation Z Unfiltered* and he has shared insights from this resource with educators, coaches and business leaders around the country. Along with co-authoring *Marching Off the Map*, Andrew also co-hosts the *Leading the Next Generation* with Tim Elmore podcast.



GROWING LEADERS

Ready for Real Life

Thursday, February
9, 2023
6pm
Trenton Rd.
Sanctuary

Complimentary
advance tickets are
required. Use the QR
Code to secure your
tickets.



EDUCATION WITH AN impact

Day School News

“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

December is reflective. It's the end of the calendar year, and if you're like me, you spend this month thinking about the year's events. The end of the year gives us the opportunity to remember all the blessings the Lord has provided. For me, I picture the smiling faces of June's graduates and the eagerness of students returning to school in August. I hear the laughter that echoes in our staff meetings and the joyful interactions that fill the places and spaces of our school. I hear joyful song. I see student growth and personal achievement. I see the team that our Lord has assembled here within our school, and I am grateful.

2022 has been a beautiful year, and this month, we invite you to celebrate our Savior's birth with us. Our Children's Christmas Program will be held in the Trenton Road Gym on December 14 at 1:30pm and 7pm and on December 15 at 7pm. We hope you can join us for A Rockin' Royal Christmas.

God's Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner

School Events:

Dec. 12	Preschool Christmas Program
Dec. 14 & 15	School Christmas Program
Dec. 16	No School
Dec. 21	1/2 Day of School
Dec. 22-Jan. 3	School Christmas Break
Jan. 4	School Resumes
Jan. 13	No School—Teacher PD
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CHRIST⁺NET SERVICES

ChristNet

This past year has flown by, and it's time again to plan for our off-site ChristNet host week. We are asking for volunteers to provide dinners for approximately 35 guests and deliver to their night-time shelter at 5:30p.m. Meals still need to be individually packaged. CTK's host week is Sunday, January 22-Saturday, January 28, 2023.

The guests were just blown away by the generosity with the delivery of the "Care Package Backpacks"! We will fill them again with basic necessities, personal clothing items, thermals and spiritual encouragement! The Sign-up Genius link will be in the bulletin announcements and Constant Contact by mid-December.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! Looking for other ways to help? Contact the new Daytime Warming Center for more information! (734.442.7032)

Any questions? Please contact Jen Gepes, 734.775.1972 or jellen71@comcast.net



59+ Group

We are not meeting as a group in December, but send the gift of the Holy Spirit and call a friend during the Holiday season. See you January 18th!

Youth Groups

Join us December 4th, 11th, & 18th for Pizza, devotion and fellowship! December 18th will be our Youth Christmas Party. Each youth should bring a "White elephant" gift (value \$10) for a fun gift exchange.

- ♦ Mark your calendars for Springhill. February 10-12, 2023. More info to follow.
- ♦ Michigan Youth Gathering - Deposits are due December 4th.



High School Youth Leader:
Gina Davidson - HSYouth@ctk.me

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!

Coming to you this January! Watch for more details. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and help the youth attend gatherings.



EUCHRE

Mark Your Calendars ***2023 Euchre Dates***

January 14, February 18
March 11, April 22, May 20
September 16 & October 14
at 7:00 PM Sharp!

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



SAVE THE DATES:

Christmas will be upon us soon and, as we do every year, Christmas Food and Toy Baskets will be prepared. (Last year we prepared for 45 families.) Important dates to keep in mind:

Nov. 14th – Dec. 9th—Anyone wishing to **ADOPT** a family may call the church office to put your name on the list. Adopting means a few small gifts for kids and possibly a few small household items, if asked for. We will find a family that will fit your budget.

Nov. 21st – Dec. 9th—**FAMILIES IN NEED** may call to get on the list for a basket. This is an anonymous list, with only 40 baskets, so please do not feel uneasy about calling if you need a food and/or toy basket for your home. Baskets are only intended for those that live in your home.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th—Toy Baskets are being assembled from 9 to 11am (or longer) at Trenton Rd. Please call the church office or email lisa@ctk.me if interested in helping.

Friday, Dec. 16th—Food Baskets are being assembled from 11am to 2pm at Trenton Rd. Please call the church office or email lisa@ctk.me if interested in helping.

Saturday, Dec. 17th—Christmas Food/Toy Baskets for those on the list to be picked up between 9 and 11am. Please call the church office or email lisa@ctk.me if interested in helping load baskets in cars.





Christmas Toy Basket Donations:

We are planning the need for Christmas assistance to be once again higher this year. The following donations would be greatly appreciated.

- ♦ \$5-\$10 gift cards from Dollar Tree, Meijer, Target, or Five Below
- ♦ Any small stuffed animals, toys, books and board games, socks, hats, gloves, etc.
- ♦ We will also have a need for teenage (up to 18yrs old) items, such as makeup items, gloves, hats, card games, socks, etc.

All donations are very much appreciated and would need to be to the church office or in the marked bins at both campuses by the weekend of **December 12th**. Thank you so much!

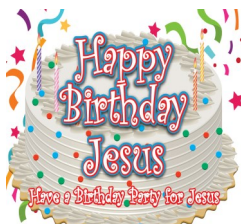
🌀 In need of Christmas toys/small gifts for kids aged 2-18 to be given to the recipients of the Christmas Food/Toy Basket Ministry. All donations need to be left in the marked bins at either campus' or to the church office before Monday, December 12th, as the baskets are being put together on the 13th. Board games, stuffed animals, \$5-\$10.00 gift cards, make-up, hats, gloves, scarves, barbie dolls, baby dolls, or anything you think a kid would love to unwrap at Christmas would be welcome. Thank you so much, Lisa Demou

🌀 Looking for a fun stocking stuffer for mom, dad, grandma, friends or a new bride? Check out the CTK mini edition cookbook. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of Christmas gifts for the Christmas Food/Toy Basket ministry. The paperback or online version of the cookbook will be on sale in the Church Office or email Lisa@ctk.me. Our goal is to sell 100 cookbooks by December 12th so gifts can be purchased for the kids. Thanks in advance and Bon Appetit!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



***Madisyn Eastabrooks
Sydney Frump
Kenna Gepes
Oliver Thompson***

Waiting for Christmas

In December, our Sunday School children are waiting. They are waiting to celebrate Jesus' birthday, just as they do each Christmas. But this Fall, in our lessons, they learned that lots of waiting took place in the Bible, too. The children of Israel wandered and waited in the desert for 40 years as amazing things happened, such as the building of a golden calf, the construction of a moving tabernacle, spies checking out the promised land, and after a week of marching, watching the walls of Jericho come tumbling down. They also discovered, while waiting for God to keep His promise of a Savior, He used unlikely characters, such as Rahab, Deborah, Samson and Ruth to move His plan along. Despite warnings from God, the Israelite's insisted they couldn't wait any longer and Samuel anointed Saul as the new king. While our Sunday School students learned about all this "waiting," they kept busy serving others by twice packing snack bags for our ChristNet ministry. But now the waiting is over! Just as God promised all along, at the perfect time, Jesus was born! Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Thank You Deer Bible Buck Organizers!



A great big THANK YOU to Mrs. Zanley and Mrs. Kane for another great Bible Bucks extravaganza! Students had a great time spending their hard-earned Bucks! We look forward to the next great Bible Bucks Store opening a few months from now!

CHRISTNET COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Community Service Project is to make care packages for Downriver's homeless through Christ-Net. Sunday School Students decorate bags and offer words of encouragement throughout the fall and winter months. The next day to make and pack these bags is January 22, 2023. Thank you for supporting this important project!

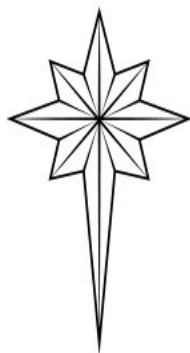
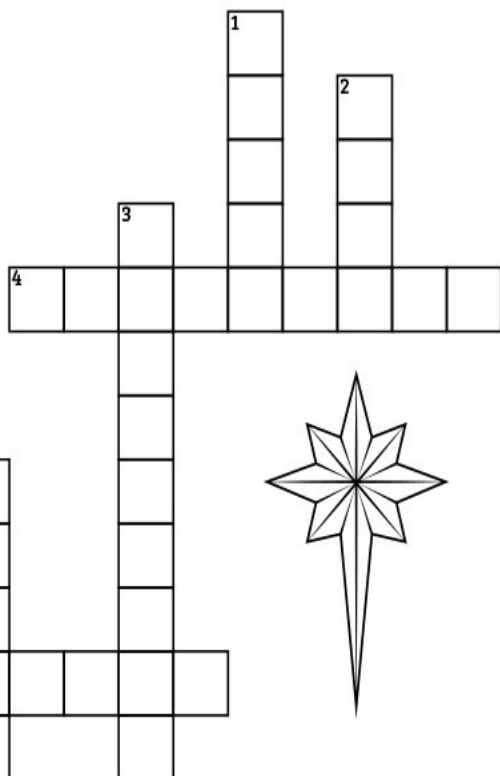


Coming up in December

Dec 4: Advent Curriculum- Nativity Craft
 Dec 11: Advent Curriculum
 Dec 18: Movie and Christmas Party
 Dec 25: No Sunday School - Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

4. _____ watched their flocks by night.
7. Mary and Joseph brought _____ as a sacrifice to the temple.
8. Angels brought good tidings of great _____.
9. There was no room for Mary and Joseph in the _____.
10. Jesus lay in a _____.

DOWN

1. The wisemen brought gold, frankincense, and _____.
2. The _____ appeared in the East.
3. Mary and Joseph traveled to _____ to be taxed.
5. Jesus was wrapped in _____ clothing.
6. The _____ of the Lord shone down on the shepherds.

Loneliness comes at any time in our life and wears many different faces.

Let's look at some:

- ⇒ Unemployment
- ⇒ Financial hardship
- ⇒ Loss of partner or loved one
- ⇒ Lack of self-esteem – unable or scared to make relationships with others
- ⇒ Physical illness
- ⇒ Mental illnesses
- ⇒ New mothers or parents trying to cope with a demanding new baby
- ⇒ Experienced parent wondering how you are going to fill your day when your child starts school or leaves home for the first time
- ⇒ People who are highly stressed about current affairs with the government, country, violence
- ⇒ Mid-life crisis
- ⇒ Bullying and harassment
- ⇒ Alcoholism, drug dependency and social isolation



If you can identify with any of these, a Stephen Minister is available to walk with you through your crisis and help you see that, with God's love, you'll be okay.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is a way congregations can provide high-quality care and outreach to hurting people in the congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. Each Stephen Minister is matched with a care receiver—men are paired with men, women with women—and meet weekly with that person to listen, care, pray, and encourage.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Do you have that unique ability to walk alongside others and support them during their struggles, big or small? You may find your place in the body of Christ as a Stephen Minister. Contact one of our Ministry Leaders for more information: 734-285-9695 *Pastor Harry Edenfield ~ Donna Tobeler ~ Deborah Watterson*



Advent By Candlelight

With the hustle and bustle that accompanies the Christmas season, Advent by Candlelight is a wonderful time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The women of CTK are invited to join us on **Saturday, December 3rd from 6:30-8:30 P.M. at the Pennsylvania Rd Campus** for this beautiful evening of food, fellowship, and the Christmas story. Host sign ups are posted at both campuses. Hostess packets, invitations, and more information can be found on the website. Please contact Jackie Brooks (jbrooks@ctk.me), Tina Pawloski (tpawloski@hotmail.com) or Karen Kerezi (kkerezi@aol.com) with any questions.



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This award-winning magazine of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, offers 11 issues of important news, helpful articles and more. Keep up-to-date with the LCMS with a subscription, which starts in March, 2023 and includes the Michigan In Touch Supplement when ordered through CTK. Cost is only \$12 per year. Current and new subscribers, please place your payment in the offering labeled as Lutheran Witness, along with your current address, or pay online through MyCTK (same place as online giving) and select the 'Lutheran Witness' fund. Payment is due by December 5.



CTK FAMILY CONNECTION MINISTRY

Birthday Party for Jesus

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH - 10 A.M.-12 P.M.

PENNSYLVANIA CAMPUS

JOIN US FOR CAKE, CRAFTS, AND GAMES AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR!

PLEASE BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY TO DONATE TO A FAMILY IN NEED.



Family Connection Ministry will be hosting a Birthday Party for Jesus on December 17th from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Pennsylvania Campus. Join us for cake, crafts, and party games, celebrating the birth of our Savior.

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to families in need. Families of all sizes and ages are welcome to join us!

Please contact Jackie Brooks (jbrooks@ctk.me), Courtney Pomroy (cpomroy@ctk.me), or Katie Holzer (kholzer@ctk.me) with questions!

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2023 CALENDARS, courtesy of John Molnar Funeral Home, are available at the Welcome Center at both campuses.

Simply Give

Donate to your Local Food Pantry.



Help us in the fight against hunger!

CTK Food Pantry Meijer “Simply Give”

Hello, CTK members and other worshipers of Christ The King.

Through the years, you and the Meijer Corp./family have helped your Food Pantry on Pennsylvania Rd. Meijer's "Simply Give" program allows us to buy milk, bread, cheese, eggs, and margarine from our local Meijer store on Fort St. As you know, the above-mentioned products, in most cases, are much more expensive than not too long ago. We greatly need your continued help.

"Simply Give" dates are from now through December 31.

"Our" store is at 16300 Fort St., Southgate.

The difference between the "Simply Give" cards at CTK and at Meijer is the barcode. This helps Meijer track in-store and CTK donation card sales.

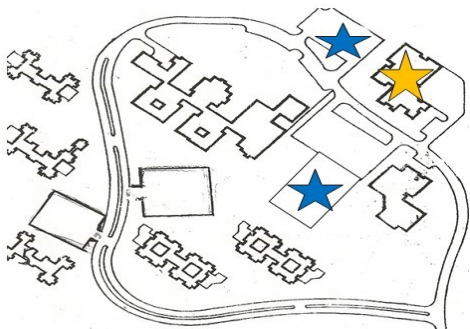
The one and only Double-Match Day will be Saturday, December 17. There will be a special Thanksgiving week promotion (details forthcoming).

Along with the food we give because of God's love, we also give food recipients a short devotion written by some of the classes at CTK school. Thank you for being Jesus' hands.

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P.S. Notice that December 17 is a special day in this Meijer Holiday "Simply Give" campaign. Thank you.

Donation Station



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**RESALE
STATION**

**CHRIST THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Christ The King
Lutheran Church**
16700 Pennsylvania Rd.
Thursdays 12:00-2:00
Saturday 10:00-12:00

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Resale Station
Misc. Items

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FOOD PANTRY NOTES

1. Jesus, you, and Meijer Simply Give are helping us serve almost 50 families/week through the drive-through at the Pennsylvania Rd. campus. Wow! Thank you, all!
2. Please pick up a Simply Give promotion card from one of our campuses (\$10 multiples). The best (but not only) day to purchase cards at Southgate Meijer is on Saturday, December 17. It is the Double-Match Day!
3. New way of helping your CTK Food Pantry:

During the week of Thanksgiving, Meijer will donate a meal to help feed a neighbor in need for every purchase that includes a Meijer brand food product, up to 4 million meals (1 Meal = \$.25). The combined proceeds from the November 20-26 time period will then be evenly divided across all 262 of our holiday partners.

God provides through His people!

Pastor Harry for the Volunteers 30

Pastor's Message

Griffith Thomas, in his classic work “Christianity is Christ”, concluded the chapter entitled “The Virgin Birth of Christ” with the following thought, “The ultimate decision will perhaps only be arrived at by settling the question as to what Jesus came into the world to do. If the one thing that man needs is illumination, then ideas will suffice, and no Divine Incarnation is necessary, but if there is such a thing as sin in the world, we must predicate a Divine, sinless Redeemer to deal with it. For such a Redeemer, the only adequate explanation, so far as His earthly origin is concerned, is the ancient belief of the Church Universal that He was ‘conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary.’” (Christianity is Christ, 1916, p. 132) The miracle of the Incarnation is the heart of our Advent and Christmas celebration. Our celebration is very different than the world’s commercial observance. There is such a thing as “*sin in the world*”, as Thomas says. We don’t need more reminders of that. Unfortunately, we see it every day. Jesus took on our flesh to offer His body as the sacrifice for the sins of the world. Mary and Joseph’s humble entrance into Bethlehem foreshadows the Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem thirty-three years later. We cannot look at the manger without also seeing the cross. The angelic chorus to the shepherds heralding His birth previews the message of the angel, “He is not here. He is risen.” God’s blessings on your Advent and Christmas celebration. Let us rejoice in the story of our salvation!

In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer

