CTK Communiqué





February 2023

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<u>Trenton Road Campus</u> Saturday Worship	5:00 PM
Pennsylvania Road Campus	
Sunday Worship:	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

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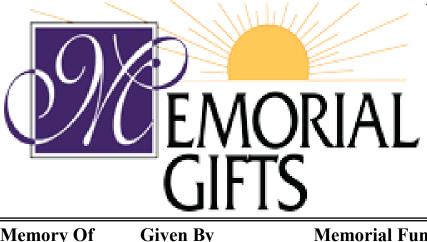
Financial Snapshot – Through December, 2022

INCOME (General Fund): Church receipts	December 2022 \$ 167,506.35	<u>Year To Date</u> \$1,347,573.50				
Tuition	\$ 85,708.07	\$ 918,342.40				
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 253,214.42	\$2,265,915.90				
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 230,220.00</u>	\$2,394,288.00				
INCOME OVER/(UNDER)	BUDGET					
	<u>\$ 22,994.42</u>	<u>\$ (128,372.10)</u>				
	December 2022	<u>Year To Date</u>				
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 253,214.42	\$ 2,265,915.90				
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$201,180.45</u>	\$ <u>2,277,470.93</u>				
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE						
	<u>\$ 52,033.97</u>	<u>\$ (11,555.03)</u>				

This Financial Snapshot gives us the year-end summary of our stewardship in 2022. As we all know, this was a challenging year in many ways due to rising costs in so many areas. However, God has provided through the faithful giving within our family in Christ at CTK. Though our expenses did exceed income, it was by a very small percentage (less than 1%). We pray that this year will see a lightening of financial stress within our families and community and continue to trust in God's provision. *"The eyes of all look to you*,

and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:15-16





In Memory Of William Creutz, Jr. Paul Mongelluzzo Paul Mongelluzzo Glenn Vogel Tina Mitchell

Janis Otto Pat Brow Judy Mongelluzzo Marlene Vogel M/M Craig Wigginton Memorial Fund

Memorial Fund Food Pantry Food Pantry General Fund Christ Net & Food Pantry



Birthday Blessings		
In Honor of	Birthday	
Cindy Giese	12/6	

Scrap Metal, Cans/Bottles & Capital Fund Drive Fundraising

		2022	2023	Total <u>(s</u>	inc	e 2006 start)
"C" Dollars	\$	1,089.00	\$ 65.00		\$	22,647.00
Scrap Metal	\$	2,470.83	\$		\$	51,709.21
Bottles	\$	3,334.40	\$		\$	41,571.70
Paper Recycle	e \$	40.52	\$	9	\$	718.13



2022 Contribution Statements

NEW this year: If we had your current email on file, you should have received a secured link to your contribution statement on January 12th. Please contact the church office if you need to update your email address. They are now available to members on MyCTK (www.ctk.me, click on MyCTK at the top of the website). If you do not know your password, please go through the steps to change it. If you have problems logging in, please contact Lisa Demou in the Church Office.

Remember

Your Pledge

Here are ways you can support our ministry at Christ The King Lutheran Church



- Online Scan the QR code below or go to <u>https://</u> secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=1252
- Website <u>www.ctk.me</u> Click on MyCTK (top right corner) to log on and give online (available to members only).
- Text Text CTKGIVE to 73256, then follow the prompts to the secure link.

Thanksgiving Offerings

At Thanksgiving, we at Christ The King share the blessings which God has given us through the generosity of our people. We designate the funds received on Thanksgiving for various charitable organizations. In 2022, we were privileged to donate to the Fellowship of Christian Ath-

letes (FCA), Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Martin Luther's Evening Prayer Radio Ministry and POBLO International (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach). Thank you for your generosity, which enables us to help others.



2022 Contribution Statements

Your giving statement is now available through one of the following methods:

- <u>NEW this year:</u> If we have your current email on file, you will automatically receive a secured link to your statement. Please contact the church office if you need to update your email address.
- CTK Members can go to the website (<u>www.ctk.me</u>) and follow the instructions to sign in to MyCTK.
- If you would like your statement mailed or printed to pick up in the church office, request forms are available outside the sanctuaries at the Welcome Center. You can also request at www.ctk.me under Forms: Contribution Statement Request.
- Please contact Kelly in the church office with any questions regarding your statement at <u>kelly@ctk.me</u> or (734) 285-9695 ext. 160

These options are available in order to keep your contribution information secure.

I am requesting my 2022 Contribution Statement:	
Please: Mail or Hold in Church Office for pick up	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
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Services will be held at Trenton Rd. at 3:30 & 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday, February 22 Wednesday, March 1 Wednesday, March 8 Wednesday, March 15 Wednesday, March 22 Wednesday, March 29

Maundy Thursday - April 6, 7:00 p.m. only at Trenton Rd

Good Friday TreOre, April 7 at Trenton Rd. 12:00, 12:30 & 1:00 p.m. w/ Holy Communion only at 1:00

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 7 - 7:00 p.m. at Trenton Rd

<u>22 Hr. Prayer Vigil, April 7 & 8</u> - 8:00 p.m. Trenton Rd.

No Saturday April 8, 5:00 PM Service

<u>Easter Sunday, April 9 at Trenton Rd.</u> Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. Festival Services, 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.



LENTEN SERMON SERIES: VICAR BROOKS

The Seminary class that I took last Fall was called The Master Narrative. The class was all about learning what the story of God is and how we live in and profess that story as God's people. As part of that class, I had to design a service series that walks through the story of God. We, as a church, are going to now use that service series for our Lenten services this year. This is one of the benefits of the SMP program: assignments like this are not future hypotheticals; I get to put what I am learning into practice immediately! So the overall theme for our Lenten services will be The Story of God. Here is a preview of what we will focus on each week.

- Week 1 God's Story or My Story?
- Week 2 Creation And God Saw that it was Good
- Week 3 Redemption The Story Points to Jesus
- Week 4 Jesus Rescues, not Abandons
- Week 5 New Creation What is the End of this Story?
- Week 6 Where Do I Fit in this Story?

I pray that we can all grow together as a community and as the people of God as we worship together in the name of Jesus and participate in the Story of God!



LENTEN FOLDERS

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Lenten Folders will be available at the Welcome Desks at TR & PA Rd. prior to then. Through your donations, we continue to support the Alms and Scholarship Funds. Please consider taking home a folder and, each day, as you place a quarter in it, remember to pray for those people who need our help and encouragement. You may also make the contribution online and designate as Lenten Folder. If you would like a Lenten Folder mailed to you, please call the church office or email kelly@ctk.me. May God bless your giving!



Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Feb. 5	Church Potluck	12:15 PM	PA
Feb. 7	Last Soup & Study Session	5:30 PM	TR
Feb. 9	Andrew McPeak Presents	6:00 PM	TR
Feb. 10-13	School Winter Break	All Weekend	
Feb. 15	59+ Group	1:00 PM	PA
Feb. 15	Kindergarten Round-Up	4:00-7:00	TR
Feb. 18	Euchre Party	7:00 PM	PA
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday	3:30 & 7:00	TR
Mar. 1	Lenten Service	3:30 & 7:00	TR
Mar. 4&5	Lutheran Schools Service	5:00, 9 & 11	TR
Mar. 6-10	Lutheran Schools Week	All Week	TR
Mar. 8	Lenten Service	3:30 & 7:00	TR
Mar. 15	59+ Group	1:00 PM	PA
Mar. 15	Lenten Service	3:30 & 7:00	TR
Mar. 18	Euchre Party	7:00 PM	PA
Mar. 20	Red Cross Blood Drive	1:00-6:45	PA
Mar. 21	LWML Zone Meeting	7:00 PM	TR
Mar. 22	Lenten Service	3:30 & 7:00	TR
Mar. 29	Lenten Service	3:30 & 7:00	TR
Apr. 6	Half Day of School	11:30 AM	TR
Apr. 6	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	TR
Apr.7	TreOre Services	12, 12:30; 1	TR
Apr. 7	Tenebrae Service	7:00 PM	TR

59+ Group

Loved Chair Yoga and card crafting last month? You will love UNO this month. Join us Wednesday, Feb. 15th for a game day at PA Rd Campus, 1:00-2:15pm.

Everyone welcome! P.S. Thank you, Ann Twork, for the supplies for making Valentine cards for the shut-ins.

Just Older youth



Spírítual 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 Lisa Demou Jessica Bourassa (734) 285 9695 Ext. 150 (734) 285 9695 Ext. 210 (734) 285 9695 Ext. 100

hdutka@ctk.me lisa@ctk.me jessica@ctk.me

89 care visits from January 1 - January 19

Donation Station Needs Your Help:

We are having a problem with people coming on to the campus and taking donations that are under overhang s 9 and 10. They even tear open bags and boxes, take what they want and leave us with a mess, and with the best donations gone!

You can help by keeping your eyes open and, when you see suspicious activity, report it to Dale Tamsen, or any D.S. volunteer.

More over, if you could bring you donated items on Tuesday mornings, there are always volunteers working there from 10:00 – 12:00 and we can bring them inside.

And finally, we are in need of these donated items: any kitchen ware, especially pots and pans. Puzzles, jewelry, and children's clothing are always in demand. Thanks for your prayer support of this CTK unique ministry.



Luther Library



This month we celebrate Valentine's Day, the day of Love! There are many forms and types of LOVE and relationships! There is the love of a mother, the love of a significant other, the love of friends and the love of God!! We express our love in thoughts, deeds, song, and words. The library has numerous books about LOVE for everyone,

from children to teens, to couples, to those looking for healing & help, to those seeking God's love. Below is a list of books in the library that shares the words of love for all.

<u>For Ćhildren:</u>

• **Because I Love You** by Max Lucado for children **For Teens:**

- How to Understand Your Parents and Maybe Like the Ones You Love by Robert Baden
- 8 Really Relevant, Super Significant Promises for Teenagers Who Want to Fall in Love with Jesus Forever by Dan Davidson
- The Why Files, When Can I Start Dating? Marriage & Relationships:
- **Renewing Love** by Dr. Gary and Barb Roseberg Other books we recommend are:
- Stage II Relationships: Love Beyond Addiction by Earnie
 Larsen
- **The Miracle of Love** by Charles Allen in Biography & True stories section
- In the Inspiration section, there are 2 books *The Love of God* by Oswald Chambers and *Love Beyond Reason* by John Ortberg
- How to Really Love Your Child by Dr. Ross Campbell, available in the Parenting/Family Life section
- In the Self-Help section, there is **Speaking the Truth in Love** by Ruth Koch
- And finally, in the Life of Christ section, there is *Love in the Words and Life of Jesus* by Country Beautiful Corp.

Please remember to sign out your book. May God's enduring LOVE bless everyone, especially this month and always.

This Month in CTK History

Way back in 1953, the church had a dedication celebration of the Church Flags. The flags were purchased as a memorial commemorating the organization of the parish on November 11, 1952.

In 1991, the first Daddy/Daughter dance was held! February 1995 had several points of historical interest. First, Worship services

were moved to the Gymnasium due to construction on the new Sanctuary. It was this month that non-alcoholic wine became available for communion. And finally, Pastor Edenfield was presented with a gift of appreciation for his service on the District's Board of Evangelism & Church Growth.



<u> Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore</u>

The bookstore is celebrating Valentine's Day! There are cards, books, and gifts for all the ones you LOVE! To help your gift giving, the bookstore is discounting all jewelry by \$1.00. (all jewelry over a dollar only) for the month of February!

Lent begins on February 22. To help you prepare for the Lenten season, there are Lenten books and devotions available.

FYI we now have a "Super Giant Print Bible" available.

Please remember to fill out a receipt for all purchases, especially at the Penn bookstore. Record date, amount, and as much detail about the purchased items as possible (i.e., Sympathy card, name of book, type of cross, etc). Having as much info as possible recorded helps the staff keep track of inventory and sales.

Thank you very much for you cooperation. Any questions, please contact Claudia Landberg or Donna Decker.





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.

Men's Bible Study

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

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 <u>carol@ctk.me</u> or 734-281-3773.



BRICK PAVERS The brick paver patio is in place at Pennsylvania Rd. and it is beautiful. Please take a look and enjoy the memories. This is a wonderful way to honor/remember a loved one, family member or close friend. Informational brochures and order forms are available online at <u>www.ctk.me/brickpaver</u>, at the Ministry Center at Trenton Rd and the Atrium at PA Rd. Contact Lisa Demou at <u>lisa@ctk.me</u> or Denise Cashmer at <u>denise@ctk.me</u> with questions.



Lutheran School's Week Special Kick-Off Weekend

All Services will be at Trenton Rd. the weekend of March 4 & 5! Join us Saturday - 5:00 PM, Sunday - 9:00 AM or Sunday - 11:00 AM

During the 10:00 AM Bible Class hour, you will get to "live a day in the life of a CTK student".

Our school education fair theme this year is "countries of the world" - so grab your "passport" and make some stops. We will have a "trip" planned for you...stops include: Bible study, refreshments, and so much more. See you at Trenton Rd!

SAVE THE DATE

Blood Drive Monday, March 20, 2023 1:00 - 6:45 PM



16700 Pennsylvania Rd. Help save a life! Please consider donating! You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org. Call Nancy Chambo with any questions or to volunteer to help. 734-776-5001



Potluck Details: Please bring a dish to pass, enough to feed 10-12 people: A-M, Main dish; N-Z, Salad/Side. We will auction off homemade desserts and homemade canned goods. If you are interested in entering the auction, please email Denise at <u>denise@ctk.me</u> or fill in the form. We will play old fashioned games and will also recognize the 2018-2023 CLW/LWML Women of the Year. We look forward to celebrating God's past, present and future blessings with you!

CLW Women of the Year Recognition

2018 Carol Cashmer, 2019 Joyce Shoup, 2020 Jean Orvosh 2021 None, 2022 Teresa Samson & 2023 Phyllis Moore











Dessert & Home Canned Good Auction Entry Form

....So you think you can bake?So you think you can "can goods"?

Sunday, February 5th at our "Blast From the Past" potluck, we will hold an auction for home baked desserts and home canned goods. Proceeds from the auction will go towards new candles for our Christmas Eve and Wedding ceremony candle holders. Submit your finest, let's see what it goes for and help us get some new TR sacristy candles.

Name

Email or Phone

Dessert or Canned Good (circle one)

What are you submitting?

Does it contain nuts? Yes or No (circle one)



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2023

"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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Oliver Bates Dakota Bemis Spencer Buck Paul Jentzen Kyron Johnson Preston Wood

Sara Ferdubinski

CHRISTNET COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Sunday School Students are doing an amazing job providing for and showering their encouragement for our homeless by making care packages for Downriver's homeless through Christ-Net. We have decorated and filled



bags throughout the fall and winter months. The next community service day is February 19, 2023. Thank you for supporting this important project!

<u>BIBLE BUCKS IS COMING!</u>

March 12, 2023 is the big day! The Bible Bucks store will be open during the Sunday School hour. Kids will go to class and grab the Bible Bucks earned so far this year. During the class time, they can go shopping!

Prayer Partners

Our Sunday School students are learning the power of prayer. We have been supporting each other through listening and prayer. Ask your Sunday School Student about their experience and what they have learned during this project.



A Great Big Thank You for Fur Angels!



Thank you to Kim Beaudrie for coordinating the visit with Digger and Fetch, owned by Karen and Jim Taylor, to teach our Sunday School different ways that God provides comfort to those in need. Karen and Jim brought their Comfort dogs into Sunday School to

show and explain how these companions can help people of all ages during a time of crisis.

Comins in Fedruary

Feb 5: Lesson 13: The Wise King. Solomon prays for wisdom; 1 Kings3:5-15 Feb 12: Lesson 14: The Unwise King; 1 Kings 6:11-38 and a Craft Feb 19: ChristNet Project: Decorate and fill bags Feb 26: Begin Unit 6 - Lesson 1







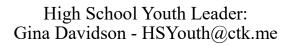
Elder & Usher Volunteers Needed

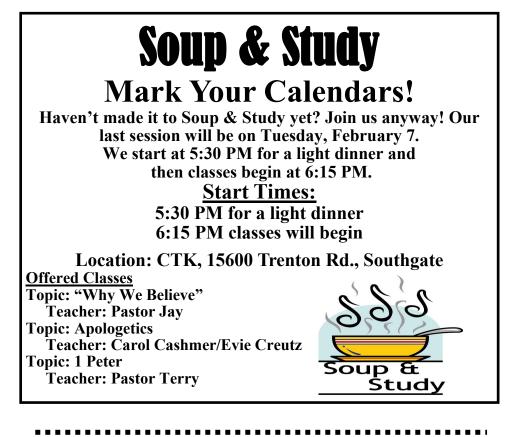
Covid changes put on hold many of our volunteer activities. Sunday morning Elder and Ushers were one of them. We stopped passing the offering plate and had self-communion for a while. We would very much like to get our Elder and Usher teams back together. If you are interested in helping out, we NEED YOU! If you have not ushered before, we would love to train you for this easy, yet crucial to worship, ministry. Please contact Lisa Demou, Volunteer Coordinator, to help out and/or find out more information. lisa@ctk.me or 734-285-9695.

Youth Group

Join us for youth group ! We have some exciting events planned! We meet at the Pennsylvania Rd. Campus.

February 5 - 6:30 PM February 10-12 - Springhill Weekend February 12 - NO Youth February 19 - 6:30 PM February 26 - 6:30 PM





Youth Group

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 cohosts 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.





Day School News

"Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

It's a busy time of year for our day school! We have so many activities remaining for our current school year, but we are also focused on next school year. On January 30, we will kick-off enrollment for the 23/24 school year with Parent Information Night. Our existing church member school families can enroll beginning January 30, 2023. Our existing non-CTK church member families can enroll on February 6, 2023. We invite our church families and daycare families to enroll beginning February 20, 2023. We will open enrollment to the public on February 27, 2023. Those interested in learning more can email our Enrollment Manager, Chrissy Lambrecht, at <u>admissions@ctk.me</u> or call the school office to schedule a tour. Please share this information with anyone you feel may be interested. We are currently scheduling tours and accepting reservations for kindergarten round-up.

We are pleased to welcome Andrew McPeak to CTK on Thursday, February 9, 2023. Andrew will present his generational research to our families. If you are interested in attending, please secure a complimentary ticket by going to: <u>https://ctkpanthers.com/upcoming-events</u> Thank you for your continued support of our school ministry! Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner

School Events:

- Feb 3 100th Day of School
- Feb. 6 Registration Current School Families
- Feb. 9 Andrew McPeak Presentation –
- "Parents Guide to Gen Z & Alphas" Feb. 10-13 Winter Break
- Feb. 10-13 Winter Break Feb. 15 Kindergarten Round Up;
 - 4:00-7:00 PM Open House
- Feb. 20 Registration CTK Member and Daycare Families
- Feb. 24 Family Fun Night more information coming SOON!





Winter Campaign Dates Now - April 1, 2023



CTK Food Pantry Supporters

Earlier 2022 Simply Give at Meijer - \$9,180 given 12/31/22 Simply Give at Meijer - results arrive soon 1/1/23 - 4/1/23 Simply Give at Meijer - currently running meijer 'Simply Give' to stop hunger

Important Notes:

1. Use Simply Give cards from CTK sanctuaries, so that we get credit as the gift-giver.

- 2. You need only one card for your gift of \$10 or increments of \$10.
- 3. Double-Match dates (\$10=\$30) are Saturdays, March 4 and March 25.
- 4. You can only donate at the Southgate Meijer Store for CTK Pantry.
- 5. Campaign ends on 4/1/23.

We thank Jesus and your hearts for the support! "The Thirty" Pantry Volunteers

A New Year Consideration

"While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child." Luke 2:6

"Bringing into the world a little child totally dependent on the care of others and leading it gradually to maturity is true defiance of the power of death and darkness. It is saying loudly: For us life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair." (Henri J. M. Nouwen, Peacework, 73)

submitted by Pastor Harry



CTK Church and School Food Pantry Fund

Dear generous Christians of our Church and School,

It is important to give you an update on how the persistent COVID--19 and rampant inflation have affected your Food Pantry since 2019. Listed are the receipts and disbursements from 2019-2022 (expenses are for food)..

2019—Receipts: \$15,036.00 Expenses: \$13,097.47 2020—Receipts: \$32,560.00 Expenses: \$23,631.60 2021—Receipts: \$39,595.34 Expenses: \$28,199.62 2022—Receipts: \$35,578.00 Expenses: \$47,879.32



This (above) does not include the continual flow of non-cash gifts from individuals, our school, Boy Scouts, ABC, and other groups for which we are very grateful.

In 2018-19, we were helping an average of 15 households/week. In 2022, we helped an average of 42 households/week, representing 123 people/week.

This can only be done by the hand and will of God working through us. With you in Jesus, Pastor Harry for "The 30"

Church Office Hours

The church office hours are as follows: * Monday - Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm



Be Encouraged

7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF FEBRUARY - 2023

	1.	Jesus has given me a wonderful life!	Luke 19:10
	<u>2.</u>	Live for your use in God's purpose.	Prov. 3:6
	<u>3.</u>	Make Jesus KING of your heart today.	Ps. 103:19
	4.	Gratefully accept God's gift of untroubled peace.	John 16:33
	5.	God's help's available to make correct choices.	Ps. 96:19
	6.	God's plans are perfect - obey with confidence.	II Sam. 22:31
	7.	God sees, hears, loves unlike anybody else.	Isa. 40: 25-26
	<u>8.</u>	Running on empty? Jesus gives living water.	John 4:10
_	9.	Satan doesn't fear sheep only their shepherd.	Josh. 1:9
	10.		Prov. 3:5-6
_	11.	God desires to heal our land PRAY!	II Chron. 7:14
	12.	Just live a holy life for Jesus.	Isa. 6:3
_	13.	Don't let confusion disrupt your Godly obedience.	Heb. 12:10-11
	14.	Grow in love – then responsibly share it.	I John 4:7-8
_	15.	Jesus dwelt among us, bringing unfailing love.	John 1:14
	16.	Jesus sends hope to all frightened ones.	John 14:1
_	17.	In today's society worry has become epidemic.	Prov. 3:5-6
	18.	Prayer's the blueprint for a successful life.	Phil. 4:6-7
_	19.	Faith's the opposite of fear and worry.	Gal. 2:20
	20.	Lift our nation's leaders up in prayer.	Heb. 13:7
_	21.	Does Jesus work amazingly in your life?	Matt. 8:10
	22.	Life's most important choice: your Godly relationship.	Ps. 119:30
_	23.	Thanks Lord, Your perfection covers our imperfection.	II Cor. 12:9
_	24.	Expect good from all your "what ifs."	Matt. 6:31-32
_	25.	Follow Jesus for the victory you need.	Luke 9:23-24
_	26.	God never forgets or overlooks your prayers.	Ps. 9:10-12
_	27.	Thanks God for protection every hour, everyday.	Eph. 6:12-13
	28.		Rom. 8:28

Thank you Ralph & Donna Moore

Mark Your Calendars <u>2023 Euchre Dates</u> February 18, March 18, April 22, May 20 <u>September 16 & October 14</u> at 7:00 PM Sharp!



EUCHRE

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 <u>blueknight007@hotmail.com</u>



Humor about Feelings



A person fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.

A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."

> A New Age philosopher observed, "The pit is just in your mind."

A psychologist noted, "Your parents are to blame for your being in that pit."

An optimist said, "Things could be worse."

A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the person, took them by the hand and lifted them out of the pit.

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Free Book

As part of our continuing education in Stephen Ministry, we often read and discuss information in books that help us minister to our care receivers. We recently read <u>Healing the Wounded Heart</u>—the Heartache of Sexual Abuse and the Hope of Transformation by Dan B. Allender. Allender is a Christian professor of counseling psychology and the former President of the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology.

This informative book, published in 2016, is intended for adults. Allender pulls no punches in writing about sexual abuse. It is helpful for understanding abuse, but is not an "easy read."

If you are interested in having a free, used book, please call Pastor Harry at 734.479.6337 or email him at edenfield2@comcast.net. We have a limited number of books.



ChristNet

This was CTK's second year hosting "off-site". After so many years of hosting the guests in our church home, this has been an adjustment. But we are making it work, and work well! We provided hearty meals, breakfast goodies, thermals, personal clothing items, toiletries, food gift cards, backpacks and everyday necessities that will benefit them well past our commitment week! It's through your prayers, dedication, generous donations and support that those in the ChristNet program are having so many of their basic needs met! There will continue to be ways to volunteer throughout the entire year and we will keep you informed as always. Thank you, CTK!

Serving alongside you, Jen Gepes



February is the Napoleon of months, short but brutal especially in Michigan. Winter drags on with its all-gray wardrobe. Meanwhile, we are teased and taunted by the warmer regions of our nation. As a golfer, I enjoy watching the end of PGA Tour tournaments on Sunday afternoons. The problem is the PGA Tour (the guys who are really good and play professionally) spends February in what could be called the opposite of a snow globe: Pebble Beach, CA; Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles, CA; Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Every year in February, I spend four afternoons looking out my window at snow cover or sub-freezing temps (or both), while on the TV guys are walking around in short sleeve polos. They are wiping sweat off their brow while their caddies wear shorts. They stand in the sunshine amidst a green backdrop and talk about wind direction instead of wind chill. Like I said, brutal. Ash Wednesday is often in February and begins the Lenten season. Jesus chose to come to our brutal, fallen, and broken world. God's plan of salvation, which began with a promise in the Garden of Eden, continues as the Son of God humbles Himself, even unto death on a cross. During this Lenten season, let us fix our eyes on Jesus and His suffering and death so that we might also rejoice in His resurrection. May God open our eyes to the eternal home that Jesus has prepared for us. I would guess the weather there is perfect!

In Christ, Rev. Jason Cashmer