

# CTK Communiqué



## March 2023

### **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  
Church FAX: (734)285-4188

### **CTK Day School - Trenton Rd.**

School Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
School Office Phone: (734)285-9697  
School FAX: (734)285-5275

### **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.ctk.me](http://www.ctk.me)



### Trenton Road Campus

**Saturday Worship 5:00 PM**

### Pennsylvania Road Campus

**Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM**



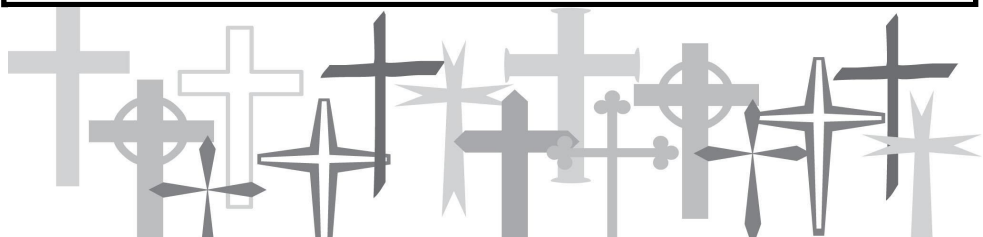
# FAITHFUL STEWARDS

## Financial Snapshot – Through January 2023

| INCOME (General Fund):            | <u>January 2023</u>  | <u>Year To Date</u>  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Church receipts                   | \$ 116,811.15        | \$ 116,811.15        |
| Tuition                           | \$ 88,623.70         | \$ 88,623.70         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>               | <b>\$ 205,434.85</b> | <b>\$ 205,434.85</b> |
| <b>BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>         | <b>\$ 187,720.00</b> | <b>\$187,720.00</b>  |
| <b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b> | <b>\$ 17,714.85</b>  | <b>\$ 17,714.85</b>  |

|                                    | <u>January 2023</u>  | <u>Year To Date</u>  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>\$ 205,434.85</b> | <b>\$ 205,434.85</b> |
| <b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>            | <b>\$ 165,359.95</b> | <b>\$ 165,359.95</b> |
| <b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b> | <b>\$ 40,074.90</b>  | <b>\$ 40,074.90</b>  |

*Thank you, CTK members, for your faithful giving to the Lord as we begin this calendar year. Our offerings exceeded our budgeted expenses, which is always encouraging. We see in our community and in the world at large the need for faith, to be witnesses to God's presence in our lives and His grace in Jesus our Savior. Our world needs God more than ever! The stewardship of faithful Christians everywhere serves that need. Thank you! As Jesus says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16*





| <b>In Memory Of</b> | <b>Given By</b>    | <b>Memorial Fund</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Haley Apple         | Gleason Heine      | Food Pantry          |
| Phyllis Truesdale   | M/M John Armstrong | Food Pantry          |

**Birthday Blessings**  
**In Honor of    Birthday**

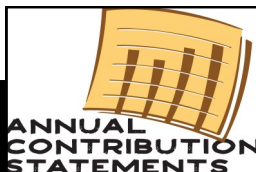
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|---------------|-------|
| Bob Douglas   | 12/25 |
| Kathy Douglas | 12/3  |
| Cindy Turgeon | 3/2   |
| Karen Kerezi  | 6/23  |



**THANKS FOR GIVING**

## Scrap Metal, Cans/Bottles & Capital Fund Drive Fundraising

|               | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>Total (since 2006 start)</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| "C" Dollars   | \$ 1,089.00 | \$ 180.00   | \$ 22,762.00                    |
| Scrap Metal   | \$ 2,470.83 | \$ 458.64   | \$ 52,167.85                    |
| Bottles       | \$ 3,334.40 | \$ 426.40   | \$ 41,998.10                    |
| Paper Recycle | \$ 40.52    | \$ 23.05    | \$ 741.18                       |



## 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. Statements 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 <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=1252>
- ♦ Website – [www.ctk.me](http://www.ctk.me) - 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.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# ***BLAST FROM THE PAST***

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the February 5 potluck. We had a great time! The food was great, fellowship fantastic, church history photos nostalgic, kid's games exciting and the dessert auction was so FUN! We raised \$646.00 for the Trenton Rd. candles and paraments. Thank you to those who donated home canned items and baked goods.

# 2022 Contribution Statements

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

- ♦ **NEW this year:** 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 ([www.ctlk.me](http://www.ctlk.me)) 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 or email your request to [kelly@ctlk.me](mailto:kelly@ctlk.me).
- ♦ Please contact Kelly in the church office with any questions regarding your statement at [kelly@ctlk.me](mailto:kelly@ctlk.me) 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**



*Services will be held at Trenton Rd. at 3:30 & 7:00 pm*

**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**

**22 Hr. Prayer Vigil, April 7 (starting at 8:00 p.m.) till April 8th (ending at 6:00 a.m.) at Trenton Rd.**

**No Saturday April 8, 5:00 PM Service**

**Easter Sunday, April 9 at Trenton Rd.**

**Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. (w/Holy Communion)**

**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 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  
Quarter Folders**

## LENTEN FOLDERS

Lenten Folders are now available at the Welcome Desks at TR & PA Rd. 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 a contribution online and designate as Lent Folder. If you would like a Lenten Folder mailed to you, please call the church office or email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me). May God bless your giving!

# UPCOMING *Events*

## Upcoming Events:

| Date       | Event                        | Time             | Location  |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Mar. 1     | Lenten Service               | 3:30 & 7:00      | TR        |
| Mar. 4&5   | Lutheran Schools Service     | 5:00, 9 & 11     | <b>TR</b> |
| 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. 7-16  | Day School Easter Break      | All Week         | TR        |
| Apr. 7     | Church Offices Close at noon |                  | TR        |
| Apr. 7     | TreOre Services              | 12, 12:30; 1     | TR        |
| Apr. 7     | Tenebrae Service             | 7:00 PM          | TR        |
| Apr. 7 & 8 | 22 Hr. Prayer Vigil          | 8:00 PM-5:00PM   | TR        |
| Apr. 8     | NO Saturday Service          | No Service Today | TR        |
| Apr. 9     | Easter Sunrise Service       | 7:00 AM          | TR        |
| Apr. 9     | Easter Festival Service      | 8:30, 9:45 & 11  | TR        |
| Apr. 10    | Church Offices Closed        | All Day          | TR/PA     |

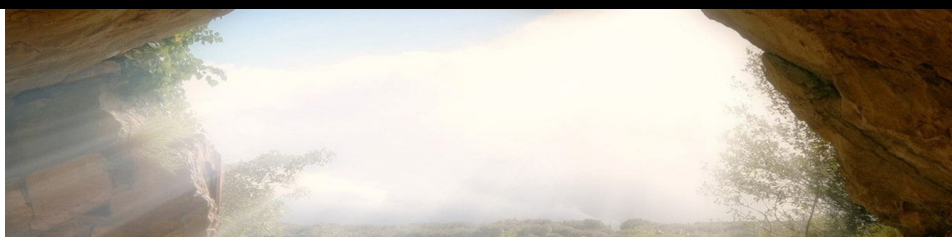
## 59+ Group

March 15th, we are having a St. Patty's Day Potluck! If able, plan on a small dish (homemade or store bought) for 10 people. Everyone is welcome at PA Rd Campus, Atrium, 1:00-2:15pm. Keep your eyes open as you just may see a leprechaun !





# *Spiritual Care Ministry*



The Spiritual Care Ministry at CTK focuses on persons in the congregation who are hospitalized, confined to their home, reside in a nursing home, or maybe recovering from a surgery in a rehab facility. Please let us know if you have a family member or friend who needs a visitation, where they will hear the Word and receive Holy Communion.

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:

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

**218 care visits from January 1 - February 19**



## **Church Office Hours**

**The church office hours are as follows:**

- \* **Monday - Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm**
- \* **Church Office Closed:**  
**April 7 (1/2 day) and April 10th**



## **Luther Library**



March is National Reading Month!! Check out a book from the CTK Church library for the Lenten season! The library has over 1,000 book titles! You may want to look in the Devotion or Inspiration sections for Lent. Parents can view the Parent/Family or Children's section for inspiration. The Children's section has several beautifully illustrated books depicting the First Easter. Please remember to sign out books on the green sheet.

The library has also received a donation of a very special book. It is copyrighted 1889, written in German and is "Luther's Small Catechism." It will be displayed in the glass case. If you are interested in looking at, PLEASE use caution! It is very old and brittle. For this reason, it is not to be removed from the library. Thank you for your cooperation.

***"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds".***

***Deuteronomy 11:18***

## **Psalms & Proverbs** **Bookstore**

First, we would like to thank all our shoppers at the bookstore. We are glad you are finding inspiration and encouragement for your continued journey with Christ. Next, we are instituting a new system with the receipts of purchases.

The new receipt books are now three copies. If you are shopping on the honor system at the Pennsylvania Rd store, the WHITE copy goes with the money, PINK copy is your receipt, and the YELLOW one stays in the book. This will help the staff with inventory and purchasing new books and items for the bookstore. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact Claudia Landberg @ 734-479-6256 or landberg@umich.edu.





## 7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF MARCH – 2023

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|--|----------------|
| 1. God loves you as deeply as Jesus.                           | John 17:25-26  |
| 2. God shows mercy through all our failures.                   | Ps. 103:2-4    |
| 3. Celebrate God's glorious deeds to all people.               | Isa. 12:5      |
| 4. God's waiting – will you trust and obey?                    | John 5:1-9     |
| 5. Fall to your knees – obtain Heavenly help.                  | I Peter 5:6-7  |
| 6. Housekeeping is a sacred offering to God.                   | Zach. 14:20-21 |
| 7. Is God still pleased with your life?                        | Gen. 2: 2-3    |
| 8. People aren't interruptions, but opportunities for service. | Mark 6:31-34   |
| 9. Feeling overwhelmed? God promises to rescue you.            | Prov. 16:20    |
| 10. Allow God to give peace and rest.                          | Matt. 10:28    |
| 11. God doesn't save by deeds we've done.                      | Rom. 8:3       |
| 12. Like Enoch – walk in God's presence daily.                 | Gen. 5:23-24   |
| 13. Hallelujah what a Savior! His death redeems!               | John 1:11-12   |
| 14. Trust God's plans are trustworthy and true.                | Rev. 21:5      |
| 15. In wilderness moments, observe all God's doing.            | Isa. 43:19     |
| 16. God can change your attitude toward life.                  | Rom. 15:13     |
| 17. Lord guide us to brighter days ahead.                      | I Thess. 5:19  |
| 18. Serve and love your awesome God today.                     | Col. 3:23-26   |
| 19. We need to consider what we're thinking.                   | Phil. 4:8      |
| 20. Our prayers are precious to our God.                       | I Kings 8:59   |
| 21. God's done all He asks of you.                             | John 13:12-14  |
| 22. We are in Christ who gives wisdom.                         | I Cor. 1:30    |
| 23. God's life giving, powerful words quicken me.              | Ps. 119:49-50  |
| 24. Our truest kindness is praying for someone.                | James 5:15     |
| 25. Keep trusting Jesus till your answer comes.                | Isa. 40:31     |
| 26. "NO" is an answer too, you know.                           | II Chron. 12:9 |
| 27. When you question – Jesus hears & understands.             | Heb.4:15-16    |
| 28. When you struggle Jesus listens & rejuvenates.             | Gen. 32:24-30  |
| 29. Jesus paid greatly to take you home.                       | Isa. 53:5-6    |
| 30. We can expect GREAT things from God.                       | Phil. 4:6      |
| 31. God's your answer to life's anxious pressures.             | Matt. 11:28-30 |

By Ralph & Donna Moore





## Bible Study Times

- ♦ **Saturday Bible Study** meets in the West Gallery at 6pm at Trenton Rd. Thank you to Richard & 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 on Wednesdays at 9:00am at PA Rd. in the Fellowship Center, classroom #4. Class is led by Nancy Kurtz. We will not meet on March 29th and April 5th.

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 8:00 am in the PA Rd. Fellowship Center. Class led by Pastor Terry.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carol@ctk.me) or 734-281-3773.

**BRICK PAVERS** The brick paver patio is in place at Pennsylvania Rd. and what a wonderful addition to the PA Campus Sanctuary. Stop by and head down memory lane. If you would like to honor/remember a loved one, family member or close friend, look for the informational brochures and order forms that are available online at [www.ctk.me/brickpaver](http://www.ctk.me/brickpaver), at the Ministry Center at Trenton Rd and the Atrium at PA Rd. Contact Lisa Demou at [lisa@ctk.me](mailto:lisa@ctk.me) or Denise Cashmer at [denise@ctk.me](mailto:denise@ctk.me) with questions.

The other day during our Wednesday morning school chapel service, we sang the hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” Martin Luther wrote the famous hymn years after nailing the 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg in 1517.

From Verse 4:

***God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it  
For God Himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom’s ours forever!***

Luther did not exactly have an easy go of things because of the stances that he took in standing up for the Word of God. He was persecuted and often in danger and on the run. The first line of the hymn “A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious” echo the words of Psalm 46: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Luther took solace and comfort in the Word of God, and the Psalms are particularly great for this. As we prepare to celebrate Easter together, may the Word of God give us daily comfort and strength, just as it did for Luther!

SMP Program Update: I am about to start my 5<sup>th</sup> class in the program, which is the start of year number 2. It’s hard to believe that it has been a whole year already in the program. The time is flying by! I really appreciate your support through the program and your prayers for me and my family. Thanks! Vicar PJ Brooks



## **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](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Call Nancy Chambo with any questions or to help. 734-776-5001**



## Lenten Soup Suppers are back!



Freewill offering

Join us  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Hosted by

CTK HS Youth Group



## Menu

FEBRUARY 22 - CHICKEN NOODLE  
and CHICKEN WRAP

MARCH 1 - TACO SOUP and CORNBREAD

MARCH 8 - Minestrone and  
TURKEY SANDWICH

MARCH 15 - BROCCOLI CHEDDAR  
and FRENCH BREAD

MARCH 22 - TOMATO and GRILLED CHEESE

MARCH 29 - SPAGHETTI and SALAD



## USHERS NEEDED

### Elder & Usher Volunteers Needed

Covid changes put on hold many of our volunteer activities. Sunday morning Elders 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](mailto:lisa@ctk.me) or 734-285-9695.

# Easter



## Easter Egg Hunt

We are getting ready for the kids aged 0-12 to hop on down to the Easter Egg Hunt on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:05 in the PA Rd Campus gym. We are in need of donations of candy, stuffed animals, small trinkets and anything Easter for the kids. You can drop them off in the Church Office or in the

marked bin outside the PA Rd Campus sanctuary (Candy before March 17 so they can be stuffed into eggs) Any questions, please contact [Lisa@ctk.me](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me).

## Easter Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast on Easter morning in the TR Gym from 7:30-10:30am. Free Will Offering is appreciated to help cover the cost of the food. If you are interested in helping Host/Hostess an hour of the breakfast, please contact [Lisa@ctk.me](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me) or call the church office. Students can earn a confirmation role, classroom hours, National Honor Society hours, etc.



## Easter Lily Chart

The Lily Chart will be up on the bulletin board at PA Rd and near the West Gallery at Trenton Rd, beginning the weekend of March 19<sup>th</sup>. This year's cost TBD. We encourage you to purchase a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one. A list of honorees will be published on Easter Sunday and posted on our website. Deadline for ordering is April 2nd. Please take an envelope and place payment in the offering. The tree will be displayed at Trenton Rd. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 11:00 service. Look at the announcements for plant price.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - MARCH



***"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**

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



***Sophia Furgerson  
Katherine McGrath***

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## CHRISTNET COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you for your support! Your children and their big hearts provided over 160 goodie bags for Downriver's homeless!

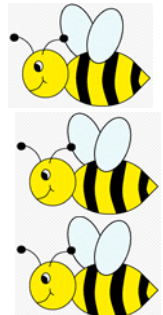


There is a buzz in the air about the next Service Project. Stay tuned!

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## Coming up in March

- Mar 5: No Sunday School at Trenton Road
- Mar 12: Lesson 2: Elijah and Prophets of Baal.  
1 Kings 5 & Bible Bucks, Samaritans  
Purse Bee Project Kick-off
- Mar 19: Lesson 3: Elijah is taken to Heaven.  
2 Kings 2 - Bee Craft
- Mar 26: Lesson 4: Naam and Elisha. 2 Kings 5





# Prayer Partners

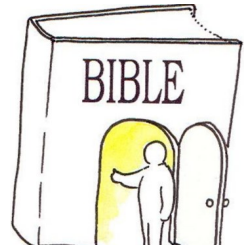


Last month students were assigned a "peer" Prayer Partner. They were asked to lift their partner up in prayer. Here is some of the feedback we heard from parents...." ...They took it to heart and made sure to pray for their friends everyday...."" ....Can you imagine how pleased God was to hear the prayers of these precious little ones?!?!?" ..." .....it was awesome to see them put the needs of a friend above their own...."

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## DID YOU KNOW?

High School Bible Study is back!! Students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade can meet in the High School Youth Room off the Atrium during Bible Study. This class will be led by Gina Davidson. They will follow the same curriculum as the rest of the Sunday School. We hope this will lead to great discussions on the car ride home or around the dinner table about what the Bible has to say! If there are weeks that Confirmation Classes are not in session, Confirmation students are always welcome to join the High School Bible Study.



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## BIBLE BUCKS IS COMING!



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!



# Has God been preparing you for this moment?

Stephen Ministry began in 1975. Today, the ministry is more than 13,000 congregations, with 180 Christian denominations participating. There are Stephen Ministers in all 50 states, as well as over 30 other countries. Stephen Ministry Leaders number over 75,000; Stephen Ministers number over 600,000.

Christ The King Lutheran Church joined Stephen Ministry in the mid-1990s. We sent a pastor and two lay people at that time to be trained as Stephen Leaders. Through the years, others have followed their path, and the ministry is actively serving today.

## Stephen Ministry is...

- A ministry named after Stephen, the first deacon in the early church, commissioned by the apostles to care for the community's needs.
- A meaningful way for our congregation to more fully use our gifts in sharing one another's burdens and joys.
- A one-to-one ministry by well-trained Christ The King parishioners.
- A response to Christ's instruction, "to love one another as I have loved you."

Does this resonate with your heart for ministering to others? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

## For Your Consideration:

- Stephen Ministry is focused on Jesus. The gift of mercy is critically important.
- An information meeting is held for those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. This year, it is scheduled for September 11, 2023. We'll put out reminders as the day gets close.
- Training is on Mondays for 20 sessions of 2.5 hours each (50 hours total).
- Once trained and commissioned into active caring ministry, Ministers are confidentially assigned a Care Receiver. In general, Stephen Ministers meet an assigned Care Receiver each week for one hour. The relationship lasts as long as needed.
- Confidentiality is critically important.
- For mutual support, Stephen Ministers meet twice a month on Mondays. Continuing education is a regular part of the meetings to further equip and hone ministry skills.

## What Next?

For more information and to sign up for the next information meeting, contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders through the CTK church office.

# Youth Group

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

## Schedule:

|          |                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| March 1  | Lent Dinner (Fundraiser)        |
| March 5  | Youth Group                     |
| March 8  | Lent Dinner (Fundraiser)        |
| March 10 | Vendor Show Set-Up (Fundraiser) |
| March 11 | Vendor Show (Fundraiser)        |
| March 12 | Youth Group                     |
| March 15 | Lent Dinner (Fundraiser)        |
| March 19 | Youth Group                     |
| March 22 | Lent Dinner (Fundraiser)        |
| March 26 | Youth Group                     |
| March 29 | Lent Dinner (Fundraiser)        |



Dearborn Ham Fundraiser This Month

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

## **YOUTH GROUP Sunday School Hour**



**The Youth Group will start meeting Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour on February 26<sup>th</sup>! This group (ages 7th-12th grade) will meet in the youth room. They will follow the same curriculum, “ENDURING FAITH”, as parent/tot through 6th grade. Come participate in activities, crafts, and service projects too!**



## **Lutheran School's Week Special Weekend**

**All Services will be  
at Trenton Rd.**

**the weekend of March 4 & 5!**

**Join us Saturday - 5:00 PM,  
Sunday - 9:00 or 11:00 AM**

**Making  
Disciples  
for Life**



**NATIONAL  
LUTHERAN  
SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Christ The King Lutheran School  
Invites you to attend  
Lutheran Schools Sunday  
on Sunday, March 5**

### **ALL SERVICES AT TRENTON RD**

- Our staff and students will play a special role in worship service by singing at both the 9am and 11am services.
- The Bible Study/Sunday School hour will give members of our congregation the chance to explore our school. Our classrooms will be open for you to tour. We will serve refreshments in the school cafeteria. Our middle school students will share student-written devotions in the gymnasium.

**We look forward to celebrating our school  
ministry with you on March 5.**



## Day School News

***“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:4-5***

The beginning of March is a special time for us. We celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. Christ The King Lutheran School is one of nearly 2,000 Lutheran schools in the nation. We are fortunate to be able to celebrate God’s love, grace, and mercy daily. The morals and values being taught at home are reinforced in our school. The family environment we have creates strong bonds and lasting friendships. We also teach responsibility and servant leadership through our service projects. We are so excited to celebrate our school with each of you on Sunday, March 5. We hope you’ll be able to join us for Lutheran Schools Sunday.

I know the difference our school makes, and I also know none of this would be possible without the love and support of our congregation. Thank you for praying for us, attending our events, supporting our students, and creating scholarships. You make a tremendous difference, and we are so grateful.

God’s blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner

### School Events:

|           |                            |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| Mar. 6-10 | Lutheran Schools Week      |
| Mar. 9    | Education Fair Open House  |
| Mar. 23   | Spring Conferences         |
| Mar. 24   | 1/2 Day Spring Conferences |
| Apr. 6    | 1/2 Day School             |
| Apr. 7-16 | No School Easter Break     |
| May 5     | 1/2 Day—VIP Day            |
| May 22    | Preschool Field Day        |
| May 26-29 | No School Memorial Day     |

# 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 - \$11,280  
 1/1/23 - 4/1/23 Simply Give at Meijer - currently running



### 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

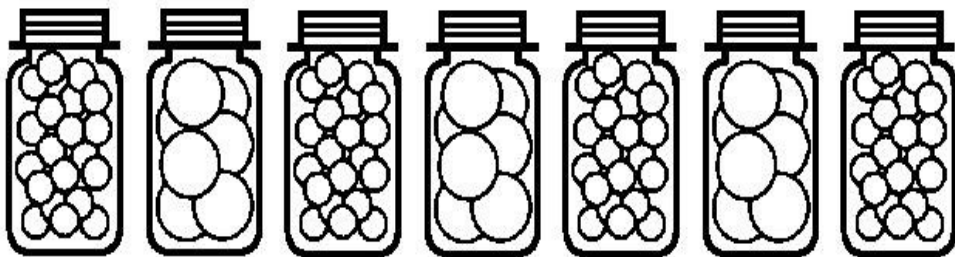
## Free Book

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 Healing the Wounded Heart—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.





## Winter, 2022 Meijer Simply Give Campaign

Throughout the Midwest, Meijer campaign raised \$2.915 million for the hungry. Total Simply Give gifts now total over \$78 million since November, 2008! Proceeds were distributed evenly across all 262 of Meijer participating partners. Campaign ended 12/31/22.

Christ The King Church and School Food Pantry received the following through God's blessing of our and Meijer gifts.

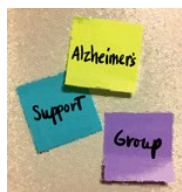
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| Donation Card Sales:              | \$ 3,200   |
| Meijer Double Match Donation      | 3,760      |
| Thanksgiving week Meijer Donation | 3,810      |
| Additional Program Donation       | <u>510</u> |
| Total                             | \$11,280   |



Jesus plans well! We greatly needed this campaign's proceeds to buy eggs, milk, margarine, cheese and bread for the approximately 50 families who visit your Food Pantry each week.

Pastor Harry for the 30 Volunteers

## Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease?



Marilyn and I recently read a booklet (28 pp.) by Pastor Michael Casting, a friend of ours since our days at Concordia Jr. College, Ann Arbor. The booklet's title is Into the Valley of Shadows. It describes Mike and his wife Sue's 10+ years journey with Sue's Alzheimer's disease. The booklet is written very truthfully, sensitively, informatively, and concisely about their very difficult experience. It is a valuable booklet for any of us. Into the Valley of Shadows is available at Christ The King's book/gift shops.

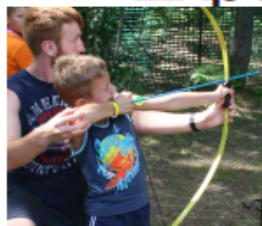
Pastor Harry and Marilyn

# help Wanted

CAMP CONCORDIA

Sense the **Calling**  
Get the **Connection**  
Experience the **FUN**

...and get  
paid well  
doing it!



## Summer Camp Staff

Camp Concordia, 13400 Pinewood St., Gowen, Michigan  
[www.campconcordia.org/employment](http://www.campconcordia.org/employment)

### May 26 - August 5

May 26-June 10 Training  
June 12-August 5 Sessions

**Attend Training & all or half of summer**  
(ALL summer preferred)







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

***March 18, 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 late-comers.) 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](mailto:blueknight007@hotmail.com)

# CHRIST THE KING

## LUTHERAN

### **Donation Station Needs Your Help:**

We are having a problem with people coming on to the campus and taking donations that are under overhangs 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 your donated items on Tuesday mornings, there are always volunteers working from 10:00 – 12:00 and we can bring them inside.

And finally, we are in need of the following 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 unique CTK ministry.





# Mom2Mom Sale



**SATURDAY**

**CHRIST THE KING  
FELLOWSHIP BUILDING  
16700 PENNSYLVANIA  
SOUTHGATE, MI**

**MAY 6th**

**8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**\$2 ENTRANCE  
FEE**

*Space is limited,  
Reserve yours today*

**CONTACT GINA FOR MORE INFO  
GMD.LWML@GMAIL.COM**



**THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY  
"ROOTED IN CHRIST" HS YOUTH GROUP**





# Spring Fling!

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH

10am - 4pm

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN  
FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

16700 PENNSYLVANIA RD  
SOUTHGATE MI

Over 55 Local Vendors & Artisans!

LARGE VARIETY OF CRAFTS TO CHOOSE FROM!

COME VISIT THE CONCESSIONS FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH  
OR EVEN JUST A SNACK!



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# Pastor's Message

There would have been a time in Jesus' earthly ministry when "everything changed." Perhaps it was after Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:13), or as Peter, James, and John walked silently down the mountain with Jesus after the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1). The beginning of Jesus' ministry was filled with excitement and possibilities. Granted, there was the occasional tense verbal exchange with religious leaders, like the scribes and Pharisees, but the majority of time was spent with grateful crowds rejoicing in the potential fulfilled promise of a Messiah. Families were lifted out of despair with miracles of healing. Communities were given hope with Jesus' teaching. Hundreds flocked wherever He would go just to see Him. Thousands left a hillside having been fed from five loaves and two fish. But then Jesus "set His face toward Jerusalem." His walk became very intentional. None of this Pinterest, namby-pamby "the destination is the journey" nonsense. The destination is the cross. Jesus will walk straight to it. It will look like a forced death march. It is not. It is the Son of God, choosing to die as the sacrifice for the sins of the world. The disciples watched it play out in real time and had no idea what was happening until the Holy Spirit blessed them at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit blesses us today in the Word of God. We know Jesus' purposeful path to the cross as our Lenten season. Whatever you do this season—give something up, take something on, attend mid-week Lenten services, spend more time in devotion and Bible reading—may it help "fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

In Christ, Rev. Jason Cashmer

