

# CTK Communiqué



**May 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

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**Trenton Road Campus**

**Saturday Worship 5:00 PM**

**Pennsylvania Road Campus**

**Thursday Worship: 7:00 PM**

**(May 25-August 31, 2023)**

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

**Bible Study/Sunday School  
10:10-10:40 AM**



### Financial Snapshot – Through March 2023

INCOME (General Fund):	March 2023	Year To Date
Church receipts	\$ 127,908.75	\$ 353,747.57
Tuition	\$ 45,426.58	\$ 218,666.23
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 173,335.33</b>	<b>\$ 572,413.80</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 234,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 610,090.00</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ (61,314.67)</b>	<b>\$ (37,676.20)</b>

	March 2023	Year To Date
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 173,335.33</b>	<b>\$ 572,413.80</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 200,212.43</b>	<b>\$ 561,863.76</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (26,877.10)</b>	<b>\$ 10,550.04</b>

Through the first quarter of the year, our offerings have exceeded expenses, which is good news. However, they are under the budget needs. We encourage our members in faithful stewardship to support our ministries at CTK. In today's changing world, the constant we know is God's Word and presence in our lives and community. We pray our witness to Jesus is blessed by the Holy Spirit, especially during this Easter season. As Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



# memorials & gifts

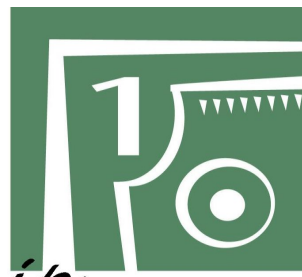
In Memory Of	Given By	Memorial Fund
Bob Orvosh	The Orvosh Family	SS Bee Project
Thomas Schendel	M/M John Armstrong	Food Pantry



<u>Birthday Blessings</u>	
In Honor of	Birthday
Cindy Burley	3/18
Joyce Shoup	3/28

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

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	Total (since 2006 start)
"C" Dollars	\$ 1,089.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 22,977.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,470.83	\$ 458.64	\$ 52,167.85
Bottles	\$ 3,334.40	\$ 926.70	\$ 42,498.40
Paper Recycle	\$ 40.52	\$ 38.46	\$ 756.59



*Stewardship*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



## Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time	Location
May 6	Mom to Mom Sale	8:30-1:30	PA
May 7	Mr. Bob Voelz Retirement Recognition	12:15PM	TR
May 12	FCM – Movie Night	6:00 PM	TR
May 15	All School Field Trip	All Day	Off-Site
May 17	59+ Group	1:00 PM	PA
May 19	8th Grade Pie Day	1:00-3:00	TR
May 20	Euchre Party	7:00 PM	PA
May 21	Confirmation Sunday	11:00 AM	PA
May 21	Youth Parent Meeting	6:00 PM	PA
May 22	School Sports Banquet	5:00-8:00	TR
May 22	Preschool Field Day		TR
May 23	School Band Concert	3:00 PM	TR
May 25	Memorial Weekend Thursday Service	7:00 PM	PA
May 26-29	No School – Memorial Break	All Day	TR
May 29	Church Offices & School Closed		TR/PA
June 2	Preschool Last Day of School		TR
June 2	Pre-K Award Ceremony	2:00 PM	TR
June 3	Secret Sister Reveal Lunch	1:00 PM	PA
June 3-4	Youth Group Lock-In	7:00 P-8:00A	PA
June 4	Kindergarten Graduation	2:00 PM	TR
June 8	Field Day	All Day	TR
June 9	Last Day/Half Day School	11:30 AM	TR
June 9	8th Grade Graduation	7:00 PM	TR
June 16	FCM – Pedals & Popsicles	6:00 PM	PA
June 19-23	VBS – I Can Build a Boat	9:00-11:30 AM	PA

**59+ Group** — Come join us for a Mother's Day Potluck. Bring a dish to pass for 12 people. We will see you at the PA Campus Fellowship Building from 1:00-2:15.





# *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 may be 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>

**427 care visits from January 1 - April 15**

## **Church Office Hours**

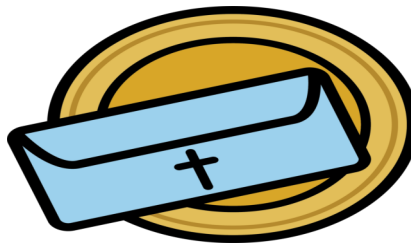
The church office hours are as follows:

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

**The offices will be closed:**

\* Monday, May 29th





## Remember Your Pledge

### WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHE & GIFTS

- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](#)
- **Online:** Members may visit [www.ctk.me](http://www.ctk.me) and click on “MyCTK” at the top of the homepage to log in, select “Giving” then “Give Now” to set up a one time or recurring payment
- **Text:** Visitors/Members text ‘CTKGIVE’ to 73256 to receive a secured link
- **Mail:** Mail to CTK, 15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI 48195



### ONLINE GIVING & TEXT GIVE OF TITHES/CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful for the opportunity to accept contributions online via MyCTK and through text giving. Just as a reminder, if possible, please use your banking account information, rather than a card number, to save on processing fees, which start at 2.6%. This cuts back on monthly expenses and, in turn, more of your gift goes directly to the mission of your church. Thank you for your faithfulness!

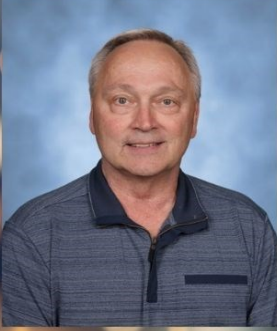
## Thursday Night Services Resume

*Join us for worship  
on Thursday Nights*

7:00 PM - May 25 through August 31  
CTK - 16700 Pennsylvania Rd.



*Stay for the Ice Cream Social on  
May 25, June 29, & August 31*



Please join us in celebrating the  
teaching ministry and retirement of

# Robert Voelz

**Sunday, May 7 at 12:15pm**  
**15600 Trenton Rd**

Please join us for a celebration of Mr. Voelz's 50 year career! We are holding a potluck and card shower in the school gym. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a side dish to feed 8. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a main dish to feed 8.

Questions? Please call 734-285-9697



**MR. ROBERT VOELZ'S RETIREMENT PARTY** Please join us for a celebration of Mr. Voelz's 50-year career on Sunday, May 7, at 12:15pm at Trenton Rd. We are holding a potluck and card shower in the school gym. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a side dish to feed 8. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a main dish to feed 8. Chicken and dessert will be provided. Questions? Please call 734.285.9697. (For the card shower, checks should be made out to Robert Voelz. If you would like to give Bob a card but cannot be present on May 7th, you can mail or drop off your card to the church or school office, Attn: Robert Voelz)

## Family Connection Ministry FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

When? Friday, May 12th at 6:00 P.M.

Where? Christ The King Trenton Road Campus Gym

What? Popcorn, a movie, and time to connect with other families. Bring your own blankets, pillows, and a drink!

Questions? Message us on the FCM Facebook page

## Family Connection Ministry - Family Movie Night

Join us on Friday, May 12th for a Family Movie Night in the Christ The King Lutheran School gym at 6:00 P.M. We will provide the movie, popcorn, and a sweet treat - all you need to bring is something comfy to sit on, drinks, and friends! Everyone is welcome!

## Save the DATE

Christ The King - Family Connection Ministry

### Summer Small Group Bible Study

**Wednesday Evenings - July 5th - August 2nd**

**6:00 P.M. - Pennsylvania Campus**

**Adult Small Group Study**

**Activity Time for the Kids**

**Nursery Available**

**Themed Snacks**



## CHRIST THE KING FAMILY CONNECTION MINISTRY

# Pedals and Popsicles

**Friday, June 16th - 6:00 P.M.  
Pennsylvania Road Campus**

Join us for an evening of outdoor family fun!

We will rope off part of the Pennsylvania campus for a safe place to ride your bikes/scooter/rollerblades or to walk and talk with your family and friends.

Frozen treats will be provided.

All ages are welcome!



## Family Connection Ministry - Pedals and Popsicle Family Event

Join us on Friday, June 16th at 6:00 P.M. at the Pennsylvania Rd Campus with your bike/rollerblades/scooter/stroller for a family walk/ride event. We will be roping off part of the campus to provide a safe space for the kids (and adults!) to ride and play! We will be providing frozen treats for families to enjoy as we spend an evening enjoying God's creation. All ages are welcome.

## Save the Date!

## Family Connection Ministry Summer Small Group Series

Join us at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday evenings in the summer (July 5th-August 2nd) at the Pennsylvania Rd Campus for an adult small group Bible study, activities and playtime for the kids, and themed snacks and fellowship. A staffed nursery will also be provided. Families of all ages and sizes are welcome to attend! Join the Family Connection Ministry Facebook page for more information and updates.





## **Confirmation Sunday**

### **May 21, 2023 - 11:00 AM Service**

We are excited to be confirming 10 students! These Confirmation families will fill up much of the May 21, 11:00 AM service. You may want to consider worshipping at these other times:

- ♦ Saturday, May 20 at 5:00pm (Trenton Rd.)
- ♦ Sunday, May 21 at 9:00am (PA Rd Campus)

## **Confirmation Verses**

### **Class of 2023**

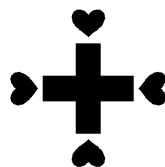
#### **Dakota Lani Bemis**

***"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27***



#### **Brooklyn Sue Braggalla**

***"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7***



#### **Sydney Ilene Erickson**

***"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8***



#### **Jacob Daniel Ferdubinski**

***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippian 4:13***

## Sophia Rose Furgerson

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1*



Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
Hebrews 11:1, NRSV

## Vincent Regan Jones

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*



## Olivia Grace Preuss

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*



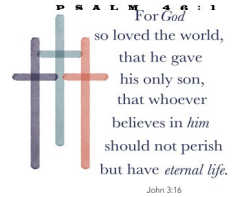
## Aaden James Roberts

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1*



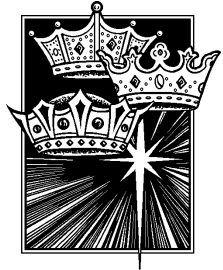
## Lincoln William Schimmel

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*



## Randi Scott Vexler, Jr.

*"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10b*

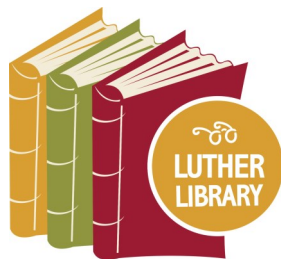


CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY



# **Luther Library**

Last month, we celebrated the miracle of Easter and sang "Glory to God" and "Alleluia!" The music, songs and choir were beautiful!! That is why this month we reflect on the beautiful music being made at Christ The King Church. "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord" Psalm 95:1



The pipe organ at the Trenton Road sanctuary was built specifically for CTK by the Casavant Freres Company, headquartered in Quebec, Canada. It was founded in 1879 and is still in business today. It was 60 years ago this month (May 6, 1963) that we signed a contract to purchase our pipe organ for \$26,500 dollars (about \$260,000 dollars today!). This organ has over twelve hundred pipes!!! When playing this beautiful instrument, Tim Bode wears special shoes so that he can feel the peddles better and keep them clean. The organ was dedicated in May of 1965, with a celebration of song and music. The concert celebration included hymns and songs by our own choir and the A Capella Choir from Concordia College in Ann Arbor. The grand piano in the chancel was donated to CTK in May of 1995. Prior to that, the piano was leased.

In the first few years after the founding of CTK, the choir was directed by the Pastor. Then, in 1956, Mrs. Wilson assumed the directorship. There have been many choir directors over the years. There have also been several Junior Choirs formed over the years. The first Junior Choir was established in the Fall of 1959, with Mrs. Biesenthal serving as its director. In 1976, another Youth choir was formed, and starred at the Thanksgiving Eve service.

*He restores* my soul.

Psalm 23:3



## **Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore**

Spring has sprung!! And May is a beautiful season to celebrate some very special people this month.

First, we celebrate our awesome teachers on Teacher's Day, May 2. Next, we celebrate and honor that very important person, our moms on Mother's Day, May 14. Finally, we congratulate our confirmands when they are confirmed on May 21. The bookstore has cards, books, and gifts for all those special people who we celebrate this month.



## **Voters' Assembly**

**Christ The King Lutheran Church**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2023**  
**at 7:00 PM - 15600 Trenton Rd.,**  
**Southgate**



**Update  
Contact Info**



Have you moved? Have you disconnected your home phone or changed your phone number or email address within the last two years? If so, please contact the church office either via email ([staff@ctk.me](mailto:staff@ctk.me)) or call to update this information. Unfortunately, we had about a dozen Easter Prayer postcards returned to us.



# CTK Youth Group NEWSLETTER

## Youth Group Calendar

**May**

**5 & 6 – MOM2MOM Sale**

**7 – Youth Group**

**14 – No Youth Group**

**21 – Youth Group**

**28 – No Youth Group**



## Mackinaw Meeting

**Sunday May 21, 2023  
6:00 pm (before youth)**

Come get the final details of the trip. Final balance will be available after the Mom2Mom sale and then the balance will be due June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## HS Youth Lock-In

June 3-4, 2023  
Drop off 7:00 PM  
Pick up 8:00 AM

Join us for the night!! Fun, games, movies and more

Bring a snack and/or drink to share.

Cost \$5

Permission Slips are in the basket on the wall outside the youth room

## Youth T-shirt & hoodies

There are order forms for the t-shirts and hoodies in the hanging basket on the wall outside the youth room. Please remember that the "women's" t-shirt does fit and run a bit smaller than the unisex shirt.

## **Youth Fundraising Information**

- ◆ May 5 & 6 is the Spring Mom2Mom Sale.
- ◆ Set up is Friday from 5-9 pm. During set-up of the Mom2Mom, the kids will help the Mom sellers bring in their items.
- ◆ Saturday there is set up from 7 am through clean up after the sale ends at 1:30 pm.
- ◆ Clean up and take down usually takes an hour.

After the MOM2MOM sale, we will continue to fundraise for future trips (SpringHill, 2024 Summer Fun Trip, 2025 National Youth Gathering). Yes! Your youth can “bank” funds for these trips. Parents that help with set-up and tear-down or even working during the sales/shows do earn \$\$ for their youth!

- ⇒ July 15, 2023 – Outdoor Craft & Vendor Sale. There is no Friday set up, but we will need a few youth to help on Saturday. There will be a sign up.
- ⇒ October 20 & 21, 2023 – MOM2MOM
- ⇒ November 10 & 11, 2023 – Fall Vendor & Craft Sale

### **Youth needs**

The youth LOVE to snack!!

We are always happy to receive donations of individually wrapped packages of:

Chips/Goldfish Crackers

Snack Cakes/Cookies

Fruit Rollups and Fruit Snacks

Candy, Juice Boxes, Bottled Water

And 2 Ltrs of Soda

You can drop donations in the box outside the youth room.



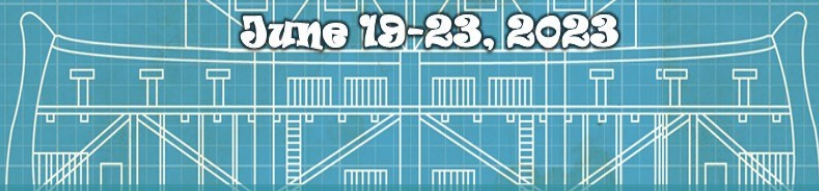
**Sunday AM Bible Study  
10 am in the Youth Room**

# Vacation Bible School

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

### "I Can Build a Boat"

June 19-23, 2023



Join us for Vacation Bible School from June 19th—23rd., at the PA Campus Fellowship Building from 9:00-11:30am. This is for kids 3yrs old (must be potty trained) up through 6th grade. Our theme is "I Can Build A Boat" - Jesus is our Ark and He will never leave us stranded. Check out the theme song "I Can Build a Boat" by Colton Dixon. If you are interested in volunteering (Current 7th graders and up). You can do so online or sign up on the posters by the Welcome Desk.

## Child Abuse Prevention WORKSHOP

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

The Child Abuse Prevention Workshop will be held Sunday, June 6th from 10:00 to 10:35am. This class is mandatory for 7th graders and up, including adults, who choose to volunteer within children's ministries (VBS, Sunday School, Youth). This class fulfills our Risk Management Policy. We will meet either in the 8th grade confirmation room or the Atrium, if more space is needed. If you need to attend but cannot during this time slot, please contact [lisa@ctk.me](mailto:lisa@ctk.me) or call the church office.



# Vacation Bible School

## 16700 Pennsylvania Rd.

### Southgate

**June 19-23, 9:00 - 11:30 AM**  
***"I Can Build a Boat"***

(Ages Pre-School 3yr old completely potty trained thru 6th grade)

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_

Grade just completed: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings attending VBS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students will placed in the grade they currently are in. If you would like siblings of different ages together, let us know on the registration sheet but each child will need their own registration form.**

I agree to let my child's picture be used in publicity for Christ The King Lutheran Church VBS - Yes/No (circle one please)

### **VBS NEEDS:**

**Volunteers needed:** 28 classroom leaders, 2 kitchen staff, 4 recreation staff, 4 craft helpers, singers and musicians

**Snack donations:** check out the VBS Donation tree or the June newsletter for more info.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - MAY

**"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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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

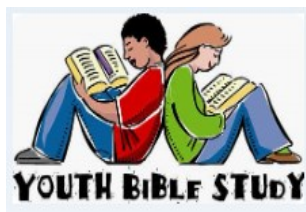
**Emilie Cook  
Sydney Erickson  
Erin Gorman  
Olivia Preuss  
Aaden Roberts  
Isaiah Stitman**



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## High School Bible Study - More than just High School

We welcome all Confirmands, as well as High School students, to High School Bible Study. You will continue the great habit of studying God's Word every Sunday as well as spending time with Christian friends! You will be able to engage younger siblings in conversations about what they learned in their Sunday School lesson because you discuss the same subject.



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## Coming in May

May 7: Lesson 9: King Josiah; 2 Kings 17, 24-30

May 14: Lesson 10: 3 Men in a Fiery Furnace;

Daniel 4, plus a craft, Bee Breakfast

May 21: Lesson 11: The Lord Leaves the Temple;

Ezekiel 8, 10, 37

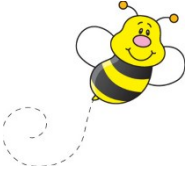
May 28: Lesson 12: Esther, Esther 2-5





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# What's all the Buzz about?



Sunday School is buzzing with activity! The "Bee a Blessing" Community Service Project with Samaritan's Purse is well underway. The kids are learning why and how to provide Honeybee kits and God's Word to families in need in the Middle East looking to rebuild their lives and community. For \$20, Samaritan's Purse will teach a family how to build and grow bee hives, as well as harvest and sell honey and beeswax. This provides a sustainable income while learning and living out God's Word. Kids are learning facts about bees and how we can use this opportunity to spread God's Word. Here are some ways that you can help:

- There is a "B" box to collect "B" dollars in the Atrium.
- April 30 is a Bake sale. We need bakers and buyers!
- May 14 will be a Bee Breakfast - free will offering goes for bees
- All Sunday School offerings go toward this Project
- On-line offerings, just select "Sunday School Service Project-Bees"
- Prayers and encouragement



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## ***SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UNDER THE STARS***

**We begin the summer program on June 11th  
and it ends September 3rd**

Please Join Us For A Star Studded Adventure,  
As Together We Experience 4 Amazing Bible  
Stories, All Taking Place "Under The Stars"

# 1 God's Promise to Abraham

# 2 Jacob's Dream

# 3 Gideon's Battle with the Midianites

# 4 The Disciple's Great Catch of Fish



## **Weekend Adult and Kid's Bible Study**

- ♦ **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** meets in the Gym at 10am at Pennsylvania Rd.
- ♦ **Parent and Tot Class** meets in the nursery during Bible class hour, just outside the PA Rd Sanctuary. Mandy Boelter leads this class. You and your littles are welcome to study God's Word at the appropriate level.
- ♦ **Sunday School** meets from 10 to 10:45am. Children go directly to their designated classrooms. Parents, please pick up your kids there, as well. Pre/K and 1st/2nd grade meet in the gym hallway. 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade meet in rooms off of the Atrium.
- ♦ **Youth Group Bible Study** (7th-12th grade) We meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour in the youth room. We follow the same curriculum as our parent/tot through 6th grade, "Enduring Faith." Come participate in activities, crafts, and service projects, too!



## **MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

### **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.

### **Men's 6:30 AM Study**

New men's Bible study at Trenton Rd.! We meet every Wednesday morning in the Trenton Rd Upper Room from 6:30 to 7:15am. Join us for fellowship and time in God's Word. Vicar PJ and Chance Childers facilitate. Coffee will be provided.

### **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.



# Mid Week Thursday Bible Study

You are invited to a Bible Study, on "DEPRESSION" on Thursday, May 4th in the Resale Kitchen from 10:30-11:30

***PLEASE CONTACT CAROL@CTK.ME or 734-281-3773 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS STUDY.***

*There will be no 4th Thursday Bible Study this month.*



# Donation Station

*Sorry We Are*

**CLOSED**

**THE DONATION/RE-SALE STATION**  
is closed until further notice. Watch for  
more info regarding re-opening. Please  
refrain from dropping off donations  
until further notice.

There are no coincidences in the Bible. This is a phrase that I have started using over and over again while teaching middle school religion classes. We have some incredibly sharp young thinkers in our congregation, and it is a true blessing for me to get to discuss God and the Bible with them on a weekly basis. A few weeks ago, one of them raised their hand and said "I don't think it's a coincidence that Jesus was in the desert for *40 days* when He was tempted, because the Israelites were in the desert for *40 years*." That led us into an entire discussion on how Jesus was fulfilling the Old Testament story and what the number 40 means. The more we read the Bible, the more these *non-coincidences* will stand out to us. Everything that happens in the Bible happens for a reason. There's no extra info in there. God chose every word to be written for one purpose: that we and all people would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we would have life in His name. The Bible is a gift for us that reveals who God is. So the next time you read something in the Bible that seems like it could be a coincidence, remember that everything is in there for a reason and ask yourself, "How does part of the story help point me to Jesus?" I pray that all of us will be lead to discover more and more of who God truly is each and every day.

SMP Program Update: I have a few weeks left in class number 5. I am learning about law and Gospel, active and passive righteousness, the three uses of the law, and more. My next class is in Saint Louis at the end of June, so I am looking forward to that trip. Thank you so much for your support and for your prayers. The classes are challenging, but I am learning a ton and the lessons I am learning are always immediately applicable to our church here at Christ The King, so that has been really awesome!

In Christ, Vicar PJ Brooks

## A note from the Vicar Brooks



## 7 WORD STATEMENT FOR EVERYDAY OF MAY – 2023

1. On May Day, you may receive Christ! Prov. 3:5-6
2. Heeding God's word's more important than anything. Josh. 8:32-35
3. You get stronger by every correct choice. Rev. 2:7
4. Claim God's promise to protect against fear. Isa. 41:10
5. Spiritual spring cleaning – replace positives not negative Phil. 4:8-9
6. Only God can lift pressures from within. Ps. 29:11
7. Testing and trials serve to strengthen us. James 1:2-4
8. Feel other's sadness and pain – Jesus did. Gal. 6:2
9. Life's troubles are temporary – God' Word endures. Isa. 40:8
10. You're chosen by God for a purpose. Jer. 29:11-13
11. Blessings from walking with God, bless others. Deut. 7:9
12. Is your foundation built on The Rock? Matt. 7:24-25
13. Let God's spirit permeate everything you do. I Cor. 6:12
14. Jesus crucified - still provided for His mother! John 19:26-27
15. We've so much more available through Jesus! Rom. 5:8
16. Human traditions should never replace Gods Commands. Mark 7:7-9
17. Rejoice! It's Jesus measurements that determine values. Eph. 4:7
18. Salvation's - God's calming presence in life's storms. Ps. 107:29
19. Our role: Shine Christ's light on unbelievers. John 1:4
20. Thanks for Armed Forces People serving willingly! Gal. 5:13-14
21. Magnifying The Lord – your problems'll look smaller. Luke 1:46-50
22. Keep in step by daily Bible study. Ps. 86:11
23. When a temptation presents itself – choose obedience. I Sam. 15:22
24. God's gift – every breath that we take. James 1:17
25. We enjoy life with God's spiritual guidance. Prov. 3:5-6
26. We're only as strong as our obedience! I Sam. 15:22
27. Trust God to complete what he started. Heb. 12:2
28. Peace of mind comes from trusting God. Isa. 26:3
29. Honor soldiers, past and present – raise banners. Isa. 13:2
30. Trust grows as knowledge of God deepens. Jer. 17:7
31. We demonstrate love by obeying God's Will. Matt. 7:21

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## OUR CONGREGATION'S



### MISSION

Equipping God's People  
Caring for Those in Need

*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

For more information, please contact Pastor Harry Edenfield (734) 479-6337, Donna Tobeler (734) 258-0285 or Deborah Watterson (734) 752-1788.

## SPRING LABOR OF LOVE

Join us Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon for a Spring planting/clean-up day at the Pennsylvania Rd campus. We order the flowers and you come plant them! Other various clean-up jobs will be done, such as weeding, cleaning windows, or a task of your choosing. Bring your gloves and favorite tools. Come join the fun, get some fresh air, beautify your church and work side by side with our fellow members and friends. Families are encouraged to attend together to help build volunteerism in their little ones. **Many hands make light work.**





# CTK Stephen Ministers: In Our Own Words

After retiring from teaching, I missed connecting on a daily basis with fellow teachers, my students, and their families. I wanted to serve in another meaningful ministry that involved talking with others and sharing my faith in Jesus. CTK's Stephen Ministry taught me to share one-to-one with sisters in Christ who were going through a difficult time. I have been so very blessed to listen, comfort, and encourage them in Jesus' name. We remind each other of Jesus' promises to never leave us or forsake us, and that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He is also. I have learned to forgo my desire to "fix things," but instead to rely on God to be the Cure-Giver in His time. I'm thankful for the opportunities to relate to my care receivers on a deeper level, and to be part of a very supportive group of fellow Stephen Ministers. I encourage you to consider going to the Stephen Ministry information meeting on September 11.

*In Christ, Marilyn Edenfield*

## ***Keep Praying . . . about your possible involvement in Stephen Ministry.***

Stephen Ministry caregivers are well-prepared to walk alongside others in challenging times through first-class training before being assigned a care receiver. Last month, Stephen Leader Deborah Watterson gave information on the first 10 lessons in Stephen Ministry training. They included lessons on feelings, listening, Christian caring, assertiveness, boundaries, and confidentiality.

This month, we mention the second half of Stephen Ministry training:

- 11) Caring between visits
- 12) Having your care receiver aware of community resources
- 13) Ministering to the grieving
- 14) Caring for the depressed
- 15) Helping suicidal people get help
- 16) Bringing closure to a relationship
- 17) The function of being supervised
- 18) Making the first visit with a care receiver
- 19) Remembering God is always with us



We thank God for your interest! For more information and to sign up for the information meeting on September 11, contact our Stephen Ministry Leaders through the CTK church office.





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

***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 and 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)

## **Save the Date! Donations & golfers needed!!!**

The 29<sup>th</sup> **CTK Annual Golf Scramble** is being held on **Saturday, August 26**, at Sandy Creek in Monroe. Cost is \$85 per golfer and includes cart, lunch at the turn, and a steak dinner. Shotgun start at 8am. Website registration will be available soon.

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

Please contact Deanna Warrington at 313-505-1704 or Jennifer Gepes at 734-775-1972 if you are interested in helping out with the event. We are also looking for local business owner(s)/individual(s) that can donate items or baskets to raffle off. Thank you!



**GOLF  
DAY**



# Day School

## NEWS

## Day School News

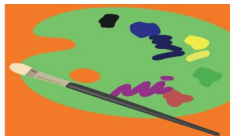
*There is an appointed time for everything, and there is a time for every event under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1*

The time has come in our school year when we are busy preparing for all the end of the year festivities. Very Important Person Day, class trips, the all school field trip, field day, and graduation celebrations are on the horizon for our school. On Sunday, May 7, we will celebrate Bob Voelz's 50-year teaching career with a potluck in the Trenton Rd school gym. Mr. Voelz is retiring at the end of this school year. We hope you are able to join us for a celebration of his teaching ministry at 12:15pm on May 7. We are so blessed and fortunate to remain together, celebrating God's love, grace, and mercy each and every day. We look forward to celebrating all our Lord has provided with our milestone end-of-the-year events. It's been another wonderful school year!

God's Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner

### School Events:

May 7	Mr. Voelz Retirement Recognition
May 12	Family Connect - Movie Night
May 15	All School Field Trip
May 19	8th Grade Pie Day
May 22	Sports Banquet
May 22	PreSchool Field Day
May 23	School Band Concert
May 26-29	Memorial Weekend Break



# Easter Lilies

*Mr. & Mrs. Craig Atwood, to the glory of God*

*Andy and Becky Efrid in memory of Robert Efrid and Nona Chapin*

*Pastor Jay and Denise Cashmer, to the glory of God*

*Kari Couture in honor of the Beckham, Couture and Machesky families*

*Kari Couture in memory of Ken and Donna Beckham*

*Kari Couture in memory of John and Debbie Beckham*

*Dave and Kathy Cross in memory of Don and Darlene Lozon*

*Dave and Kathy Cross in memory of Martha Jill Mann*

*Bob and Kathy Douglas in memory of Kathy's parents, Olaf and Elizabeth Olsen*

*Mary Lou Jenkins in memory of Gilbert Jenkins*

*Keri and Christian Joyce in memory of James Joyce, husband, father and grandfather*

*David and Anne Lumley in memory of Dominick and Mona Marano*

*Sherri Newman in memory of Bob Newman*

*Debbie Parker in memory of her parents, Jim and Margaret and her brother, Jim*

*Debbie Parker in remembrance of her baptism, April 8*

*Daniel and Susan Racklyeft in memory of Keith Strand and William and Corinne Racklyeft*

*Carol and Jennifer Richter in memory of Jack Richter*

*Wesley and Mary Rommel, to the glory of Jesus*

*Chris and Michelle Waara, in memory of James and Nancy Skura, Eugene and Janice Waara and  
Sylvester and Eleanor Galuszka*

*Dorothy Warrington in memory of James and Margaret Warrington*



# Diaper Drive at Christ The King

CTK has always been very generous in the annual Diaper Drive for the Lincoln Park Crisis Pregnancy Center. Once again, our collection will run from Mother's Day (May 14) through Father's Day (June 18).

**DIAPER  
DRIVE**



The Lincoln Park Crisis Pregnancy Center would be happy to receive any diapers to help out new parents and babies, but these are the sizes they especially need:

- Diapers - Sizes 5 and 6
- Pull-Ups for girls & boys - Sizes 3t-4t and 4t-5t
- Wipes

Please call Pastor Harry @734.479.6337 or Chris Fuher @734.915.0825 if you have questions. Thank you for your generosity!



Time flies and I can't believe the Easter season is over. A big shout out to everyone who was able to help with the Easter fun. From the Easter Egg Hunt and those that donated candy and trinkets, stuffed eggs, set up and cleaned up, I can't thank you enough. Big thanks to the day school for all the candy and for helping to set up the tables and chairs for the Easter breakfast. Did you enjoy the breakfast? If so, contact Szegedi's Catering for all your catering needs at 313.561.6288 or [szegediscatering@yahoo.com](mailto:szegediscatering@yahoo.com)



Sincerely, Lisa Demou



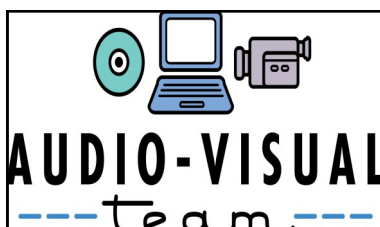
## Moms on Wheels

This unique ministry is open to anyone from the CTK congregation wanting to receive three meals after having a baby. The meals could be all in one week or you can spread them out. How does this work? It's easy...

Contact our coordinator, Carrie Atwood at 313-779-6554. She will ask about any dietary restrictions and the best time for meal drop-offs. She will then co-ordinate with those that have asked to prepare a meal. We are always looking for more people to supply or cook a meal for the family. If interested, please contact Carrie or the Church Office.

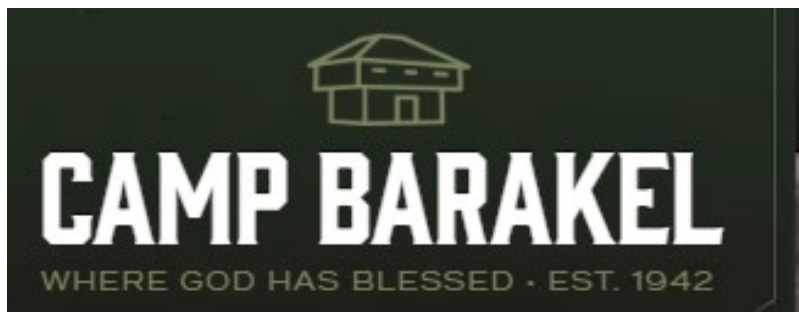
## Sound and Power Point Ministries

Have you ever wondered how hard it is to volunteer for Sound or Power Point during worship times? Guess what, it isn't! Training is easy and you can shadow someone until you feel comfortable doing this on your own. For sound duties, the microphones are set up for you and you basically just need to adjust up or down once people are singing or speaking. For Power Point, the presentation is already created for you. It is just a matter of pressing a button to move to the next slide. Both ministries are very easy and very rewarding. Contact [Sound@ctk.me](mailto:Sound@ctk.me) for Sound or [Jayc@ctk.me](mailto:Jayc@ctk.me) for Power Point.



## Pew Maintenance

This wonderful ministry is a work at your pace and day ministry. All you need to do is to make sure the Record of Fellowship books are filled with sign-in papers, have the pencils sharpened and collect anything left from the previous worship. Contact [Lisa@ctk.me](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me) if interested. The need is great for both campuses.



## Women's Camp Retreat Camp Barakel Fairview Michigan



The aim is for you to grow closer to the Lord this weekend, and hearing the Word of God taught is the primary way we accomplish this in the Barakel setting.

### What can I do at Camp?

Kayaking, Zipline, Hiking, Biking, Bouldering Wall, Fishing, Rifflery, Canoeing, Thunder Express, Archery, Gameroom & more!

October 6-8, 2023

Cost \$145

Deposit \$50 due

by May 15

Transportation — Carpooling

If there are enough attendees or interested I will look into bussing. (This will be at an additional cost)

Tucked into the woods, these are all carpeted, heated, and furnished with twin-sized bunk beds. A bathroom (including showers) is connected to each sleeping unit. Access to some housing involves using stairs. Please let us know if you have mobility concerns.

Meals will all be provided in our dining halls.

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Return this portion along with you deposit to Gina (12189 Manor Dr. Southgate MI 48195)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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*Encouraging each other through prayer, scriptures, notes and gifts*

Secret Prayer Sisters will run for 1 year  
June 2023 - June 2024

- Each participant will be asked to complete a form that will be given to your Secret Prayer Sister.
- There will be a meet & greet scheduled for June
- At the meet & greet you will select an envelope with your secret prayer sisters name inside. If you are unable to attend you will be sent your Secret Prayers Sisters form.

To sign up for Secret Prayer Sisters contact  
Gina Davidson [gmd.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:gmd.lwml@gmail.com)  
By May 20th.

Ladies, we will be encouraging each other as we secretly love and empower one another.  
We can remind our sister that we are praying for them and reminding her of Christ's love for us.



Secret Prayer Sisters Reveal  
Meet & Greet Lunch

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Christ the King**  
**16700 Pennsylvania Road**

Calling all current Secret Prayer Sisters  
and anyone interested in becoming a Secret Prayer Sister.

This is the day all will be “revealed”  
Envelopes will also be given to all continuing  
and new Secret Prayer Sisters with your new SPS names.

Please RSVP to Gina  
[gmd.twml@gmail.com](mailto:gmd.twml@gmail.com)



# Outdoor Summer Market

Many local vendors and artisans

**Saturday, July 15th**  
10am - 4pm

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
16700 Pennsylvania  
Southgate, Michigan

*For more information on being a vendor contact  
Gina Davidson (who is the **ONLY** contact  
for this event)  
[hsyouth@ctk.me](mailto:hsyouth@ctk.me)*

*Hosted by CTK Rooted in Christ HS Youth Group*

## Important LWML Notes

**LWML Mites Collection Spring Date is May 20-21.**

CTK is in need of an LWML Representative. If you need more information or are interested, please contact Gina Davidson at [gmd.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:gmd.lwml@gmail.com)



# 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**



# Pastor's Message

Even though the first day of spring is in March, I think we can all agree spring arrives in May. (Which reminds me, if April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims. Here's to keeping alive the OG of dad jokes.)

I grew up playing baseball in the Michigan "spring." This meant that every practice and every game was more like outdoor hockey than summer baseball. It was usually cloudy and cold. The sun's rare appearance was accompanied by 25mph winds gusting to 35. It was miserable. Take me out to the ballgame? We couldn't wait to get back inside from the ballgame! But somehow, the last game of the year was always played in warm sunshine. We actually perspired in warmups. We took the field without the layered clothing of Sir Edmund Hillary. Our hats fulfilled their purpose: keeping the sun out of our eyes. We swung at pitches, confident we would feel our hands if we hit the ball—which for most of us was a big if. After that last game, we couldn't wait for next season. The frostbite was forgotten, a distant memory. So it is with the Last Day. The Son is risen from the dead, and life and light are promised in His name. All the trials of this cold reality melt away as we live in Jesus' ultimate victory and look forward to His return, as Paul wrote to Timothy: "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Peter 4:8)

In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer

