

# CTK Communiqué



## September 2023

### **CTK Church -Trenton Rd. Campus**

**15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI 48195**

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am—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**

**Bible Study 6:00 PM**

### Pennsylvania Road Campus

**Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**Bible Study/Sunday School  
10:00-10:45 AM**



## Financial Snapshot – Through July 2023

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 103,979.16	\$ 788,633.26
Tuition	\$ 81,300.59	\$ 465,700.43
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 185,279.75</b>	<b>\$1,254,333.69</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 187,720.00</b>	<b>\$1,407,900.00</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b>		
	<b>\$ (2,440.25)</b>	<b>\$ (153,566.31)</b>

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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 185,279.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,254,333.69</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 181,240.30</b>	<b>\$ 1,353,789.64</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b>		
	<b>\$ 4,039.45</b>	<b>\$ (99,455.95)</b>

Praise God for His blessings! Our offerings are up 4.2% from this time last year. Thank you, CTK members, for your faithful stewardship. However, expenses are also up. We are still within our annual, but we've used some savings to meet expenses through August. This is quite common, coming out of the summer months. We do ask everyone to prayerfully consider your giving to the Lord and His church as our fall schedule resumes. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Cor. 9:7-8)





<b>In Memory Of</b>	<b>Given By</b>	<b>Memorial Fund</b>
Erna James	Edna Grimm	General Fund
Phyllis Moore	M/M Bud Shoup	Memorial Fund
Phyllis Moore	Ann Twork	Memorial Fund
Nicholas Nagorski	M/M Paul Nagorski	Memorial Fund
Jonathan Ratliff	Linda Ratliff	Food Pantry

### ***Birthday & Anniversary Blessings***

<b><u>In Honor of</u></b>	<b><u>Birthday</u></b>
Marlaine Miller	8/22
<b><u>In Honor of</u></b>	<b><u>Anniversary</u></b>
M/M Ron Pawloski	31 Years



## **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	\$ 871.00	\$ 23,430.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,470.83	\$ 1,546.74	\$ 53,255.95
Bottles	\$ 3,334.40	\$ 1,858.64	\$ 43,430.34
Paper Recycle	\$ 40.52	\$ 52.26	\$ 770.39

# UPCOMING events

## Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 1-4	No School - Labor Day	All Weekend	TR
Sept. 4	Church Office Closed	All Day	TR/PA
Sept. 5	Why We Believe Class Start	7:00 PM	TR
Sept. 10	Sunday School Rally Day	10:00 AM	PA
Sept. 10	Confirmation Orientation	10:00 AM	PA
Sept. 10	Church Picnic	12:15 PM	PA
Sept. 10	Youth BBQ	6:00 PM	PA
Sept. 11	Sewing Circle Restart	10am-2pm	PA
Sept. 11	Stephen Ministry Info. Mtg.	7:00 PM	TR
Sept. 16	Euchre Party	7:00 PM	PA
Sept. 20	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
Sept. 22	School Fun Run	AM	PA
Sept. 28	Donation Station Restart	12-2:00	PA
Oct. 1	Early Communion Class Start	10:00 AM	TR
Oct. 1	Life Chain	1:45 PM	Offsite
Oct. 6 & 9	No School	All Day	TR
Oct. 9	Sewing Circle	10-2:00	PA
Oct. 14	Euchre Party	7:00 PM	PA
Oct. 15	Trunk or Treat	3:00 PM	PA
Oct. 16	Red Cross Blood Drive	1:00-6:45 PM	PA
Oct. 17	Discipleship Class Starts	7:00 PM	TR
Oct. 18	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
Oct. 21	Mom 2 Mom Sale	8:30-1:30 PM	PA
Oct. 29	Early Communion & New Member Sunday		TR

## 59+ Group

Bring your own snack and beverage and sit back, relax and watch a movie with us. Join us September 20th from 1:00-2:15 in the Trenton Road Upper Room.



# *Spiritual Care Ministry*



Lord, Save Me, by Gary Kopp, © Gary Kopp

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.

Harry Dutka (734) 285 9695 Ext. 150  
hdutka@ctk.me

Jessica Bourassa (734) 285 9695 Ext. 100  
jessica@ctk.me

Lisa Demou (734) 285 9695 Ext. 210  
lisa@ctk.me

***952 Spiritual Care visits from January 1 – August 15th***

## **Church Office Hours**

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

**Office Closed: Monday, Sept. 4**



# Starting October 1, 2023

**ALL Services & Bible Classes  
at 15600 Trenton Rd.**



**Saturday Worship**

**Bible Class**

**Sunday Worship**

**Facebook Live Worship (YouTube)**

**Bible Class & SS**

**Sunday Worship**

**Sanctuary**

**West Gallery**

**Sanctuary**

**Gym & Classrm**

**Sanctuary**

**5:00 p.m.**

**6:00 p.m.**

**9:00 a.m.**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **Starting the weekend of Sunday, October 1st ALL:**

- ♦ Saturday evening worship
- ♦ Sunday morning worship
- ♦ Bible Class and Sunday School
- ♦ Confirmation and Early Communion

**Will be at to our 15600 Trenton Rd. Campus**

**All times will remain the same:**

- ♦ 9am and 11am worship
- ♦ 10am Bible Class and Sunday School

More details will be presented at a town hall meeting on Thursday Sept. 7, 7pm in the Trenton Rd. West Gallery.

Please read Pastor Jay's paragraph on the back cover for information leading up to pastoral, staff and vestry approved decision.

***Meet at Christ The King Lutheran Church and School  
15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI***

THURSDAY SEPT. 7		SUNDAY OCT. 1	SUNDAY OCT. 1	SUNDAY OCT. 1
7:00 PM Town Hall Meeting West Gallery, Trenton Rd.	STARTING OCTOBER 1st AND FOLLOWING	9:00 AM 11:00 AM Worship Services	10:00 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School	10:00AM Early Communion & Confirmation

# CHANGE IN SUNDAY WORSHIP LOCATION

[www.ctlk.me](http://www.ctlk.me)



**SAME TIMES/TRENTON RD. LOCATION**

**Starting Sunday, October 1st, 2023**

**Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

***Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 AM***



**CTK, 15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate**



**Starting Sunday, October 1st**

**15600 Trenton Road Campus**

**Saturday Worship 5:00 PM**

**Bible Study 6:00 PM**

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**11:00 AM**

**Bible Study/Sunday School**

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# 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!



## Donation Station Up Date

The Donation Station will re-open twice weekly beginning:

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> ( 12:00 – 2:00 )**

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> ( 10:00 - 12:00 )**

### **What can you do to help?**

- Pray that we continue to be a witness to the community.
  - Pray that volunteers and customers return.
  - Drop off donated items under the bldg. #9 covered overhang.
  - The most needed items are: baby clothes, pots/pans/kitchen items and jewelry.
  - Please **do NOT bring furniture, appliances, electronics, big outside machinery.**
  - Volunteer to help on Tuesdays from 9:00 -12:00 to get ready for weekly sales.
- Questions, please contact [Carol@ctk.me](mailto:Carol@ctk.me) or 734-281-3773.



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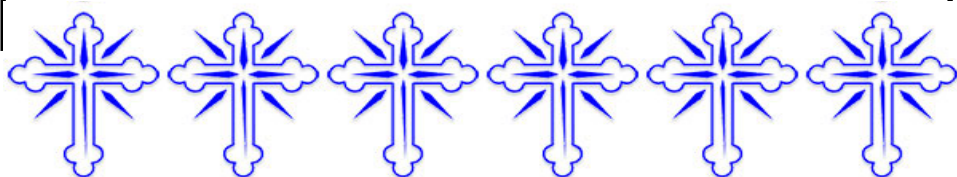
# A Note from Vicar PJ Brooks

This year's school theme verse is Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be

strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for Yahweh your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua is the brand new leader of God's people after Moses has been at the helm for 40 years. God's people are about to face a whole new set of problems and challenges as they encounter enemies in the promised land. Notice that God's encouragement for Joshua is not based on the fact that Joshua has been training for this moment, or that Joshua is the perfect man for this job, or even that Joshua is a good leader and will be able to persevere. Instead, God simply reminds Joshua that He will never leave or abandon His people. And because of Jesus, we too have God with us wherever we go. We don't have to be afraid, because He is our strength and our courage; Yahweh our God is with us wherever we go!

SMP Program Update: I am working on finishing up my preaching class that started in St. Louis earlier this summer, and pretty soon I will start my fall class, which is called Teaching the Faith. I have really enjoyed all of my classes so far, but this preaching class has had the most immediate impact on me as a pastor in training, so I am very grateful for that! Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we enter into a new academic year!

In Christ, Vicar Brooks





# CTK Youth Group NEWSLETTER

## Youth Group Calendar

**September 2023**

3	Labor Day—No Youth
10	Rally Day BBQ / Youth
17	Basketball Fun @ Mt Hope in Allen Park 2-4PM
17	Youth Group
24	Youth Group



## Calling all 6th-12th Grade Youth



SpringHill Winter Camp  
January 19-21, 2024  
Cost: \$300 per youth  
(\$100 Deposit Due September 24)

Please contact Gina if your youth  
would like to attend!  
gmd.lwml@gmail.com or 734.626.2329

# September

## Youth Fundraising Information

- ⇒ October 20 & 21, 2023 – MOM2MOM
- ⇒ November 10 & 11, 2023 – Fall Vendor & Craft Sale
- ⇒ Sweetheart Dance - February 3, 2024

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!

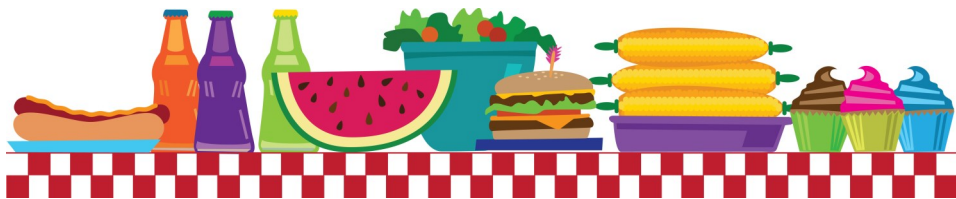
## Fall kickoff BBQ

Any CTK Youth (**7th –12th grade**) interested in joining the Rooted in Christ Youth Group are invited to the fall kickoff/BBQ on September 10th @ 6 PM, Penn Campus/ Youth Room.

Parents are encouraged to join us. There will be Youth info, new forms and a tentative calendar available at the BBQ. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided. Families are asked to bring a dish to share.

RSVP to Gina ASAP





**RALLY DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th** We encourage all CTK members to re-commit themselves to in-person worship, Bible study, and using your spiritual gifts in ministry to others.

**What's going on?**

- ♦ Special Music at the 9:00 & 11:00 AM services
- ♦ Sunday School Rally Day at 10:00 AM (Meet your teachers & more)
- ♦ Confirmation Orientation at 10:00 AM (Confirmation classroom)
- ♦ Church Picnic at 12:15 PM in the PA gym/ outside
- ♦ Musical Guests: The Transit Brothers
- ♦ Chicken, drinks & dessert provided
- ♦ Bring a hot or cold potluck side dish (Fridges available in the café)
- ♦ Bouncy house for the kids
- ♦ Youth Group BBQ at 6pm: Parent Meeting & Year Schedule





## **Mark Your Calendar - Fall Bible Classes**

### **Why We Believe Class: (free childcare)**

In the West Gallery at 7pm

September 5,12,19,26, October 3,10,

### **Discipleship Class: (free childcare)**

October 17, 24 in the West Gallery at 7pm

**New Member Sunday: November 5 at 9am**

### **Early Communion Class:**

October 1,8,15,22 at Trenton Rd at 10am

*First Communion Sunday, October 29th at 9am*

9am0:10am



## **Protection From Conception Forward**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." (U.S. Declaration of Independence)

**Life Chain is Sunday, October 1.  
Meet at Trenton Rd. campus at 1:45.**

*"Might does not make right."*

Thank you! Pastor Harry



## YOUR CTK FOOD PANTRY

I am now looking at the statistics for July that were submitted to Gleaners Food Bank. In July we helped, with God's and your help, 211 families representing 597 individuals. It is amazing what God's love accomplishes!

We are still using the very workable drive-thru method at Pennsylvania Rd. This allows us a number of stations to hand out a variety of fruits and vegetables. Using carts, we wheel additional "non-perishable" food out to the curb. We also include from Meijer Simply Give gift card purchases of milk, bread, cheese, margarine, and eggs.

Much also goes on behind the scenes. There are weekly Meijer "shoppers," a Wednesday truck pick-up and unloading from Gleaners, and organization/stocking of food delivered from Gleaners intended for Thursday distribution. Distribution is on Thursdays from 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Thanks to the Kiwanis for their much-appreciated donations of food items and kits. They've already been given out.

We certainly have a responsible, happy group of volunteers. Thank you, Jesus and CTK!

In Christ, Pastor Harry for "the 30"



**CTK SEWING CIRCLE** Hello Sewers, Knitters and Crocheters! We hope you had a great summer. We will resume Crafting for The King. We meet on the second Monday of the month, with our first monthly meeting being September 11, from 10am to 2pm.

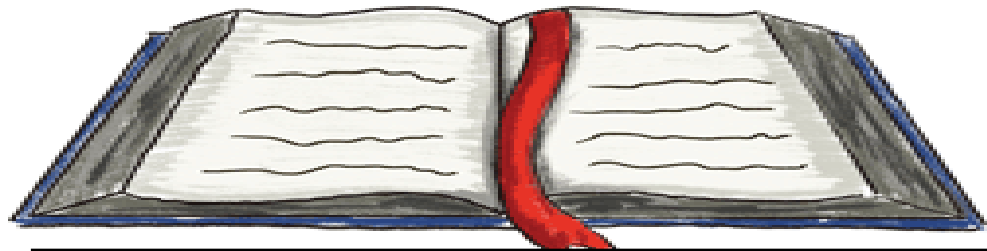
**THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED. WE WILL MEET IN THE PA RD CHURCH ATRIUM.** Please contact Rose Meininger at

[rmeinig.18@gmail.com](mailto:rmeinig.18@gmail.com) or 734.626.4097 with any questions.



## **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.
- ♦ **Sunday School** Our final "UNDER THE STARS" for Summer Sunday School will meet on September 3rd, 10:00-10:45a.m. Regular Sunday School classes will resume on Rally Day, September 10th.
- ♦ **Parent and Tot Class and Youth Group Bible study** will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 10am. Parent and Tot meet in the nursery.



## **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**

**Early Morning 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 is provided.

### **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 8am. Pastor Terry leads.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 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



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## September Birthdays

*Charlotte Brown  
Connor Eskin  
Wyatt Heifner  
Colton Jones*

*Christian Joyce  
Karlee Leavens  
Charlotte S. Charles  
Henry Thompson*

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UNDER THE STARS



We would like to thank all the Sunday School parents who brought their children to Sunday School all summer. Your level of commitment to studying God's Word needs to be applauded. Also, a special thanks to Randi Hermann who created and taught the Summer curriculum. Lots of learning and a good time was had by all!

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## Coming in September

- September 3: The Disciple's great catch of fish - Craft
- September 10: Rally Day - Meet your teacher
- September 17: Unit 7; Lesson 1: Jesus' Birth Foretold; Luke 1:26
- September 24: Lesson 2: John is Born; Luke 1:5

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# RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 10!

Rally Day is September 10! This is the Sunday School year kick-off. Everyone will begin in the gym with the Adult Bible Study, be introduced to their teachers and classmates, then follow their teachers to their classrooms and celebrate the beginning of a great year with a bounce house, craft station, outside activities, popcorn, drinks and fellowship!



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# MEET THE TEACHERS!

Our Sunday School Program has been blessed with wonderful, God-led teachers!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grade	Teacher	Classroom
Parent & Toddler	Mandy Boelter	Nursery
Pre-K & Kindergarten	Kristi and Ryan Murphy	Rm PreK/K
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Randi Hermann	Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Lisa Ferdubinski	Rm 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jody Collins	Rm 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Youth Leader	Gina Davidson	Youth Room

Craft Director: Anne Lumley; Bible Buck organizers: Joyce Zanley, Janis Kane  
Teacher assistants: Eveyln Orgeck, Martha Winnard

This year's curriculum will be all about the New Testament, from the birth of Jesus to the Book of Revelation. There is a spot for everyone! If you have any questions, stop by the Sunday School Office.

## Save the Date - Red Cross Blood Drive



Mon., October 16, 2023; *Blood Drive*  
1:00-6:45 pm CTK 16700 Pennsylvania Rd.

Save a Life! Please consider donating blood, offering hope to patients in need. Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments will be taken on signup posters @ Pennsylvania & Trenton campus or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to register online. Thank you for your support. Questions? Call Nancy Chambo at 734-776-5001.



## Mark Your Calendars 2023 Euchre Dates

**September 16 & October 14**  
**at 7:00 PM Sharp!**

We play in the Atrium at the PA Rd Campus, starting at 7pm SHARP! (Sorry, but we are unable to accommodate latecomers.) Cost is

\$3 per person. Each player is asked to bring a beverage and snack to share. Partners are not necessary 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)

## 2024 Euchre Dates

**January 13, February 10, March 9, April 20,**  
**May 18, September 14 & October 12**

## BRICK PAVERS

I love to see my family brick as it is a reminder of my family's scripture verse. Next time you are at the PA Rd. campus, take a minute to look and reflect on the names of those placed in the brick paver patio. This patio is a beautiful way to honor/remember a loved one, family member or close friend. Informational brochures and order forms are available at the Ministry Center at Trenton Rd and the Narthex and Atrium at PA Rd. Contact Denise Cashmer at [denise@ctk.me](mailto:denise@ctk.me) or Lisa Demou at [lisa@ctk.me](mailto:lisa@ctk.me) with questions.



# You Are Invited

## Stephen Ministry Information Meeting

### September 11, 2023

### 7:00 PM

Trenton Road Campus  
in the lounge seating area outside the sanctuary

Come and learn more about this  
important ministry and what it means  
to be a Stephen Minister



To RSVP and ask questions, contact:

Donna Tobeler: (734) 280-1183

Pastor Harry Edenfield: (734) 479-6337

Want to learn more about Stephen Ministries?

Visit [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

and click the Learn About Stephen Ministry tab

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** can be heard on Sundays on (1600)  
@ 9:00am; (560) @ Noon; (1130) @ 6:30 am; on RealAudio at  
[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) "Woman to Woman" can be heard on Sundays on (1600)  
@ 8:30 am and on RealAudio at [www.womantowomanradio.com](http://www.womantowomanradio.com)

# Ministry Highlight

## Co-Ed Volleyball:

Did you know that the Co-Ed Volleyball league started in 1982! If you are interested in having a great time on Tuesday nights from 7-9:45pm, then you want to join us in the Trenton Rd. gym. We play by the rules, but love competitive players. You must be 16 years of age or older to play and there is no fee.

Contact Mike Shoup with questions at 734-624-4350 or [blueknightoo7@hotmail.com](mailto:blueknightoo7@hotmail.com). You may also talk with Dave Hickling or Chris Vigh to find out more information.

## Prayer Ministries:

Besides all our Bible study opportunities, we have three prayer opportunities that you may join in on, starting with:

- **Wednesday Prayer:** Private prayers are lifted from one of the prayer leaders: Joyce Shoup, Carol Cashmer or Jean Orvosh. We meet at various times and locations every Wednesday. You do not have to pray or read out loud. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact [Carol@ctk.me](mailto:Carol@ctk.me) for the location that week and any other information you may need.
- **Friday Morning Prayer** is a quick hour of time that meets in the Trenton Rd. Sanctuary at 7:00am. Contact the church office for more information.
- **22 Hour Prayer Vigil** takes place on Good Friday from 8pm through Holy Saturday, ending at 5pm. You sign up to pray for one hour. It is one hour that draws us closer to our generous and loving God. We like to have people in prayer during each hour of the vigil. There is a leader present to help you get situated and notify you when the hour is over. No prayer is public. You will pray for the concerns of people that others have placed on prayer cards. This is done in private and you may be anywhere in the sanctuary that you are comfortable. In late February of 2024, we will have sign up books for prayer hours, as well as prayer and security leaders. Kristy Maynard is the director and you may contact her at [daycare@ctk.me](mailto:daycare@ctk.me).

# Day School News

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*

This summer, I read a new book by Andrew McPeak called Ready for Real Life. In the book, McPeak focuses on the importance of social emotional skills for today's youth. Above all, this generation needs personal connection. Not the type on a screen, but in person. McPeak says the most important thing we can give to today's youth is our self, our wisdom, experience, advice, and encouragement.

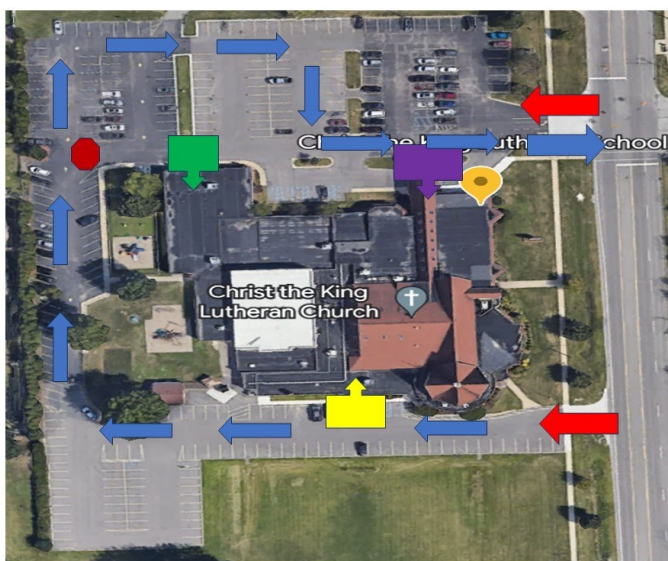
In our lives and our community, we have the chance to genuinely care for each other. We can encourage, support, and pray for our entire church community. As we enter our new school year, I hope you are willing to join me by praying for and encouraging our school family. September brings a few fun activities. We look forward to our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Fun Run, in late September. This event will raise money for future facilities updates. If you'd like to sponsor the school by donating, please come see us in the school office.

God's Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner



## School Drop Off 2023

- \*Drop off lane enters from the south entrance and drops at the stop sign (students follow sidewalk)
- \*Cars entering from the north entrance (at the light) must park on the church side
- \*Cars entering from the south entrance may drop off, use Ms. Sylvia's entrance, or park on the north school lot
- \*Ms. Sylvia's class drops off at the yellow arrow
- \*Kindergarten drops off at the purple arrow
- \*All other students enter at the green arrow
- \*Drop off begins at 8:10am
- \*School begins at 8:25am





## **GriefShare**

GriefShare began on August 21. New attendees are always welcome. Join us for any or all of these events. If you have any questions regarding GriefShare, please contact Teresa Samson at 734-282-8012 or [tsamson50@yahoo.com](mailto:tsamson50@yahoo.com).



**GriefShare** – Monday nights from 6:00 to 8:00pm, located at Trenton Rd in the Upper Room. Our current session runs through November 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the book. Not sure if this is for you? Join us the first week or so for free to find out.



**Surviving The Holidays**—Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 2pm, Trenton Rd in the Upper Room. This class will help give you the tools to get through moments for basically any Holiday.

*The family of Cara Watterson - Fayz would like to thank our pastors and CTK family for faithful prayers and many kindnesses during Cara's illness and transition to heaven.*

*A special thank you to Pastor Harry and Marilyn. Cara treasured her relationship with you.*

*In Christ,  
Neal Fayz, Dennis & Deb Watterson,  
Adam, Dakota & Jaxon Watterson*





# CALLING ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH

**SpringHill!**

## Attention All 6th - 12th Grade Youth

**You are welcome to join the Youth Group at  
SpringHill Winter Camp**

**When: January 19-21, 2024**

**Cost: \$300 per person**

(covers camp fees and transportation)

**Deposit due: September 24, 2023**

**Please contact Gina for registration**

**[hsyouth@ctk.me](mailto:hsyouth@ctk.me)**

## Rooted in Christ Youth Group

(7th - 12th Grade)

**Kick Off BBQ  
& Parent Meeting**

**September 10, 2023 @ 6 PM**

**Penn Campus - Atrium**

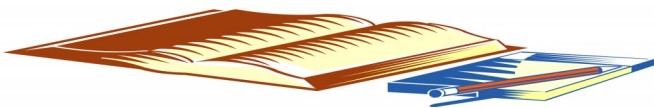


**Get all the details/activities for the year**

**Email Gina to RSVP and let her know what dish you will bring**

**[hsyouth@ctk.me](mailto:hsyouth@ctk.me)**

# Confirmation Class



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

A new school year is fast approaching, and that means study for Confirmation will be starting up again. This 2-year program is open to those students who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. During the course of the 2-year program, students will study the Luther's Small Catechism on Sunday mornings during a class at the 10:00 Bible Class hour. Our Orientation meeting, for 1st year students who are interested, is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 for both parent and student. At this meeting, the program will be explained and cost of materials and requirements of attendance at worship services and classes will be discussed. Your family will have the opportunity to sign up for our Confirmation Program at this time, but commitment to the program does not need to be decided at that time. Classes will begin the next Sunday on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. If you have any questions, please contact the Confirmation Coordinator, Donna Hepner at [Confirmation@ctk.me](mailto:Confirmation@ctk.me).



## OFFERING COUNTERS

## Offering Counter-Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need of a few volunteers for the offering counter ministry. It would require about 2 hours of your time on Sunday morning at 10:45am or Monday morning at 9am, either once a month or whatever works for you. In order to serve in this ministry, it requires you to be a member in good standing for at least one year and also undergo reference/background check screening. If you feel this opportunity would be something you are interested in or if you have counted in the past and would like to be added back to the schedule, please contact Stacy at 734-285-9695 ext. 220 or [stacy@ctk.me](mailto:stacy@ctk.me) for additional information.

## **HEAVEN BIBLE STUDY (PART 3)**

Part III Heaven Bible Study  
Fellowship Atrium, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 – 11:30am  
Please RSVP [carol@ctk.me](mailto:carol@ctk.me) or  
734-281-3773

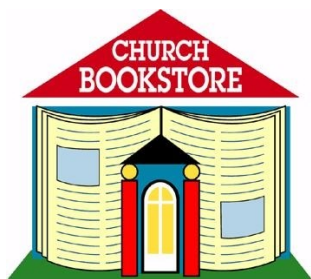


This will be the last in the  
“Heaven” series of topical Bible studies.

**\* There will be NO Salvation Bible study this month.**

## **THERAPY DOG MEMBER**

Have you met Caleb D or his owner, Kimberly Beaudrie? Caleb is fully trained and certified through Therapy Dogs International. Look for them at worship services and Bible study. Come up and say hello. Please contact Kimberly Beaudrie at 734.775.1079 or kimberly10171217@att.net for more information.



## **Luther Library and Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore**

Fall into reading this month! September is National Literacy Month and National Library Card sign-up month!! The goal of this initiative is to not only encourage children and others to read, but to increase diversity of languages and cultures in the world. National Library Card sign-up month was started in 1987 and coincides with the beginning of the school year!! While the Luther library does not have library cards, we encourage all to visit the library or the bookstores this month and read a book, especially on September 6, National Read a Book Day!!!



Please help us create a new and updated church directory. Our plan is to have it ready for you early 2024. **Let's get to know each other!**

Please fill out the information on the paper form or go to [www.ctk.me/church-directory](http://www.ctk.me/church-directory). Your family name(s) and picture are required! Family = those living in the same house. If you have an adult child (CTK member) in their own household, ask them to submit their picture and contact info. We are requesting your address, phone number and email for our ACS (church software) records. You may opt out of having your address, phone number and/or email printed. However, none of your information will be given to outside sources. This directory is only intended for members and regular attendees to get to know each other better, send cards or keep in touch. It is also for our church office to have current/updated records of our members. **Thanks for your help in all of us getting better connected!**

### **Ways to submit:**

- ♦ Visit [www.ctk.me/church-directory](http://www.ctk.me/church-directory) and fill out the information requested and attach a .jpg family photo.
- ♦ Fill out the paper form and email a photo or bring in a paper photo. We will scan and return it to you.
- ♦ Starting Oct. 1, there will be a backdrop at all services at 15600 Trenton Rd. for two weeks. We will have a volunteer to help snap a great shot or ask one of our friendly church members to help you out. Then attach it to the website form or email it to [denise@ctk.me](mailto:denise@ctk.me) or [lisa@ctk.me](mailto:lisa@ctk.me).

# Church Directory Form

Please list the First & Last name of family members living in your home (spouse & dependents).

First Name	Last Name

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Publish Address in Directory? Yes or No

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Church Use Only)

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Publish Phone # in Directory? Yes or No (Cell or Home)

Preferred Method of Contact? Email Home or Cell ?

Email your family photo to [denise@ctk.me](mailto:denise@ctk.me) or [lisa@ctk.me](mailto:lisa@ctk.me)

# Pastor's Message

By now, you probably have heard that we are moving our Sunday morning worship and all Bible Class and Sunday School (including confirmation and early communion classes) to our Trenton Rd. Campus, beginning Sunday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. All times will remain the same; 9am and 11am worship, with Bible Class/Sunday School at 10am. More details will be presented at a town hall meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7pm in the West Gallery, including the unique opportunity we have to help a fellow Christian church, Gilead Baptist, in the midst of their relocation. I'll save the details for that meeting. I want to take this opportunity to assure everyone that, even though our Sunday mornings are moving to the Trenton Rd. Campus, both the Penn Rd. and Trenton Rd. campuses remain vital parts of our ministry to the Gospel. We purchased the Penn. Rd. campus with the goal of moving all ministries there. But that is no longer our goal. So as we re-evaluate a dual-campus church with ministries at each location, we ask ***"which ministry works best at this location."*** For example, the Early Childhood Center, the Food Bank, the Donation Station, Trunk-or-Treat are just a few examples of ministries/activities that work best at the Penn Rd. campus. Worship, primarily weekend worship services, and many other ministries work best at Trenton Rd., while the Thursday night summer service will remain at Penn Rd. Our goal is to move forward in our emphasis on the importance of worship and grow the kingdom of God!

In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer



## FROM THE PASTOR