

CTK Communiqué

April 2024



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

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CTK Day School - Trenton Rd.

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

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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



Trenton Road Campus

Saturday Worship 5:00 PM

Bible Study 6:00 PM

Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Bible Study/Sunday School

10:00-10:45 AM



Financial Snapshot – Through February 2024

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 125,833.15	\$ 265,083.24
Tuition	\$ 100,414.06	\$ 209,471.86
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 226,247.21	\$ 474,555.10
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 240,650.00	\$ 433,170.00
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ (14,402.79)	\$ 41,385.10

	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 226,247.21	\$ 474,555.10
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$ 205,564.39	\$ 414,715.51
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	\$ 20,682.82	\$ 59,839.59

Thank you, CTK members and those joining God's ministry here in this place. Your stewardship is a blessing to accomplish the tasks that God is giving to us. We are called to be the light of the Gospel in our community. Faithful giving is a vital aspect of faithful discipleship! "6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim. 1:6,7)



memorials & gifts

*In Memory of
Joan Dyer-Zinner*

To the Food Pantry, Given by:
Scarlet O'Hattus & Kay
Schwartz

In Memory of Bill Floetke

To the General
Fund Given by:
Eleanor Vallie-Floetke

In Memory of Dallas Heine

To the Food Pantry, Given by:
Gleason Heine

In Memory of Lillian Keehn

To the General
Fund Given by:
Ron Keehn

*In Memory of
Judy Kwasniewski*

To the Food Pantry, Given by:
Marilyn Solomon

In Memory of Frank Mundy

To the Memorial
Fund Given by:
M/M Robert Murphy

*In Memory of
Michael Richards*

To the Memorial
Fund Given By:
Harriet Cole & Family

In Memory of Bud Shoup

To the Memorial
Fund Given By:
M/M Paul Tidrick
M/M James Mullens

In Memory of Laura Warner

To Alms Given By:
Judy Beilby

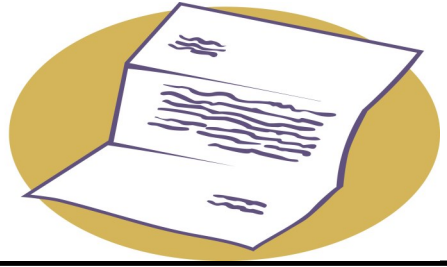


*Birthday
Blessings*

Birthday Blessings

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Ann Twork	February 23
Cindy Turgeon	March 2
Falicity Hamilton	March 3
Cindy Burley	March 18

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



2023 Contribution Statements

If we have your current email on file, you should have automatically received a secured link to your contribution statement. Please contact the church office if you need to update your email address. Statements are also 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.



children's
hopechest

CTK has been asked to partner with Children's HopeChest (CHC) to benefit the San Antonio (Carepoint) in Guatemala. Children's HopeChest organizes international mission work. CTK would team up with another LC-MS congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakeland, CO. A full presentation will be given at the Sunday Bible Class on April 7th in the West Gallery. This would be a long-term commitment, requiring multiple families pledging on-going support. Pastor Jay and Vicar Brooks have been discussing the possibility with CHC and our CTK leadership. We believe this would be a great opportunity for CTK to be involved in mission work. Yes, this would be new for us! The model of CHC is unique. Over a dozen LC-MS congregations have worked with them and I have spoken with many of the Pastors who encourage this partnership. Join the Bible Class on April 7th to learn more.

~ Pastor Jay

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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 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!



Scrap Metal, Cans/Bottles & Capital Fund Drive Fundraising

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	Total (since 2006)
“C” Dollars	\$ 1,089.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 352.00	\$ 24,266.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,470.83	\$ 2,925.99	\$ 344.10	\$ 54,979.30
Bottles	\$ 3,334.40	\$ 2,888.54	\$ 220.50	\$ 44,680.74
Paper Recycle	\$ 40.52	\$ 52.26	\$ 18.56	\$ 788.95

(As of: 2/14/24)

Church Office Hours



The church office hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday 8:30am to 3pm

The church offices will be closed Monday, April 1.

**LWML Michigan District
Dearborn – Downriver Zone
2024 Spring Ladies Brunch**

Featuring Speaker:

Patti Jacques



Saturday, May 4, 2024

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Meeting begins at 10:00 AM

Brunch 11:00 AM

Speaker 12:00 Noon

Emmanuel Lutheran

800 S. Military Street

Dearborn, Michigan

Ingathering (for Gifts for all God's Children)

School Supplies: Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Folders,

Notebooks, Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, etc.

Women's SpringHill Retreat Evert Michigan

September 27-29, 2024

Cost \$229

Cabin with Bathroom in the cabin
All meals are included

Deposit \$100 due
by June 1, 2024

Balance will be due September 1, 2024
Transportation — Carpooling

Once the group is registered you will receive an
email from SpringHill to complete a registration/
health form.



What can I do at Camp?

Zipline, Hiking, Pickleball Tournament,
Gameroom, Rockwall Climbing &
more!

Craft activities (additional charge)

Relax and recharge

Go off on your own and spend time
with Jesus!

Return this portion along with your deposit (Made payable to Christ the King
to Gina (12189 Manor Dr. Southgate MI 48195)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My current seminary class is on the Lutheran Confessions. A confession is simply a statement of what you believe. So the Lutheran Confessions are documents written in the 1500s by Martin Luther and several other reformers that we, as Lutherans, believe are a good and correct explanation of scripture. This is very similar to how we believe that the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds are a good and correct summary of scripture. We always go back to scripture because it is God's Word. The most foundational document in the Lutheran Confessions is called the Augsburg Confession. The Augsburg Confession is at the core of what it means to be Lutheran, and the heart of the Augsburg Confession is the 4th statement called Article 4 – Justification. It says this: “(The Scriptures) teach that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor, and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins. This faith God imputes for righteousness in His sight.” This is what it means to be Lutheran and, in fact, to be a Christian. Put more simply, we are given God's undeserved mercy and love by grace alone, through faith, because of what Jesus has done for us. Only and ever Jesus.



SMP Program Update: I am in the middle of my Spring class, which as you just read is about the Lutheran Confessions. When an LCMS pastor is ordained, he takes a vow that he agrees that the Lutheran Confessions are a good and right interpretation of Scripture. So the purpose of this class is to get us ready to take that ordination vow this summer! As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

In Christ, Vicar Brooks



GriefShare



GriefShare will meet up again this coming August or early September. Watch for more details soon. Thank you to all who support this ministry. Visit www.griefshare.org to find a current session near you.



Join us as we celebrate our favorite sports-loving Pastor's 30 years in ministry with a spin(ach dip) on ESPN's 30 for 30! We'll have special programming during Bible Study. If you're willing to bring a dip to share, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48A9A72CA4F85-48560797-pastor>

In lieu of a traditional card shower, we are asking congregation members to join us in sending Pastor Jay on his dream vacation. You can contribute electronically here: <https://pastorjay.cheddarup.com> or by cash or check made out to Jason Cashmer. We'll announce his dream destination at the 30 for 30 celebration on April 28!



**30
FOR
30**



**APRIL 28, 2024
10AM
15600 TRENTON RD**



Join us as we celebrate our favorite sports-loving Pastor's 30 years in ministry with a spin(ach dip) on ESPN's 30 for 30!

We'll have special programming during Bible Study.

If you're willing to bring a dip to share, please sign up here:

[30 Dips for 30 Years](#)



Youth Group Calendar

April 2024

7	Youth Group
14	Youth Group
21	30 HR Famine Pancake Breakfast
21	Youth Group
26-27	30 Hour Famine @ Penn Rd Campus
28	Youth Group

World Vision's



30 Hour Famine

Youth Group will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine. 7pm Fri., Apr. 26. through 4pm Sat., Apr. 27 and

then worship at the 5pm service. Pasta dinner to follow. Join us for "Freewill Offering" Pasta Dinner on April 27 or Pancake Breakfast on April 21st.

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the Youth Group's Lenten Dinners.

We appreciate your continued support!!





SpringHill 2025

January 10-12, 2025
8-12th Graders
Deposit Due 7.1.24
See Gina for form

Do you have a 7th Grader, going into 8th Grade in the Fall who may be interested in joining the Youth Group??

We would love to have them join us on Sundays at 6:30 at Penn Rd Campus for fun, fellowship and "Jesus-ing Time".

Fundraising Information

Spring Craft Show – April 13, 2024

Summer (Outdoor) Craft Show - June 8, 2024

Scrapbook Crop/Craft Day - October 8, 2024

Fall Craft Show - November 9, 2024

Watch for the Signup Genius for workers

National Youth Gathering 2025

Did you know that our High School Youth are going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2025? If you are wondering how you can help them get there, they have put together a wall of teal envelopes outside the sanctuary. "The Teal Envelope Wall" has 200 teal envelopes numbered \$1 to \$200 (and some blank ones, if you want to give a different amount) You can select your favorite envelope, put that much money into it, and then hand it in (either to the office or in the offering basket). If you make sure to fill in the label, this gift can be added to your 2024 contributions. Please make checks payable to "Christ The King" and write "Envelope Wall" in the memo field. The wall will be up for the month of April only. Thank you for making this experience possible for our youth group.



Spring Craft and Vendor Market

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hosted by

ROOTED YOUTH GROUP
IN CHRIST

FROM: 10AM - 4PM

ON SATURDAY

16700 PENNSYLVANIA RD
SOUTHGATE, MI

13TH
April

OVER 40 CRAFTS AND VENDORS,
CONCESSIONS AND RAFFLES

admission is free and all ages are welcome!

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE CRAFT AND VENDOR ITEMS
THAT WILL BE HERE

RECLAIMED BARN WOOD • YARN CRAFTS • CANDLES/MELTS
TUMBLERS • SIGNS • SOAPS • FREEZE DRIED ITEMS
PAPARAZZI • COLORSTREET • AVON, AND MANY MORE

See you there!



**GINA DAVIDSON IS THE ONLY CONTACT FOR THIS EVENT
DO NOT GET SCAMMED -**

**THERE IS NO ONLINE FORM TO FILL OUT
THERE IS NO ELECTRONIC PAYMENT ACCEPTED
EMAIL GMD.LWML@GMAIL.COM FOR CONTRACT**



Outdoor Summer
MARKET

JUNE 8

10AM-4PM

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN

16700 Pennsylvania Road
Southgate, MI

GIFTS • FOODS •
DRINKS • CRAFTS •
AND MORE!

HOSTED BY



THE ONLY CONTACT FOR THIS EVENT IS
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CTK YOUTH GROUP



Donation Station

The Donation Station

**The Donation Station will be closed
From March 28th through April 6th**

However, throughout that week, volunteers will be working to get shelves and merchandise from buildings 9 and 10 to the Resale station.

Please mark your calendars for our next Community Sale, on May 24th and 25th from 9:00am – 4:00pm. As always, we ask the congregation for homemade baked goods on those days, and extra volunteer workers on sale days. The station has been saving for a bigger mower for Pennsylvania Rd Campus, and hopefully this Community Sale will help us reach that goal by this summer. Any questions, please contact carol@ctk.me or 734-281-3773.

Donation Station is open on Thursday's from 12:00 – 2:00 and Saturday's from 10:00 -12:00. We are in need of baby clothes, jewelry, and all types of kitchen items. If you would like to help in this unique ministry, please contact carol@ctk.me or 734-281-3773.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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Flowers are available for purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one, i.e. for anniversaries, birthdays, etc. The sign-up chart is in the West Gallery. You can take the flowers home to enjoy, immediately following the 11am service. Cost is \$25 per vase. Payment may be placed in the offering basket or you can make a payment on MyCTK or via text. Please designate "Altar Flowers".

"GOD IS
WITH YOU IN
everything
YOU DO."

GENESIS 28:15

7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF APRIL -2024

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| 1. To obtain something new, release the old. | Gen. 12:1 |
| 2. Let your life show others Jesus' humility. | I Pet. 5:5 |
| 3. People who defuse conflicts are most valuable. | James 3:16-18 |
| 4. Praises to God for healing & Salvation! | Jer. 17:14 |
| 5. Weighty problems dissolve in Grace and Glory. | II Cor. 12:9 |
| 6. Lift your sights high to see God. | Ps. 121: 1-2 |
| 7. Never give up, keep your faith strong. | Rom. 4:20 |
| 8. Drop your burdens – firmly take God's hand. | Ex. 13:3 |
| 9. God surely has enough Grace to satisfy. | Phil. 4:11-13 |
| 10. Read your Bible – turn on the light. | Ps. 119:130 |
| 11. Live the scriptures, by reflecting God's peace. | Isa. 26:3 |
| 12. Be patient with people --- be an encourager. | II Tim. 4:1-2 |
| 13. Lord, let my love flow to others. | John 13:34 |
| 14. Don't miss opportunities to show your love. | Rom. 12:9-10 |
| 15. The Bible convicts, inspires and guides us. | II Tim. 3:16-18 |
| 16. Even when unaware, He's working, God's protecting. | Deut. 31:8 |
| 17. Help us endure all things, for love. | I Cor. 13:1,7 |
| 18. Comfort me and heal my broken heart. | Ps. 34:18 |
| 19. Be open, ready to hear God's word. | Matt. 3:14-15 |
| 20. Live today in God's will, not yours. | Deut. 30:15-16 |
| 21. Put past sins behind, move forward healed. | Rom. 8:1 |
| 22. Thank you Lord, for refreshing my soul. | Ps. 23:1-6 |
| 23. Learn how to be content in all. | Phil. 4:12 |
| 24. Be more obedient to increase your faith. | Ex. 24:7 |
| 25. Scripture's written to lead to Eternal Life. | John 20:31 |
| 26. Like the storm --- heal my anxious spirit. | Matt. 8:23-27 |
| 27. Since you've been saved, live for Jesus. | Acts 5:29 |
| 28. Appreciate God's gift of a gentle nap. | Ps. 23:1-6 |
| 29. Salvation isn't a hope, but a fact. | I Tim. 4:10-16 |
| 30. God provides all needs for a purpose. | II Cor. 9:8 |

By Ralph & Donna Moore

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024

*“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

Thank You!



Thank you to Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Zanley for another great Bible Bucks shopping spree! A great time was had by all!

Something for Everyone

Just a reminder - the Sunday School hour has something for everyone! From Parent/Tot class to High School Bible Study, there is time to dive into God's word at every age! High School students (and Confirmation Students, when Confirmation class is not in session) can join Gina Davidson in the Cana Room to share a little physical and spiritual sweet! All Sunday School classes study the same lesson material, so families can compare notes and have further discussion on the car ride home and around the dinner table. It's a great way to bring Jesus into your family discussion!



Service Project

Exciting News! A Church-wide Mission Project is coming soon! Watch this space for details!

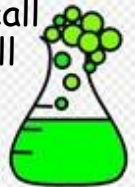


Coming in April

- The Passion Prediction - Mary Anoints Jesus
- The King Arrives
- A Trusting Widow - Jesus Teaches about Offerings
- Food Forever - The Lord's Supper

Vacation Bible School

VBS Reminder - June 17-21st at Trenton Rd. Anyone interested in helping with behind the scenes crafts and projects, contact Lisa@ctk.me or call the church office today. We are already in full swing of preparing for the Mad Scientist to take us through Creation.



Our theme is centered around Creation and should be a "blast" with a mad scientist and his friends. Volunteers will be needed to lead the classes around, kitchen prep and help, craft helpers, and setup and take down. Registration will begin in May.

Spiritual Care Ministry

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Lisa Demou

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lisa@ctk.me

429 Spiritual Care visits from January 1 – March 15, 2024

**HELP SAVE A LIFE +
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD**

SAVE THE DATE

Blood Drive

Monday, April 29, 2024

1:00 - 6:45 PM

16700 Pennsylvania Rd.



Save a life; blood supply is critically low! Please consider donating! Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments will be taken on a sign-up poster at Trenton Rd or you can visit the Red Cross website to sign-up at www.redcrossblood.org. Call Nancy Chambo at 734.776.5001 with any questions or to help.

STUDY GROUP

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 host/hostess.
- ♦ **Sunday Adult Bible Study** meets in the West Gallery, at 10am. Thank you Charlotte Lithgow, Cindy Burley & Judy Martin for being our hostesses. (Coffee sub needed ASAP)

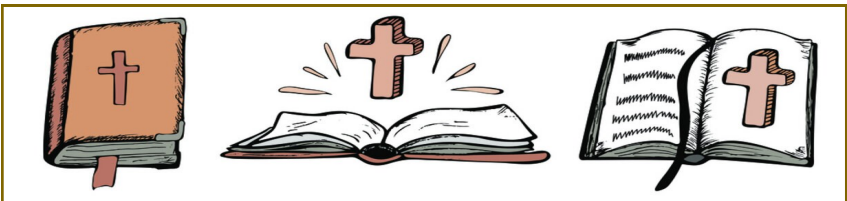
Bible Study Coffee & Snack located in the kitchen window

- ♦ **Children's Sunday School Rooms:**
 - Youth – Cana Room
 - Various Classrooms (look for signs or stop in the SS office)
 - Confirmation – Upper Room
 - Parent/Tot/Nursery – 3 yr. Preschool Room

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 Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday's at 8:00 AM in the Atrium, with Pastor Terry leading.

Guardian Lutheran in Dearborn is having a Women's Retreat on April 19 & 20, 2024. Cost is \$30. There are yellow registration forms in the purple LWML box by the Cana Room.



Mark Your Calendars *2024 Euchre Dates*

April 20, May 18, September 14 & October 12

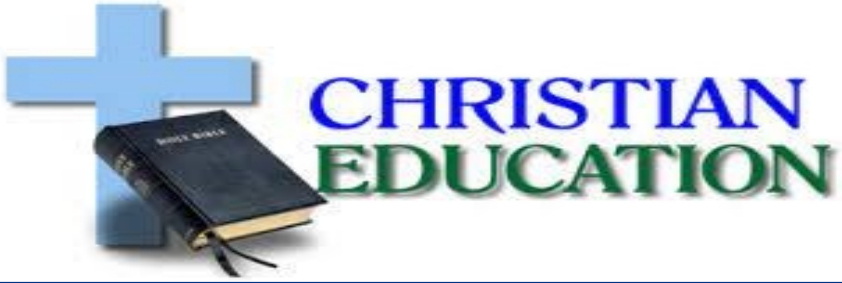
We play in the Upper Room at Trenton Rd, starting at 7pm SHARP! (Sorry, but we are unable to accommodate latecomers.) Cost is \$3 per person. Each player is asked to bring a beverage and snack to share. Partners are not necessary and guests are welcome. This is a FUN event and prizes are awarded. Questions? Contact Mike Shoup 734.624.4350 or blueknight007@hotmail.com

Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

Happy Easter and Welcome Spring!!!

Have you ever thought about the apostles and their experience or yours after Easter? The bookstore has two books for reflection that span the forty days from Easter to Pentecost. The first, by Hawkins, "The Apostles' Code" is a 40-day journey to discover the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the apostles and in your life!! The second book, "Easter Changes Everything" is a 6-week family devotion that takes a look at Jesus' friends after His resurrection on Easter. AND don't forget, to shop early for your Mother's Day, Teacher appreciation, and Graduation gifts and cards.





Day School News

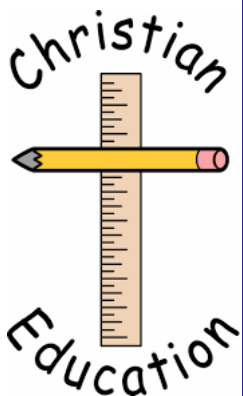
“Behold I am making all things new.” Revelation 21:5

It's an exciting time in our school year. Winter is gone, and things become new. Spring is here, bringing warmer temperatures, more time outside, and open classroom windows. In March, we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week and all the wonderful things we have been able to do together. We held our Education Fair Open House and welcomed families to tour our school/projects. We held our first Kindergarten Commitment Night to introduce next year's class to life as a big kid! This month, we will induct our third group of students into the CTK chapter of the Lutheran Junior Honor Association. The LJHA works together to complete service projects for our community while we study and practice our leadership skills. As we begin the fourth quarter of our school year on April 8, we are thankful for the time we've shared together and looking forward to all the exciting events still to come.

God's Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner

School Events:

- April 8 - School resumes after Easter Break
- April 11 - Spring Conferences
- April 12 - 1/2 Day; Spring Conferences
- May 15 - All School Field Trip
- May 20 - Preschool Field Day
- May 24-27 - Memorial Day Break
- May 31 - Last Day of Preschool; Award ceremony
- June 2 - Kindergarten Graduation
- June 6 - Field Day
- June 7 - 8th Grade Graduation





Stephen Ministry Notice

Dear Fellow Members of CTK,

In order to properly prepare for Stephen Ministry this fall and 2025, we ask you to pray. Please pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit and the gift of mercy. If you are seriously considering becoming a Stephen Minister, please let us know by Sunday, June 30.

Thank you in Jesus,

Pastor Harry (734.479.6337 or edenfield2@comcast.net)

Donna Tobeler (734.280.1183 or drbug01@hotmail.com)

Note: An Information Meeting is planned for Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Save the Date!

The 29th CTK Annual Golf Scramble is being held on Saturday, August 24, at Sandy Creek in Monroe. Cost will be \$85 per golfer and includes cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner, shotgun start at 8am. If you are interested in helping out for the event, or are a local business owner or individual able to donate items or baskets to raffle off, please contact Deanna Warrington at 313-505-1704, Jennifer Gepes at 734-775-1972, Cindy Burley at 734-752-2349.



59+ GROUP

- ***Snack and Game Day.*** Join us April 17th from 1:00-2:15pm in the Cana Room, TR Rd. If you are able, please bring a snack for 10 people, but not necessary.



Big Thanks to all who donated candy and trinkets for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks Confirm-ands for the help with setup.



FOOD PANTRY

CTK CHURCH & SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

We thank the Lord Jesus for your great generosity in the Meijer Holiday Simply Give campaign that ended on December 31, 2023. The details were in March's CTK Communique. Total donations were \$22,140 from CTK members, community friends, and Meijer!

The Meijer Corp./Family has initiated a Spring Simply Give campaign! Details are as follows:

- Dates: March 31 - June 29, 2024
- Store: Southgate Meijer at 16300 Fort St.
- Directions: Take only one \$10 Simply Give card from CTK Ministry Center. (It can be scanned in \$10 increments at the store.) Meijer matches your gift.
- Meijer Double Match Day is Saturday, June 15. (Meijer gives \$20 to go with each \$10 gift, so \$10 = \$30!)

Around July 10, we will receive gift cards from Meijer, so that we can buy milk, bread, cheese, eggs, and margarine for those who visit the CTK Pantry. This is a huge God blessing.

Sincerely, Pastor Harry for the "30" (volunteers)



GATHER AND GROW BOOK CLUB

This monthly-meet-up book club is a place for women of all ages (high school and older) to read Christian fiction and nonfiction, gather and discuss as a group, and grow in our faith together. Our April meeting will be the start of Quarter 2, which means we will be discussing a new book, this time a work of fiction! The meet up will be

Monday, April 29 at 7pm in the Cana Room. Please call the church office to register or to get on our Book Club email list. We will be reading:

Pontius Pilate by Paul L. Maier

Pastor's Message

“Jesus First—First of All” (Part 2)

Part two of a “Jesus First” foundation can be explained with the phrase “first of all...”. Let me explain, using of course, an illustration from sports. How would you explain baseball to someone? My guess is you would NOT explain it as something you have to believe in. I’m not talking about love for baseball; that’s mythical.

I’m talking about the game itself—where do you start? You’d start with facts or

rules and introduce them by saying, “First of all...”. The fact or rule you choose to begin with may vary, but it’s a fact nonetheless. I’d begin by saying “First of all, there are nine players on defense and the pitcher starts each play by throwing to home plate.” This would lead to explaining a second fact (What’s home plate?), then a third fact (How many balls and strikes again?) and so on. After a discussion of the various facts presented, the person would have a rudimentary understanding of the game of baseball. They probably won’t love the game, but they’ll understand it... a little. Christianity isn’t defined by how much we love God, whether or not we’re big fans and go to all the games. Christianity is built on facts. First of all, Jesus’ resurrection is an historical event. That’s a fact. Secondly, His resurrection affirms Him being worshipped as God, another fact. The facts of Christianity build on one another—Jesus’ divinity, the Divine existence, the revelation of God in creation and His Word. All these facts lead to the greatest truth of all, God’s love for us. First of all, God loves, as John wrote in his epistle, “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:9-19). Next Month: “Jesus First—First Thing”



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