

CTK Communiqué



MAY 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

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



Trenton Road Campus

Thursday Worship 7:00 PM

(May 23-August 29)

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



FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Financial Snapshot – Through March 2024

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 141,252.03	\$ 406,335.27
Tuition	\$ 42,860.05	\$ 252,331.91
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 184,112.08	\$ 658,667.18
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 192,520.00	\$ 625,690.00
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ (8,407.92)	\$ 32,977.18

	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 184,112.08	\$ 658,667.18
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$ 202,187.17	\$ 616,902.68
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	\$ (18,075.09)	\$ 41,764.50

God has been gracious to CTK through the faithfulness of our church family these first few months of 2024. Our offerings are over both budgeted needs and actual expenses. Many thanks to our faithful tithe and first fruit givers. As Paul said to the Colossians, “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints.” (Col. 1:3-4)



memorials & gifts

In Memory of Edward Schultz
To the Memorial Fund given by:

Rhonda Mundy
Robert Rehahn

M/M Norman Miller
Sharon Bruson

Donna Cunningham

To the Food Pantry given by:

Joyce Shoup
Joyce Thursam
Carol Richter

M/M Donald Karwowski

M/M Dan Racklyeft

M/M Richard Pitt

To the Alms Fund given by:

Mrs. Judy Bielby

In Memory of Warren Bielby
To the Memorial Fund given by:

M/M Paul Tidrick

In Memory of Janet Dickhudt
To the Alms Fund given by:

Mrs. Judy Bielby

In Memory of Patsy McClean
To the Food Pantry given by:

M/M Carl Joyce

In Memory of Al Meininger
To the Food Pantry given by:

M/M Carl Joyce

In Memory of Haley Apple
To the Food Pantry

given by:

Mr. Gleason Heine

Birthday Blessings

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Joyce Shoup	March 28
Emily Montelauro	April 10



Thank You

Thursday Night Services

Join us for worship
on Thursday Nights

7:00 PM - May 23 through August 29
CTK - 15600 Trenton Rd.



Stay for the Ice Cream Social on:

- *Thursday, May 23*
- **Wednesday, July 3* (instead of the 4th)*
- *Thursday, August 29*



children's
hopechest



CTK's Match Event will be May 25th. We are still accepting HopeChest Friends by using the QR code to sign up. Watch for more information and updates in your weekly bulletins, Constant Contacts and pre-service slides. Pastor Jay & Vicar Brooks had a great trip to Guatemala. They were very inspired and excited about this mission opportunity. If you missed Vicar PJ and Pastor Jay's videos from their trip to

the Carepoint in San Antonio, Guatemala, you can find them on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/ctksouthgate>



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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	\$ 434.00	\$ 24,396.00
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: 4/16/24)

Church Office Hours

The church office hours are as follows:

- * Monday - Friday 8:30am to 3pm
- The offices will be closed:**
- * Monday, May 27th



Ordination

SERVICE

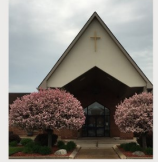
Vicar Patrick James Brooks

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

3:00 PM Ordination Service

5:00 PM Dinner Celebration

Christ The King Lutheran Church & School
15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI 48195



We at CTK have been truly blessed to have so many of our young men make the commitment to serve the Lord in Lutheran Pastoral Ministry. On June 9th, we will celebrate the Ordination of one of our own, who grew up in our church, and has accepted the Call to serve our congregation. As we prepare for this event, we ask that you keep the Brooks family and our church family in your prayers. Please watch the bulletin for more information and consider helping out.



Easter Lilies

Stephen Belchunas in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us this year.

Jim and Pam Brasgalla in memory of Carol Salisbury and Bill & Dolores Brasgalla

Harriet Cole in memory of her husband, Tom Cole

Andy and Becky Efird in memory of Donald & Nona Chapin, Robert Efird, and Richard & Irene Campau

Jeff and Cindy Giese in memory of Hank Giese and Gene Rakotz

Michael and Michelle Harden in memory of their parents, Red & JoAnne Harden and Michael Rudick

Mary Lou Jenkins in memory of her husband, Gil Jenkins

Charlotte Lithgow in memory of Henry & Elma Taurainen

David and Anne Lumley in memory of Dominick and Mona Marano

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Martin in memory of Ann and Chet

Rose Meininger in memory of her husband, Al Meininger

Judy Mongelluzzo in memory of John Mongelluzzo, Paul Mongelluzzo and Joan Dyer-Zinner

Eric and Diane Neubecker in memory of Donna Neubecker, Peter & Barbara Csizmadia, & Brandy Swope

Sheri Newman in memory of her husband, Bob Newman

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

Linda Ratliff in memory of son & brother, Jonathan

Dorothy Reaume in memory of her husband, Robert Reaume

Wesley and Pat Rommel in memory of Howard and Mary

Mike Shoup in memory of Wayne "Bud" Shoup

Fallon Thigpen in memory of Hal & Elva Knight and Milton & Earline Thigpen

Richard Trudeau in memory of Margaret Trudeau

Dennis and Deb Watterson in memory of Cara Watterson-Fayz

Denise Workman in memory of Merle & Jean Witte

Amanda Wuerker in memory of Theresa McNamey and Stephanie Chaskin



**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 _____



The seminary class that I am in right now is called Lutheran Confessions of Faith. It is the ordination prep course in the SMP program and is designed to get you ready to take your ordination vow. When a pastor is ordained in our church body, he promises that he agrees that the Lutheran Confessions are a correct interpretation of scripture, and promises to preach and teach in accordance with that belief. As I have been thinking about this lately, it makes me think also of this question: “What does it mean to be a confessional church?” There are plenty of churches right around us that are not confessional, and they still seem to be doing God’s work in our community, so what’s the difference? To be confessional means that we believe that we can’t just make scripture say whatever we want it to. To be confessional means that we believe that God’s Word is true, and when we encounter ideas and cultures that go against God’s Word, we can’t just re-interpret the Bible to say something new that it doesn’t actually say. The creeds are our core confession – we believe that the creeds are a correct summary of the story of scripture, even though they’re not scripture themselves. That’s why we say one of the creeds every single week in worship!

SMP Program Update: I am nearing the end of my 9th class in the program. My next class will be in person in St. Louis this summer. Before that class starts though, I will be ordained on June 9th at CTK! Even though I will still have more classes to go, ordination is the highlight and I can’t wait! It should be a fun day. I hope to see you all there! 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.

The Role of a Stephen Minister



It isn't complicated. This digest excerpt from "The Gift of Empathy," co-written by Stephen Ministry founder Kenneth Haug says is well:

"At times, people encounter pains they can't easily talk about with those close to them, perhaps because of concerns that they are too close to the situation or may feel a sense of guilt or responsibility for those struggles. In these situations...someone who doesn't have the same kind of ties may actually be easier."

We're the people that come alongside, offer a listening, non-judgmental ear and a word or two of hope and encouragement. It's no more difficult than being a friend. If you feel drawn to give of yourself in this way, Stephen Ministry may be your place in the body of Christ.

Want to learn more? Contact Donna Tobeler (734-280-1183) or Pastor Harry Edenfield (734-479-6337). Act before June 30 in order to participate in the next information meeting.

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 Informational Meeting is planned for Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.



Youth Group Calendar May 2024

5	Cinco de Mayo
12	Mother's Day - NO YOUTH
19	Youth Group @ Mt. Hope in Allen Park 2 pm - 4 pm
26	Memorial Day - NO YOUTH

SpringHill 2025

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



June 24

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 PA Rd Campus for fun, fellowship and "Jesus-ing Time"



Fundraising Information

Teal Envelope Wall - May 2024

Summer (Outdoor) Craft Show - June 8, 2024

Scrapbook Crop/Craft Day - October 12 2024

Fall Craft Show - November 9, 2024

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. Thank you for making this experience possible for our youth group.



Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday
May 19, 2024 - 11:00 AM Service
 We are excited to be confirming eight students!

Confirmation Verses

Class of 2024

Brady Owen Begeman: "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trust in the Lord is safe."

Proverbs 29:25



Carson James Begeman: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10



Samantha Jayne Carroll: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God who goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6



Alexander Joseph Czentnar: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



MEET THE CONFIRMANDS

On Sunday, May 5th, at the 10am Bible Class, the Confirmation Class of 2024 will be introduced. They will also find out who their Prayer Sponsor was this past year. During the year, each of the 8th grade confirmands has had a special person from the CTK congregation praying for them every day, periodically sending them cards of encouragement, and giving small gifts. The Confirmands DO NOT know who their sponsor is, so it is time now to introduce them to each other! Please join us for this fun introduction!



Confirmation Verses Class of 2024

Madisyn Elizabeth Eastabrooks: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* Joshua 1:9

**BE STRONG and
COURAGEOUS!**

DO NOT *be* AFRAID
OR DISCOURAGED.

FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

▶▶▶▶▶ Joshua 1:9

Erin Grace Gorman: *“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*
Revelation 2:10



Addison Rose Grogg: *“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”*
Philippians 4:13

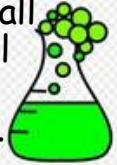


Christian Emery James Joyce: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* Joshua 1:9

**BE
STRONG**
AND
courageous
DO NOT BE AFRAID
(OR DISCOURAGED)
FOR THE
Lord your God
••• WILL BE WITH YOU •••
WHEREVER YOU GO
— Joshua 1:9 —

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 and we could use you.



Our theme is centered around Creation and should be a "blast" including a mad scientist and his friends. Volunteers will be needed to lead the classes around, snack prep and help to pass them out, craft helpers, and setup and take down. Registration will begin in May; either online or with a form.

VBS NEEDS:

Volunteers needed: 28 classroom leaders, 4 kitchen staff, 4 recreation staff, 4 craft helpers, singers and musicians, sound and power point.

Check out the VBS Time Machine and/or the June newsletter for donations needed and more info.

Child Abuse Prevention WORKSHOP

The Child Abuse Prevention Workshop will be held Sunday, **June 2nd** 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 in the church office work room.** If you need to attend but cannot during this time slot, please contact lisa@ctk.me or call the church office.

Vacation Bible School

15600 Trenton Rd. Southgate

June 17-21, 9:00 - 11:30 AM
"Destination Creation"

One Registration sheet per child please.

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)

Donation Station

Please mark your calendars for our next
Community Sale, on May 24th and 25th
from 9:00am – 4:00pm.



The Donation 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 a good witness to the community, homemade baked goods, 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.

The 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

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".



Outdoor Summer
MARKET

JUNE 8
10AM-4PM

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN

16700 Pennsylvania Road
Southgate, MI

GIFTS • FOODS •
DRINKS • CRAFTS •
AND MORE!



THE ONLY CONTACT FOR THIS EVENT IS
GINA DAVIDSON
GMD.LWML@GMAIL.COM

HOSTED BY



CTK YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - MAY 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*



Bible Bucks is Back!



For the last time this school year, Mrs. Zaney and Mrs. Kane will bring back the Bible Bucks store on June 2. This is the last opportunity to spend all your hard-earned Bucks! You won't want to miss it!

Exciting news! Christ The King is kicking off a Church-wide Mission Project called Children's Hope Chest. We will be praying for the success of this project as a church and watching for opportunities where we can help. Please go to:



<https://ctk.me/childrens-hopechest/>



We are beyond excited to roll out our Summer Sunday School Plans! This summer we will be Making Mountain Memories! Join us for a high climbing adventure, as together we experience 4 amazing Bible Stories, all taking place "Up on a Mountain"! Watch this space for more details!

Coming in May

- Betrayed and Arrested - Jesus in Gethsemane
- Mother's Day - Craft
- Standing Trial - Jesus on Trial, Peter Denies Jesus
- The Living Wonder - Jesus' Death and Resurrection





Spiritual Care Ministry

Contacts:

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

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

Lisa Demou (734) 285 9695 Ext. 210

525 Spiritual Care visits from January 1 – April 15, 2024



Red Cross Blood Drive - Thank You

The American Red Cross & CTK extends their heartfelt appreciation for donating on April 29. Thank you for your support, by donating an amazing gift to patients in need. If you were unable to donate, please go to redcrossblood.org/give more. Thanks to everyone for helping set-up & take down tables & chairs.

In Christ, Nancy Chambo

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)

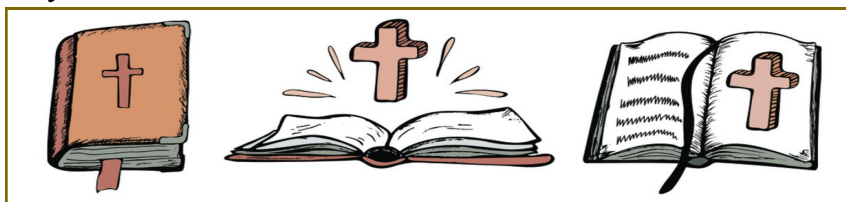
Bible Study Coffee & Snack located in the kitchen window.

- ♦ **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.

DID YOU KNOW... Volunteers make up the majority of each worship service. Having said that, we want to thank **Tom Mulcrone for the 17+ years** of volunteering for power point during the Saturday night worship service. If interested in this time slot, once a month, let the church office know. You can shadow another volunteer until you feel comfortable. **THANKS TOM!**

Mark Your Calendars *2024 Euchre Dates*

May 18, September 14 & October 12

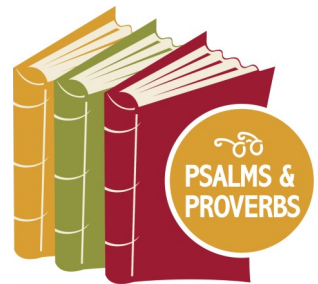


We play in the Upper Room at Trenton Rd, starting at 7pm SHARP! (Sorry, but we are unable to accommodate latecomers.) Cost is \$3 per person. Each player is asked to bring a

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

SPRING INTO THE BOOKSTORE!!!

This month we celebrate some very special people in our lives. First, we celebrate our teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day, May 7th. On May 12th we will celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day. Finally, we congratulate our teenage Confirmants when they are confirmed on May 19th. The bookstore has cards, gifts, and books for all these special people and celebrations! Stop by the bookstore for something special for your special person!





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

What a beautiful school year our Lord has provided. We began the year with a family open house, candy bar bingo, and our annual fun run. We held our largest trunk or treat to date, with 2,200 people attending. We held our traditional Children's Christmas Program in the newly renovated school gym. We celebrated Lutheran Schools Week, inducted our third Lutheran Junior Honor Association class, held our annual VIP day, and were able to bond on multiple field trips, including our all-school trip to a Detroit Tigers Game with a group of over 500. The school year has been filled with joy.

As we finish our school year, we look forward to our annual pie day, our eighth-grade class trip, award ceremonies, and graduations. This year, we graduate 13 eighth graders. They will certainly be missed in our day-to-day school activities; however, we are so excited to see how they will use the gifts and talents God gave them. Congratulations, graduates!

God's Blessings, Dr. Kapp-Heifner



School Events:

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

Diaper Drive at Christ The King

DIAPER
DRIVE



*"Did God not fashion each of us
in the womb?" Job 31:15*

We are, again, supporting the Lincoln Park Pregnancy Center and the families who use it. We will be collecting diapers and wipes from Mother's Day (May 12) to Father's Day (June 16). Please look for coupons to decrease your costs. Suggested sizes to purchase:

- Wipes
- Diapers sizes: newborn, 3, 5, 6, 7
- Pull-ups sizes: 4T and 5T

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

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. During our 2nd quarter of 2024 (April-June) we are reading and discussing the book **"Pontius Pilate"** by **Dr. Paul L. Maier**. The next meet up will be Monday, May 20 at 7pm in the Cana Room. Please call the church office to register or to get on our Book Club email list.

59+ GROUP — Meet us May 15th at **PA CAMPUS** for outdoor lawn games, 1:00-2:15. We will meet by the Atrium doors in the Fellowship Building.





FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

SIMPLY GIVE CAMPAIGN FOR THE CTK CHURCH & SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

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)

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.



Pastor's Message

Most projects begin with a plan, well, the big ones at least. That plan has a list of things that have to be accomplished for the project to be successful. The most critical usually are first things on the list. These “first things” are the practical application of the plan. Without them, the plan is useless and the project fails. Can you think of a bigger project than our relationship with Jesus? Our faith in Christ begins with the person of Jesus and our commitment to Him. First steps. Christianity is founded in the historical fact of His resurrection from the dead. First of all. Now we are called to live out our faith in real and practical ways. The “first things” of faith are what we do, how we live, and what we accomplish. I’m reminded of Ephesians 2:8-10. As Lutherans we certainly know v. 8-9 and “being saved be grace through faith, not by works.” We can’t stop there! V. 10 is the application and is the engine that runs what it means to be a Christian: “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” This doesn’t refer to our creation, but our redemption. We were “created in Christ Jesus.” God calls for us to challenge ourselves. His Holy Spirit empowers us to view our faith walk as a project always under construction. More than that, God sees the finished project and our part in it! He knows what we need to do and He gives us grace and mercy to accomplish His tasks. With that in mind, let’s get to work!

In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer

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