



## September 2024

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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 July	2024
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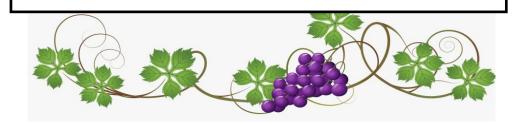
INCOME (General Fund):	<u>July 2024</u>	Year To Date
Church receipts	\$ 116,998.74	\$ 873,494.94
Tuition	\$ 95,396.15	\$ 521,321.69
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 212,394.89	\$ 1,394,816.63
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 192,520.00	\$ 1,443.900.00
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INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET

\$ 19,874.89 \$ (49,083.37)

	July 2024	Year To Date
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 212,394.89	\$1,394,816.63
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$ 179,816.61	\$ 1,413,094.8 <u>1</u>
INCOME OVER/(UNDE	ER) EXPENSE	
,	\$ 32,578.28	\$ (18,278.18)

Thank you, family in Christ at CTK, for your generous and faithful stewardship during the summer month of July. Typically, summer months can be lean, but your tithe and first-fruit giving exceeded expenses. I'm reminded of Paul's praise of the Macedonian churches, "We want you to know, brothers about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia..., their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord." (2 Cor. 8:1-3). May we continue to be witnesses to Jesus' resurrection in our lives of discipleship.





In Memory of Alfred Grimm To: Food Pantry, Given by: Edna Grimm

In Memory of Nick Nagorski To: Food Pantry, Given by: Sylvia Ziesmer

#### **Birthday Blessings**

In Honor of	<b>Birthday</b>
Dorothy Reaume	7/30
Marlaine Miller	8/22





## 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	\$ 804.00	\$	24,767.00
Scrap Metal	\$	2,470.83	\$ 2,925.99	\$ 1,534.30	\$	56,169.50
Bottles	\$	3,334.40	\$ 2,888.54	\$ 499.30	\$	44,959.54
Paper Recycle	e \$	40.52	\$ 52.26	\$ 20.33	\$	790.72
$(As of \cdot 7/15/2)$	24)					







This six-week class meets every Tuesday, beginning September 3, at 7pm in the West Gallery at Trenton Road. The "Why We Believe" class focuses on the foundations of our faith in Christ. This class is a presentation of the Christian faith, consistent with reason and grounded in reality. It also serves as our new member class, so you will see it advertised as "Why We Believe" (Membership Class). It is not just for people joining CTK. It is designed for everyone! There will be a one-week Discipleship Class following this class (there is no cost for either class). We ask that you register by calling or emailing the church office.

#### Why We Believe Class:

In the West Gallery at 7pm September 3,10,17,24, October 1,8

#### **Discipleship Class:**

October 15 in the West Gallery at 7pm





#### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:00am at PA Rd. in the Fellowship Center, classroom #7. Class is led by Nancy Kurtz. We will be doing a topical study on the Holy Spirit.

## Grief: Healing from Loss

THE 14 WEEK "GRIEF: HEALING FROM

**LOSS" PROGRAM** will start on September 9th in the Upper Room from 6-8 pm. The first

week will be registration and orientation. If you decide to continue with the program, there is a \$10 registration fee to help defray the cost of the book that will be provided. Please call Teresa



#### 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 <a href="www.ctk.me">www.ctk.me</a> 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.



- <u>Text:</u> 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!





#### **BLOOD DRIVE — OCTOBER 14**

Save the Date Monday, October 14, 2024 1:00 - 6:45 pm 16700 Pennsylvania Rd. Campus

Save a life; blood supply is very critically low. Please consider donating. Appointments will be taken on sign-up poster at Trenton Rd. Campus or you can visit Red Cross website Walk-ins are welcome. Any questions, call Nancy Chambo at 734-776-5001



#### 7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF SEPTEMBER

1.	Thanks Lord, for Your abundance of grace.	I Tim. 1:14
2.	Enjoy work God promises to reward it.	Jer. 31:16
3.	You're blazing trails for those coming behind.	I Chron. 22:5
4.	When The Lord says "No" don't grumble.	I Chron. 22:8-11
5.	Run the race set specifically for you.	Heb. 12:1-2
6.	Don't overlook the good in your day.	Ps. 103:2
7.	Words can kill, but compassionate words heal.	Prov. 18:21
8.	Intercessory prayers & encouragement also serve G	od.
		Matt. 25:38-40
9.	We can trust God's timing and strength.	Ps. 9:9
10.	We're chosen and dearly loved by God.	Col. 3:12
11.	Focus your thoughts on Hope Jesus brings.	I Peter 1:13
12.	God's always hovering close whenever He's needed	d. Gen. 1:1-2
	Devote yourselves to praying faithfully for others.	Col. 4:2
14.	God can use you at any age.	Ex. 31:3
15.	Greet everyone with kindness and respect today.	Prov. 15:1
16.	Jesus plans prosperity and good for us.	Jer. 29:11
17.	God's peace is always available to me,	Phil. 4:7
18.	Be generous enough to share your talents.	Ruth1:16-17
19.	Let Jesus be God of your calendar.	Prov. 16:9
20.	God understands our sorrow – He strengthens us.	Luke 22:41-44
21.	You must accept God's blessings to receive.	Matt. 21:22
22.	Nothing's beyond God's power to fix/restore.	Gen. 18:13-14
23.	God's timetable's perfect so just trust Him.	Gen. 18:10-12
24.	Provide goodness for others while you live.	Philemon 1:7
25.	Jesus wants us to be content/satisfied.	John 10:10
26.	We can be content regardless of possessions.	Phil. 4:11-15
27.	Praying scriptures aligns your desires with God's.	Ps. 25:4-5
	Be God's saltshaker sprinkle ingratitude with gra	
	It's a precious thing to be chosen.	II Thess. 2:13
30.	Believe in God He'll do the rest.	Eph. 2:8-10

By Ralph & Donna Moore

## Spírítual 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.

Harry Dutka (734) 285 9695 Ext. 150

hdutka@ctk.me

Jessica Bourassa Ext. 100 or jessica@ctk.me

Lisa Demou Ext. 210 or lisa@ctk.me

1,013 Spiritual Care visits from January 1 – Aug. 15, 2024

#### **Church Office Hours**

The church office hours are as follows:

- \* Mon. Friday: 8:30am to 3:00pm
- \* The offices will be closed:

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)



### The Donation Station is open on Thursdays from 12:00 – 2:00 and Saturdays from 10:00 -12:00.

Donation Station Fall Community Sale:

Oct. 25th and 26th: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

As always, for the Fall Community Sale, the Bake Sale emphasis is on pies, so start thinking about making them, maybe freezing them, and having them ready for the sale. More information coming next month. It is not too early to start praying for good



weather and for the Lord to bless our witness to the Down River community. Visit the DS to grab a free pie plate or two if you are making pies for the sale.

#### CTK SEWING CIRCLE

Hello Sewers, Knitters and Crocheters! We hope you had a great summer. We will resume Crafting for The King on Monday, Sept. 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will meet in PA Rd Church Atrium. The meetings are monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month. Please contact Rose Meininger at 734.626.4097 or rmeining.18@gmail.com with any questions.



## Mark Your Calendars 2024 Euchre Dates

#### 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

#### 29th Annual CTK Golf Outing Thank You

Thank you to all of the golfers who participated, along with members and local business that donated in some way to help make this event a big success! We had a ton of prizes to raffle off! And for my faithful volunteers who always show up to help me, I truly thank you - I wouldn't be able to do this without ALL of you! A HUGE thank you to Jen Gepes & Cindy Burley for helping keep me organized and getting all the awesome donations!



100% of the proceeds benefit CTK's Food Pantry and Downriver for Veterans – look for the total amount raised in next month's newsletter. We know for ministries like these, a little goes a long way!

Any suggestions, comments, concerns that you may have, please let me know. I am always looking for ways to make this better!

Save the date – we are hoping to hold the 30th CTK Annual Golf Scramble (yes, 30th!) on Saturday, August 16, 2025!

Hope to see you next year, Deanna Warrington

#### 59+ Group

Join us Wednesday, September 18th in the Cana Room at Trenton Rd from 1:00-2:15pm. We will be playing Uno (bring your deck and a small snack for 10 people, if you want.)



#### 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 next meetup will be



Monday, September 30th in the Cana Room to discuss Part Three of The Divine Mentor by Wayne Cordeiro. We will also be announcing our next book (fiction), which we will read to close out the year. Please call the church office to register or to get on our Book Club email list.



I am trying something brand new in my personal devotional life. For the first time ever, I am listening to the Bible every day. I know that audio book versions of the Bible have been around for a long time, but I have never really gotten into it. I've never really listened to any audio books before at all. But this summer, starting with my family trip to St. Louis for my class, we started listening to books all together as a family. Let me tell you, it has been great. All four of us engaged together into one story. About 3 weeks ago, my yearly Bible reading plan was resetting, and I decided to try the Bible on audio book. If you have never tried it, I encourage you to give it a shot. I feel like I have never engaged in God's story so well. I am hearing fresh details that I've never noticed before. I love it! The Bible has never been more accessible in all kinds of different ways than it is right now. Read it, listen to it, paper Bible, on your phone, different translations; it doesn't matter. Just get more of God's Word into your life; you won't regret it!

Seminary Update: I am super excited for my next class, which is going to be an Old Testament course. It has been great to have some time off of homework and studying over the second half of the summer, but now it's time to settle back into the Fall routine! I am always surprised when each new class starts, because they are never what I think they will be! I'm just excited to dive in and find out! Thank you so much for all your prayers, love and support! God's Peace, Pastor Brooks

Family Connection Ministry Update: Our summer gatherings were a blast! We gathered together throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings for family fun and fellowship. The highlight of the summer was definitely our Backyard BBQs! We fired up the grill and made a giant slip-n-slide for the kids! Now



that school is back in session, we will resume our monthly events. Thank you, CTK Community, for your support of this ministry!

## CTK Food Pantry Report on Meijer Spring Simply Give Campaign

Duration: March 31 - June 29, 2024 (Double Match Day was June 15)

Donations:Donation card gifts on Double Match Day\$4,320Meijer Corp. Double Match Gift8,640Donation card gifts on other days880Meijer gift from Ladies Prof. Golf Tourney7, 380Additional Program Donations140TOTAL\$21,360

Praise the Lord for providing food to distribute at CTK's Food Pantry! Weekly, we use these Meijer gift cards to buy perishable food from Meijer: milk, bread, cheese, eggs, margarine. Your donations to CTK's Food Pantry also buy many non-perishable foods from Gleaners food distributors.

Our Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 3:00-3:45.

Pastor Harry for "The 30" (volunteers)

P.S. Since November 2008, Meijer Simply Give has donated \$95 million to food pantries across the Midwest! Wow!



#### CTK Food Pantry New Meijer Simply Give Campaign Duration: Now - September 28, 2024

(Double Match Day, Saturday, September 14.)

Please remember that cards are available at Trenton Rd. You need only one. Take to a cashier for scanning at Southgate Meijer. Your gift card can be used for \$10, \$20, \$30, etc. The Double Match Days (\$10 becomes \$30) are printed on the card. These cards have a bar code that identifies them with CTK.

The gift cards we then receive from Meijer are used by our volunteer shoppers to purchase milk, cheese, bread, eggs, and margarine.

Our generous God has blessed the pantry through your generosity.

Thank you. Pastor Harry for "The 30"

#### CONFIRMATION PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING

A new school year is fast approaching, and that means Confirmation classes will resume again. This 2-year program is open to students entering 7th grade this fall. During the course of the 2-year program, students will study the Luther's Small Catechism on Sunday mornings during the 10am Bible Class hour. Our Orientation meeting for interested 1st year students



is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th at 10am in the Upper Room. The student and at least one parent must attend. At this meeting, the program will be explained, 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 on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the Confirmation Coordinator, Donna Hepner, at confirmation@ctk.me.

#### **Early Communion Class**

Early Communion Classes will be held October 6, 13, 20, and 27. First Communion Sunday will be at the 9am service on November 3. The classes will be held at 10am at Trenton Rd. during the Bible Study and Sunday School hour. Parents can pick up a registration form (available in mid September) at the Welcome Center in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd. The form is also available on the website under the Ministry tab by going to the Early Communion link.



Please turn in forms to the church office. If you do np=ot have a copy already, parents can purchase the updated "Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation" for \$22.00 on the first day of class (please bring the correct amount of money or a check made out to CTK). This book will be used for their upcoming Confirmation classes in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



#### **Stephen Ministry Farewell**

In 1991, I accepted the call to be Associate Pastor at CTK. An emphasis of my call was to initiate and organize groups staffed with volunteers. These groups would reach into our congregation and outward to the community. Pastor Terry gave me free rein.

One of the groups begun was Stephen Ministry – a one-to-one caring by trained CTK members. In the summer of 1994, Joyce Shoup, Peggy Robertson, and I attended Stephen Leader Training in St. Louis, MO. After returning, praying, and planning, we began to train our first Stephen Ministers. We became one of 1000s of Christian churches to have this ministry.

During the 30 years since inception, a total of 44 caregivers, including 5 leaders, have been trained. Many, many care receivers have been helped during difficult times in their lives. We have all learned that the Holy Spirit works faith and many types of healing. It has been a spiritually rewarding ministry. We were brought close to each other as fellow Christians.

Recently, our active Stephen Minister number shrank. This has been due to illness, death, and a move out-of-state. It has been very, very difficult to attract new volunteers. Therefore, our present Stephen Ministry is being discontinued.

I pray that, in the future, under pastoral guidance and a willing group of volunteers, Stephen Ministry will be resurrected at Christ The King.

I thank CTK for the opportunity to have served in this capacity. I thank the many volunteers at CTK who served prayerfully and faithfully as Stephen Ministers and Leaders throughout the years. Most of all, I thank the Lord, who blessed this ministry with His guidance and healing. The motto of Stephen Ministry is, "We are the caregivers. God is the Cure-giver."

Yours in Christ, Pastor Harry Edenfield





## Youth Group Calendar September 2024

- 8 Family BBQ/Fall Meeting
- 15 Youth Group
- 20-21 Lock-In
  - 22 NO YOUTH
  - 29 NO YOUTH

#### YOUTH FAMILY BBQ

## CALLING ALL 7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH & PARENTS

JOIN US FOR THE Sept 2024 - Summer 2025 INFO MEETING SEPTEMBER 8 6 PM-8 PM



HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED. "
EMAIL GINA WITH WHAT YOU CAN BRING



January 10-12, 2025 6th-12th Graders \$100 Deposit Due 9.15 See Gina for form



Looking for Youth News or Forms?
See our new Bulletin Board
in the West Gallery

#### Youth Lock In

September 20-21, 2024
Meet at the Firepit at Penn Rd
Campus at 6 PM
Pick-Up by 9 AM
Permission slips can be found
at the Bulletin Board





# HOLIDAY

#### NOVEMBER 9 • 10AM-4PM

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH** 

16700 Pennsylvania Road, Southgate, Michigan

Over 50 Unique Crafting Vensors

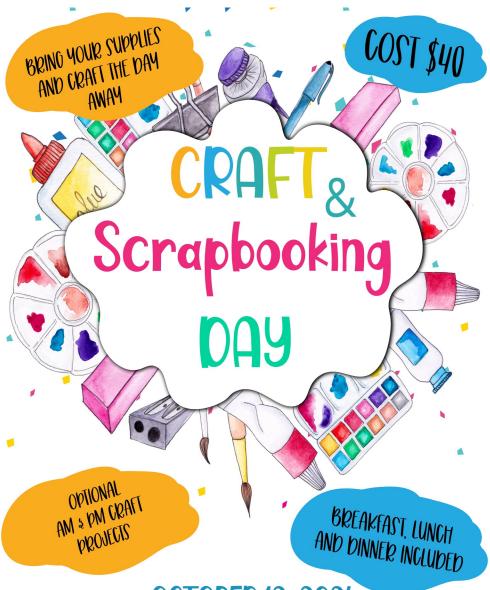
WREATHES, BARN WOOD, TUMBLERS, ORANAMENTS, GIFTS AND MANY MORE!

This event hosted by



CTK Youth Group

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



OCTOBER 12, 2024 8.AM-8.PM

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH 16700 PENNSYLVANIA RD, SOUTHGATE MI

HOSTED BY



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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 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

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#### Rally Day - September 8

It is finally here!! The new Sunday School year kick-off is September 8! Join us in the West Gallery at 10:00 to meet the Sunday School teachers. We are blessed beyond blessed to again have a staff of wonderful, Godloving, talented teachers.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grade	Teacher	Classroom
Parent & Toddler	Mandy Boelter	Church Nursery (near south entrance)
Pre-K & Kindergarten	Kristi and Ryan Murphy	Kindergarten Room (Mrs. Brooks' Room)
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Randi Hermann	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Room (Mrs. Pomroy's room)
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Lisa Ferdubinski	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room (Mrs. <u>Voelz's</u> Room)
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jody Collins	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room (Mrs. <u>Konkel's</u> Room)
Youth (7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Gina Davidson	Cana Room (off the West Gallery)

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

After introductions, teachers and Sunday School students will go to their classrooms and will join the Rally Day activities of crafts, games and snacks.

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#### Summer Sunday School - Recap

What an awesome summer Sunday School experience we had this year! Randi Hermann and Anne Lumley created Mountain Top Memories throughout the summer. We learned about Elijah on Mount Carmel, Jesus' Temptation, Jesus' Transfiguration, and how to deal with worry in our lives. We watched videos, played games and created crafts related to



these lessons. We even taught others these lessons by placing message stones outside where anyone could find them and be reminded of God's teachings.

A great big THANK YOU to parents who faithfully brought their children to Sunday School throughout the summer, and teachers who devoted their time, treasures and talents to spreading God's Word to the next generation.

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## Pid you Know?

Did you know? During the Bible Study hour, we have something for everyone! Parents with young children/infants who aren't ready to sit in a Sunday School classroom can go to the Parent & Toddler class. There is adult discussion, while the littles can play. Or after Confirmation, students can continue studying God's Word with their peers with "Jesus, Gina and Donuts" in the Cana Room. All these classes follow the same curriculum, so families can continue the conversation on the car ride home!

Keep informed ....

Just as a reminder, if you would like to join the CTK Sunday School Facebook page, contact the Sunday School office.



## **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 re-read a 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 and technology 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 Events:**

Sept. 2 No School—Labor Day Weekend Sept. 20 Fun Run (1/2 Day)

Oct. 13 Trunk or Treat



#### RALLY DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

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—Playground, TR)
- Confirmation Orientation at 10:00 AM (Upper Room, TR)
- Church Picnic at 12:30 PM in the PA gym/ outside
- Chicken, Hot Dogs, drinks & dessert provided
- Bring a hot or cold potluck side dish
- Bouncy house for the kids
- Youth Group BBQ at 6pm: Parent Meeting &





#### CALLING ALL 6TH - 12TH **GRADE YOUTH**



#### Attention All 6th - 12th Grade Youth

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

When: January 10-12, 2025

Cost: \$300 per person (Additional Adults above require chaperones \$200)

(covers camp fees and transportation)

Deposit due: September 15, 2024 hsyouth@ctk.me

Rooted in Christ Youth Group

(7th - 12th Grade)

Kick Off BBQ

& Parent Meeting

September 8, 2024 @ 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



Bailey (Bosman) Laingren grew up in Southgate, MI and attended CTK from 3-year old preschool through 8th Grade. She graduated from CTK in 2009. From there, she attended and graduated from Lutheran High South in Newport, MI. She studied Elementary Education, with a minor in English, at Concordia University, Wisconsin. Since then, Bailey has been teaching 5th Grade at St. Paul Lutheran in Munster, IN. She married her now husband, Joseph, this last June and moved back to Southgate to begin her call, teaching 5th Grade at Christ The King. She is excited to be working among such amazing, welcoming staff and school families and she looks forward to a wonderful school year!

#### **Toy Collection**

Back to School shopping means we are getting closer to Christmas. If you are out and about and see a good sale on board games, stuffed animals, craft kits, teen items, such as perfume sets, makeup, cologne for teen boys, etc. and are able to



donate a few to the church office, we would appreciate it. Five & Below is a great place to find all of these items. You can drop them off to the Church Office with a note that they are for Christmas Baskets. Look for our announcements for the Gift Card and Toy collection in November, as well. Thank you, Lisa Demou

## Pastor's Message



I'd like to invite you to and tell you about the "Why We Believe" class. The 6-week class begins Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 7pm in the West Gallery (Trenton Rd. Campus). While it is our new member class for adults wishing to join Christ The King Lutheran Church as confirmed members, it is specifically designed to teach why Christians believe the truth of Christ. Let me explain. When an adult joins a church, the required class usually goes something like this: "So you want to join our Lutheran church? Take this class about the Lutheran religion and learn what Lutherans believe." The key word is "what." If you also believe what we believe, welcome to our religion! Where is Christ in that sentence? Exactly! "Why We Believe" has a different approach and a different "what." What has God done to reveal the person of salvation? So, we talk a lot about the history of Jesus' resurrection and divinity. What is God doing in our world today to reveal Himself? So, we talk a lot about God's creation and His inspired Word, the Bible. And what is God going to do when He fulfills all His promises at the end of the age? So, we talk about Jesus...a lot! Christ is the center of every conversation and the foundation of every class, which makes more sense when the class is about Christianity. Whether you're looking to become a member of CTK or already are a member, this class is for everyone wanting to grow in our faith and the ability to defend our faith. No cost or registration is required, just show up and we'll see you September 3! In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer