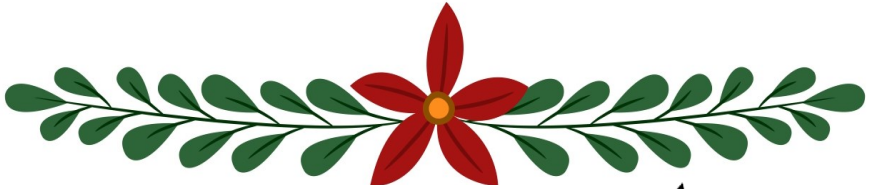


# CTK Communiqué



## December 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](http://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 October 2024

INCOME (General Fund):	October 2024	Year To Date
Church receipts	\$ 108,385.93	\$ 1,231,622.76
Tuition	\$ 95,145.35	\$ 817,926.59
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 203,531.28</b>	<b>\$ 2,049,549.35</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 240,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,117,720.00</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ (37,118.72)</b>	<b>\$ (68,170.65)</b>

	October 2024	Year To Date
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 203,531.28</b>	<b>\$2,049,549.35</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 218,769.69</b>	<b>\$ 2,035,842.55</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (15,238.41)</b>	<b>\$ 13,706.80</b>

We praise and thank God for His provision! He has blessed us through the faithful giving of our family in Christ. Through October, our income has exceeded expenses. However, it is less than our budget needs. Fortunately, our expenses have been under budget. We encourage our members in their stewardship, as our calendar year draws to a close. “But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Cor. 8:7



# Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of  
Marlene Chumbo

To Alms given by:  
Judy Bielby

In Memory of  
Bob Newman

To General Fund given by:  
Sherri Newman

In Memory of  
Joan Dyer-Zinner

To Food Pantry given by:  
Judy Mongelluzzo

In Memory of Margaret  
Stroshine

To Memorial Fund  
given by:  
Matilda Gegich

In Memory of  
John Mongelluzzo

To Food Pantry given by:  
Judy Mongelluzzo



## Birthday Blessings

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Tina Pawloski	11/2
Waylon Nesler	11/5
Oscar Harmon	11/6

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

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Total (since 2006)</u>
“C” Dollars	\$ 1,089.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 24,987.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,470.83	\$ 2,925.99	\$ 2,041.50	\$ 56,676.70
Bottles	\$ 3,334.40	\$ 2,888.54	\$ 774.60	\$ 45,234.84
Paper Recycle	\$ 40.52	\$ 52.26	\$ 28.25	\$ 798.64
(As of: 11/20/24)				

## FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE END OF THE YEAR....

With the busy and joyous season of celebrating Christ's birth upon us, here are a few points to remember from the Financial Office, as this year draws to a close:

**Qualified Charitable Distributions** – Taxpayers over the age of 70 ½ are able to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRA's to a qualified non-profit, such as Christ The King Lutheran Church. With the end of the year approaching, this is a great way to help your church and meet your required minimum distributions from your IRA. Please contact your IRA trustee or financial institution for additional information.



**Envelopes** will be available starting in mid-December in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd.

The following requests can be found online:

- Request for envelopes, if you do not have a number. If you no longer need envelopes due to online giving, please contact Kelly at [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me).
- Request for your contribution statement to be printed, if you are unable to access [myctk.me](http://myctk.me).

**Giving**—All donations must be received by December 31st in order to be listed on your contribution statement for 2024. As mentioned above, CTK is able to accept qualified charitable contributions from your IRA. Please contact your IRA trustee or financial institution for additional information.

**Contribution statements** will be available online at [myctk.me](http://myctk.me) for members after January 19th, 2025. All contribution statements will be available via email with a secure link that same week, as long as we have a valid email address on file.

A quick way to give on-the-go during this busy holiday season is via text. Just text CTKGIVE to 73256.

May God bless your family and giving this year!!

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – You may pick up your envelopes in the West Gallery starting the week-end of December 14/15. If you would like to request envelopes, you may complete the form at the Welcome Center at Trenton Rd., email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me) or call the church office. If you no longer need envelopes due to online giving, please email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me). God bless your giving!



## Voters' Assembly Christ The King Church Thursday, December 19th

**We will meet at 7:00pm in the West Gallery  
at Trenton Rd. Campus. Agenda items include:**

**\*\*Election of Vestry members**

**\*\*Approving the 2025 budget.**

### **59+ Group:**

Merry Christmas, no meet up this month, but we will see you in the New Year. Meet us Wednesday, January 15th, 1:00-2:15pm for Chair Exercise in the Cana Room. Wear your stretch pants and get ready for a few laughs.



### **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. We will be sending out the meeting dates for 2025 soon! Please call the church office to register or to get on our Book Club email list. You can also stop into the church office to get a printed list of the book club schedule after the new year. We're looking forward to reading together again in 2025!



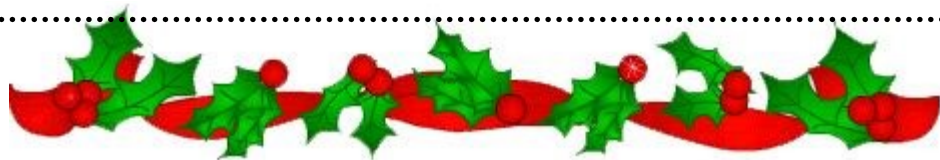
# This Month in CTK History



December is a busy month for all of us, with all the Christmas preparations. In looking back at our history, Christ The King has also been busy during December, preparing for Christmas.

- In 1956, the first candlelight Christmas Eve service took place.
- The Children's Christmas pageant of 1959 was televised on Channel 56 on a Monday evening.
- The News-Herald newspaper highlighted CTK in 1969, with an article titled, "Chrismon's Add Significance to Christmas Tree Décor."
- The Couple's Club was busy in the mid-70's. In 1974, they were tasked with cutting down and trimming the Christmas tree for the church and, in 1975, they went Christmas Caroling!
- Finally, the King's Ringers celebrated their first anniversary in December, 1994. We have enjoyed listening to them ever since!!! Keep Ringing!!!

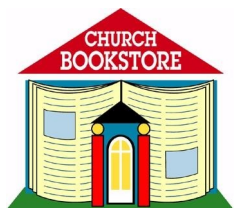
Wishing everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!



## Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

The season of Advent begins December 1st this year. As we prepare our homes for Christmas, let us also prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior, Jesus! The bookstore has Advent calendars for children and devotional books for adults.

The bookstore also has Christmas cards, ornaments, books and Bibles, jewelry and gifts. Stop by the bookstore to find that special gift or inspiration! May your Advent season be blessed with hope, joy, peace, and love. Merry Christmas to ALL!!!



# 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!



**The church office hours are as follows:**

Monday – Friday: 8:30am to 3:00pm

**The offices will be closed on:**

Thurs., Dec. 26 & Wed., Jan. 1

# Encouragement

## 7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERY DAY OF DECEMBER

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Do things God's way to achieve fulfillment              | II Kings 5:1-10 |
| 2. When straying, God's Love brings us home.               | Luke 15:24      |
| 3. Know your body's the Holy Spirit's temple.              | I Cor. 6:19-20  |
| 4. Is your top priority pursuing God's peace?              | Isa. 26:3       |
| 5. God can move mountains through your faith.              | Matt. 17:20     |
| 6. Acts of kindness cheers hearts, brings hope.            | Col.3:12        |
| 7. Appreciate the promises God's kept for you.             | Heb. 10:23      |
| 8. Thanks, Lord, for providing for my needs.               | Ex. 16:15       |
| 9. God, please show your love through me.                  | Ruth 1:16-17    |
| 10. Cruel words leave long-lasting, painful wounds.        | Ps. 64:3        |
| 11. Speak only Godly, wholesome, uplifting, helpful words. | Eph. 4:29       |
| 12. Believe God works everything for our good              | Rom. 8:22       |
| 13. Step out in faith, God will provide.                   | Josh. 3:8-9     |
| 14. Make bold requests, knowing God will answer.           | Ps. 144:5-10    |
| 15. Jesus is everything we need and more.                  | II Peter 1:3    |
| 16. Lord, come make your home in us.                       | Rev. 3:20       |
| 17. Cling to God's promises, not your anxieties.           | Dan. 3:28       |
| 18. Just your presence comforts desperately sick ones.     | Job 2:11-13     |
| 19. God give you peace among differing opinions.           | John 15:27      |
| 20. Seek God's will in all you do.                         | Prov. 3:5-6     |
| 21. Don't do things alone, join other believers.           | Eccl. 4:9-10    |
| 22. Darkness increases fear but Christ brings light.       | Isa. 5:20       |
| 23. God speaks to us in surprising ways.                   | John 14:26      |
| 24. Generously share your time, talents and resources.     | I Tim. 6:18     |
| 25. God's gift of Jesus became our salvation               | Ps. 62:1        |
| 26. Give God glory like heavenly angels did.               | Luke 2:13-14    |
| 27. How might God love others through you?                 | Matt.15:32-38   |
| 28. Like yeast, God's Word permeates the world.            | Matt. 13:33     |
| 29. Scripture's lens opens God's light to us               | Ps. 119:105     |
| 30. Trust that scripture's God's never changing word.      | Isa. 40:8       |
| 31. Our eternal city's lighted by Jesus Himself!           | Rev. 22:5       |

By Ralph & Donna Moore



# *Spiritual Care Ministry*



*The Spiritual Care Ministry at CTK focuses on persons in the congregation who are hospitalized, confined to their home, reside in a nursing home, or may be recovering from a surgery in a rehab facility. Please let us know if you have a family member or friend who needs a visitation, where they will hear the Word and receive Holy Communion.*

*Harry Dutka*

*(734) 285 9695 Ext. 150  
hductka@ctk.me*

*Jessica Bourassa*

*Ext. 100 or jessica@ctk.me*

*Lisa Demou*

*Ext. 210 or lisa@ctk.me*

**1,487 Spiritual Care visits from January 1 – Nov. 15, 2024**

**The Poinsettia chart is now available near the Welcome Center. Cost is \$8.50 per plant. Deadline for ordering is December 8th. We encourage you to purchase a plant (or two) in memory or honor of a loved one.**

**Honorees will be listed on a poster next to the poinsettia tree. Please take an envelope and place payment in the offering. You can also pay online. You may pick up your plant(s) after the Christmas Day Service.**





# Day School News

*“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6*

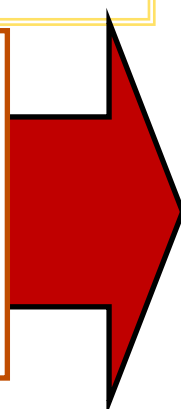
December is reflective. It’s the end of the calendar year, and if you’re like me, you spend this month thinking about the year’s events. The end of the year gives us the opportunity to remember all the blessings the Lord has provided. For me, I picture the smiling faces of June’s graduates and the eagerness of students returning to school in August. I hear the laughter that echoes in our staff meetings and the joyful interactions that fill the places and spaces of our school. I hear joyful song. I see student growth and personal achievement. I see the team that our Lord has assembled here within our school, and I am grateful.

2024 has been a beautiful year, and this month, we invite you to celebrate our Savior’s birth with us. Our Children’s Christmas Program will be held in the Trenton Road Gym on December 11 at 1:30pm and 6:30pm and on December 12 at 6:30pm. We hope you can join us as we travel “Back to the Manger.”

God’s Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner

## CTK Family Connection Ministry Birthday Party for Jesus

Family Connection Ministry will be hosting a Birthday Party for Jesus on Saturday, December 21st at 10:30 A.M. at the Trenton Rd campus! Join us for cake, crafts, and party games, celebrating the birth of our Savior. We will be collecting new unwrapped toys to donate to families in need. Families of all sizes and ages are welcome to join us!



# RESULTS OF "SIMPLY GIVE" FALL CAMPAIGN

Earlier in November, we received these financial blessings for CTK's Food Pantry. God's grace worked through CTK worshipers, other Meijer customers, Meijer vendor partners, and Meijer's corporate donations. Here are the results from our Southgate Meijer transactions:

Donation Card Sales	\$ 680
Double Match Days Sales	1,740
Meijer Double Match	3,480
<u>Additional Program Donations</u>	<u>123</u>
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$7,130</b>



Meijer Simply Give cards allow us to buy bread, milk, cheese, margarine and eggs each week. We are serving what we currently consider our maximum number of clients each week: 72 families.

Our volunteers consider it a blessing to serve our community through the CTK Food Pantry. Jesus brings joy with His gifts, which are many!

Pastor Harry for The Thirty (volunteers)

P.S. For Thanksgiving at the Pantry, a couple, whom I will identify as "D" and "J," provided 32 additional turkeys to be given to clients. God brings great surprises.



CTK FAMILY CONNECTION MINISTRY

## Birthday Party for Jesus

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST - 10:30 A.M.  
TRENTON RD CAMPUS

JOIN US FOR CAKE, CRAFTS, AND GAMES AS  
WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR!

PLEASE BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED  
TOY TO DONATE TO A FAMILY IN  
NEED.



Rooted in Christ Youth Group Presents

# Youth Babysitting

Need to do Holiday Shopping?

Have a Holiday Party to attend?

Want to wrap gifts with out little eyes?

**Let the Youth Group entertain the kids!**

**Starting Black Friday through Dec 22nd**

(Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday After Church hours)

**Dates: Nov 29, Nov 30 & Dec 1**

**Dec 6, 7 & 8 Dec 13, 14 & 15 Dec 20, 21 & 22**

**You must sign up! This is NOT a drop in!**

**Cost: \$10 per hour**

(If you have multiple children we will discuss price)

**Location: Penn Campus**

To sign up  
please contact:

Gina at [gmd.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:gmd.lwml@gmail.com)

or 734.626.2329



## Save the Date **HAVE A HEART FUNDRAISER**

**Join us for a FABULOUSLY FUN, adult only evening to support Children's Hope Chest!**

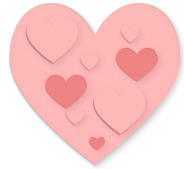
**Friday, February 28, 2025; 6 - 10pm  
Brickhouse Brands**

**PLEASE NOTE: upstairs room (No elevator)  
2935 Biddle Ave.**

**Wyandotte, MI 48192**

**\$50 per ticket**

**\*\* More details to follow soon \*\***



## Have a Heart Fundraiser 2025



### **Who can help?**



Fellow members, we had such a huge response to the Have a Heart Fundraiser that we had in February, 2024 (in lieu of the 2023 golf outing), so much so that we'd like to do it again! Tentatively, we would have this event on Friday, February 28, 2025. All proceeds would benefit Children's Hope Chest.

**We need 2-3 people dedicated to getting donations from local businesses, whether it be gift cards, gift baskets or other merchandise to use in gift baskets.**

If you are interested in helping please contact Deanna Warrington, 313.505.1704; Jennifer Gepes, 734.775.1972; Cindy Burley, 734.752.2349; Joe Lambrecht, 313.805.4621



CTK **ROOTED** Youth Group Presents  
IN CHRIST

# Sweetheart Dance

Kids (Girls & Boys) can bring adult of their choice!

\$30 per  
couple  
\$10 add'l child

February  
8th

6 pm-  
8pm

**CTK Pennsylvania Rd Campus Gym**

Tickets can be purchased at the door

Snacks & Refreshments available

For more info or to purchase advance tickets:

Gina at [gmd.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:gmd.lwml@gmail.com)

**Advent Folders** contain a quarter holder for each day of Advent, which helps serve as a daily reminder to pray for those in need. The quarters you place in your Advent folders are distributed to the Alms and Scholarship Funds. As the cold winter months approach, the need is always great.

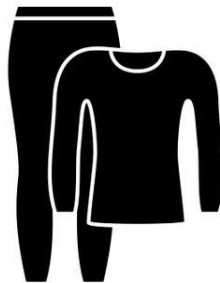


At CTK we endeavor to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our congregational members. Thanks to your generosity we can help those in need. If you'd like to pick up an Advent folder, they are available at the Welcome Desk at TR Rd. If you would like to have an Advent Folder mailed to you directly, please contact the church office or email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me). You also have an opportunity to give online towards Advent Folders. God bless your giving!

## **Thermal Donations for ChristNet**

It's that time of year again! We are in need of thermals for ChristNet to help keep the homeless warm during the winter season. Collection will be now through Dec. 8. You can place donations in the collection bin by the Welcome Center. We are in need of all sizes, from medium-3XL for both men and women.

If any questions or concerns, please text or call Dawn Prim at 734-308-1853.



## ***Mark Your Calendars*** ***2025 Euchre Dates***

**Jan. 11, Feb. 15, Mar. 8, Apr. 5, May 17,  
Sept. 13 & Oct. 11**



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

**Advent By Candlelight:** The women of CTK and their friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship, delicious food, and beautiful music and scripture readings, as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Please join us on Saturday, December 7th at 1:00 P.M. for a special Advent by Candlelight event. We will begin with a special service, and then proceed to the West Gallery for appetizers, desserts, and coffee. We will not be assigning tables or table hosts, but there will be plenty of room for everyone to mingle and spend time with their sisters in Christ. We will have a sign up for appetizers and desserts. Please sign up online or at the Welcome Desk. We look forward to spending this beautiful afternoon with you! Please contact Jackie Brooks at [jacquelinbrooks12@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinbrooks12@gmail.com).



## Advent By Candlelight

*Saturday, December 7th*

**1:00 - 3:00 P.M.**

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

*Schedule for the afternoon:*


12:30 P.M.- Doors Open - Coffee and fellowship in the West Gallery

1:00 P.M. - Proceed to sanctuary for Christmas hymns and readings

2:00 - 3:00 P.M. - Dessert, coffee bar, and fellowship in the West Gallery

**We will not be assigning tables or table hosts, but there will be plenty of room for everyone to mingle and spend time with their sisters in Christ.**

*We do ask that each attendee bring an appetizer or dessert to share.  
Please sign up at the Welcome Center or online.*



Please Join us for

Advent by Candlelight  
AFTERNOON TEA

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SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 7TH

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1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 P.M.

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WITH THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE THAT ACCOMPANIES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, THE ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR. WE WILL BEGIN THE AFTERNOON WITH HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS IN THE SANCTUARY. FOLLOWING THE SERVICE WE INVITE ALL OF OUR GUESTS TO JOIN US IN THE WEST GALLERY FOR APPETIZERS, DESSERTS, AND COFFEE.

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





## Youth Group Calendar December 2024

1	Youth Group 6-8 PM
8	Youth Group 6-8 PM
15	DYC Party @ Trinity Wyan. 4-6 PM
22	Christmas Party @ CTK 6-8 PM
29	Youth Group 6-8 PM

## Fundraising

- ⇒ Nov 29 (Black Friday) - Dec 22— Fri, Sat & Sun - Babysitting
- ⇒ Jan 18, 2025 - Pasta/Salad Dinner
- ⇒ Jan - Feb - Super Bowl Subs
- ⇒ Feb 8 - Sweetheart Dance
- ⇒ TBD - Envelope Wall
- ⇒ Lent Dinners - March 5 - April 9
- ⇒ Vendor/Craft Show April 5
- ⇒ Scrapbooking/Craft Day May 3



*Youth Group Babysitting for the Holidays  
Weekends Beginning Nov 29th (Black Friday)*

*Penn Campus*

*This is not a drop-in service!*

*Please contact Gina to arrange dates/times*

Join us for  
Pasta Bar & Salad Bar  
Saturday, January 18, 2025  
Serving dinner 4 PM - 8 PM

3 Pasta Choices  
3 Sauce Choices  
Salad Bar



**Praying  
Partners**

**Would you like to be a Prayer Partner for  
one of our six youth going to the National  
Youth Gathering? Please contact Gina at  
[gmd.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:gmd.lwml@gmail.com).**

**Jesus & Donuts with Gina**

**Sunday AM Bible Study**

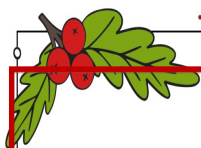
**Cana Room**



# Christmas Gift Basket Schedule

- Want to **adopt** a family? Please call (734-285-9695 x 210) or email [Lisa@ctk.me](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me) anytime now until December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Family Names in need are taken now through Sunday, December 8
- Toy Basket Assembly: Tuesday, December 17, from 9-11:30am, East Gallery (volunteers welcome)
- Food Pickup from Kroger (9:00am) and Food Basket Assembly: Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, TR Rd. Foyer (Narthex) area 11:30am (volunteers welcome)
- Basket Pickup: Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, TR Rd. Church doors (volunteers welcome)

**Please check out the Giving Tree outside the Sanctuary doors for donations for the Christmas Basket Ministry. Donations need to be received by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance.**



## **Christmas Toy Basket Donations:**

We are planning the need for Christmas assistance to be, once again, higher this year. The following donations would be greatly appreciated. All donations are very much appreciated and would need to be at the TR Rd. church office or in the marked bin in the West Gallery by the week ending **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you so much!

- \$5-\$10 gift cards from Dollar Tree, Meijer, Target, or Five Below (please bring to the church office)
- Any small stuffed animals, toys, books, board games, barbies, action figures, craft kits, science kits, socks, hats, gloves, etc.
- We will also have a need for teenage (up to 18yrs old) items, such as makeup items, gloves, hats, card games, socks, body soap, cologne, perfume, purses, etc.

**If you would like to adopt a family, contact Lisa to get all your questions answered. Each family receives a food basket so items requested could be toys, coats, boots, shoes or clothes for the children or household items if the family is in need. Talk to me about dollar amounts and/or monetary donations.**

Lisa Demou





# Christmas Worship SCHEDULE

**\*\* All services at 15600 Trenton Rd.**

## Advent Service

Wed., December 4      3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

## Preschool Christmas Program

Mon., December 9 - 6:00 p.m.      TR Sanctuary

## Children's Christmas Program

Wed., December 11 - 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.      TR Gym

Thurs., December 12 - 6:30      TR Gym

## Advent Service

Wed., December 18      3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

## Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24 (Candlelight Services)  
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

## Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25 -10:00 a.m.  
w/Holy Communion

## New Year's Eve Service

Tuesday, December 31 -7:00 p.m.  
w/Holy Communion





**The Donation Station is open on Thursdays from 12:00 – 2:00 and Saturdays 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](mailto:carol@ctk.me) or 734-281-3773.**

### ***Donation Station***

**Needs Christmas Cookies: If you like to bake, would you mind sending some baked goods to the D.S. on Thursdays and Saturdays during the Christmas season? Just put them on a plate or in a Ziploc bag and drop them off at the Resale shop at your convenience. The Station is open from 10:00 – 12:00 on Thursdays, and 12:00 to 2:00 on Saturdays. For more information contact [carol@ctk.me](mailto:carol@ctk.me)**

### ***Donation Station Urgent Need***

**Keeping ahead of the clothes for sale at the D.S. has become an almost insurmountable task. So we are trying to form a group of people (men or women) who could give us one hour a week to help hang up clothes. The group will work from 1:00 – 2:00 on Wednesdays. If this sounds like a ministry you may enjoy, please contact [carol@ctk.me](mailto:carol@ctk.me) or 734-281-3773.**

# Thank You

Dear Pastor Jay and the entire Donation Station Team,

We want to express our deepest gratitude to you for being the hands and feet of God during such a difficult time for our family's friends. Your kindness and generosity in allowing them to take any necessary home goods & furniture after they lost everything in a fire meant so much to them & to us!! Your support not only provided them with much-needed comfort, but it also showed them the love and compassion of Christ in a tangible way. Your quick & willing response made a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for everything you do to serve not only your Church family, but all in need of help, encouragement and assistance within our community!

With heartfelt appreciation,

The Ballard Family



## GriefShare

**GriefShare** – Newcomers are always welcome. Anyone interested can call Teresa Samson at 734.282.8012 for information. We meet Monday evenings, through December 9th, from 6-8pm in the Upper Room. Please continue praying for this ministry.





I have learned that there are two major things that define Lutheran theology. The first one is Justification by grace alone, through faith alone. This means that there is only one way to salvation: Jesus, and Jesus alone. Article 4 of the Augsburg Confession is on Justification, and Martin Luther famously said that Article 4 is the article on which the church will stand or falls. The second big thing that I am learning that defines Lutheran theology is tension. We as Lutherans don't try to answer questions that God doesn't answer for us. For example, we believe that Jesus body and blood is really and fully present in the bread and wine in communion. We believe that because that's what scripture says. How can that be true? We don't try to answer that question because God has decided not to give us that answer. Maybe the most important tension is the tension that we all feel as Christians, who are in fact saved by grace, covered in the blood of Jesus, and yet we see and experience pain and suffering in the world around us. We live in two truths at the same time – we still live in a fallen and broken world, and we are living eternal lives, even now in this life. And the reality is sometimes that doesn't make sense to us, but we still believe it. One day faith will be sight, and there will be no more tension in our lives, and until that day we hold onto the one thing that God has revealed to us that really matters: Jesus.

**Seminary Update:** I am finishing my last assignment for my fall class which is an exegetical course on the Old Testament. My next class is also exegetical, but on the New Testament. Hopefully I will enjoy that as much as the OT class! My next class is on campus at the Seminary in St. Louis after Christmas. My family will be staying at home for this one because it is during the school year, but my classmates and I are staying in a house all together, so that will be great! Thank you for your prayers and support!

God's Peace, Pastor Brooks

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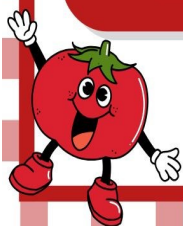


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# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2024

*"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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## Service Project



Thanks to your generosity, \$600 was donated from the November Bake Sale to benefit the Children's HopeChest. The final Bake Sale will be on December 15.

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## Did 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!

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## Keep informed....



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

# December Events

So much fun and excitement coming in December! We will have Popcorn and a movie, do a craft and study Advent, have a family Sunday School/Bible Study and Bible Bucks will be on December 8!

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## Jesus Is The Reason

Our Sunday School children have spent this entire Fall hearing stories that took place after Jesus rose from the dead. Our lessons took us to the early Christian Church, as we watched it grow. We walked with Peter and John and saw the miracles they performed. We traveled with Paul and Barnabas on amazing missionary journeys. We discovered that the good news of Jesus spread, not only to the Jewish people, but Gentiles as well. We witnessed whole families being baptized. Everywhere these followers of Christ went they shared the Good News of Jesus. Now the month of December has arrived, and we are excited and ready to once again celebrate Christmas. With everything we've been learning, it's now our turn to share the news that Jesus was sent to this earth to be our Savior!

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# Pastor's Message

Fine, I admit it. I got caught up in the Mike Tyson-Jake Paul fight. Yes, I was one of the lemmings fighting the buffering and network connections. Allow me to offer my defense. Mike (yes, I call him "Mike") and I were born in the same year, one of the many things we have in common. We're only a few months apart, which means when Mike was in his early 20s, slugging his way through the heavyweight ranks. I was captivated. Here's a guy my age performing at the highest level of his sport. His fall was as spectacular as his rise. and he's always been a polarizing figure. I couldn't help but wonder if the 58-year version of Mike would look like the one in his early 20s. He did not, yet another thing Mike and I have in common. This month we observe the miracle of the incarnation. God in His wisdom became flesh, born in the same way we all are. Yet Jesus did not sin so that He could offer His very flesh as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. 2,000 years later, Jesus looks very much like he did in his early 30s. Risen. Glorified. Victorious over death and the grave. Seated at the right hand of God. Believed upon as the Son of God and confessed as the Savior of the world. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Merry Christmas.



In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer

