

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ADVENT SERVICE** Join us Wednesday, December 18, for our final Advent service. We will be singing many of our favorite Christmas hymns and carols.

**SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** will be held Thursday, December 19th at 7pm in the West Gallery. At that time, we will present our budget for 2025, vote for Vestry positions and share what's going on at CTK.

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Sunday, December 22 at 3pm at Christ The King Lutheran, Trenton Rd. Sanctuary. This is a free event.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**Candlelight Services at 5pm, 7p, and 9pm**  
(Children's Choir and Praise Band at 5 and 7pm;  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra at 9pm)

**Pastor Jason Cashmer**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 a.m. w/Holy Communion; Pastor Jason Cashmer

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

7:00 p.m. w/Holy Communion; Pastor PJ Brooks

**DO YOU ENJOY VACUUMING?** We need volunteers to help vacuum the church after the 9pm Christmas Eve service. If you are able to help immediately after the service or on Christmas Day, before the 10am service, please contact the church office at 734.285.9695, ext. 100. **This is very important, as we need to get the wax from the candles off of the carpet as soon as possible. This is a great role opportunity for Confirmation students.**

**BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY** Please join us Saturday at 6pm in the West Gallery and Sunday at 10:00 am in the gym. Coffee and refreshments are served at both Bible studies.

**BRING YOUR KIDS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!** Our teachers and curriculum are top notch! The Sunday School Office, (also known as The Commons), is located across from the PreK/K classroom. Please stop by for classroom location or if you have questions. It's never too late to begin attending Sunday School. You can register at any time!

**YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY** Join us for Jesus and Donuts with Gina (7th-12th grade; Confirmation students are welcome to join when class is not in session.) We meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour in the Cana Room.

**PARENT AND TOT CLASS** We meet in the nursery (by the South door) during Bible class hour, just outside the PA Rd Sanctuary. Mandy Boelter leads this class. You and your littles are welcome to study God's Word at the appropriate level.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** We meet each Wednesday in the PA Rd Fellowship Center. We continue our topical study of the Holy Spirit. Nancy Kurtz leads. All ladies are welcome.

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** We meet each Wednesday at 8am at PA Rd in the Fellowship Center. Come join us!

**STEWARDSHIP**

**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 Online" 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, using your banking account information, rather than a card number, will 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 the church. Thank you for your faithfulness!

**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS** Taxpayers over the age of 70 1/2 are able to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs 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.

**2024 CONTRIBUTIONS** Just a reminder that, per IRS regulations for tax purposes, in order to be listed on your 2024 statement, contributions must be received no later than 12/31/2024. If you are giving online or texting, please be sure to process your gift no later than 12/27/24 to allow enough processing time.

2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
General Fund Giving/Tuition	\$2,316,953
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$2,358,370

**SCRAP METAL** lying around? Bring it to the scrap dumpster at PA Rd Campus. If your scrap item is too large, please leave it in front of/beside the dumpster. We are sorry but, at this time, we are unable to pick up scrap. 2024 YTD \$2,383.50

**BOTTLE/CAN DONATIONS** can be dropped off in the bin near door #1 of the Admin Bldg. at PA Rd. Proceeds go toward roof repairs at the PA Rd Campus. Thank you for your generosity. 2024 YTD \$774.60

**PAPER RECYCLE BINS** are located by the Admin Bldg. near the trash and scrap/recycle dumpsters. 2024 YTD \$28.25

**"C" DOLLARS** 2024 YTD \$1,060

**DONATIONS**

**GREETING CARD MINISTRY** needs birthday cards for teens and young adults. If able to donate, please drop them off in the Church Office.

**CTK'S FOOD PANTRY** Food or monetary donations are always appreciated. Food donations may be dropped off at the church office. Money can be given in your offering and designated: "Food Pantry."

**EYEGLASSES FOR MOST MINISTRIES** All types of glasses are accepted. Please place in the baskets provided in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd.

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December 14 and 15, 2024**

**Trenton Rd Campus**

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

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**BIBLE CLASS**

6:00 p.m.

**BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

**9:00 a.m. via YouTube**

*(Christ The King Lutheran Church and School Channel)*

**Pennsylvania Rd Campus**

**16700 Pennsylvania Rd, Southgate, MI 48195**

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

**Church  
School  
Day Care**



**734.285.9695  
734.285.9697  
734.285.8525**

**Rev. Jason Cashmer, Senior Pastor**

**Ext. 130**

**Rev. PJ Brooks, Associate Pastor**

**Ext. 200**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 3pm. The office will close at noon on Dec. 24, and closed on Dec. 25 and 26.

**Our Ministry Statement:** *At Christ The King, we believe life is only complete when a person trusts in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and friend. We believe disciples of Christ introduce their relatives, friends, and neighbors to this Savior. We are dedicated to discipling people in all stages of life by offering understanding, love, support, acceptance, and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit equips this body of believers to seek the lost in our community, involving them in active discipleship.*

**Members and visitors**, we extend a warm greeting and ask you to register your attendance by signing in the "Ritual of Fellowship" clipboard. **If you are a first or second-time guest**, please indicate your address so we may send you a thank you letter. We're glad you are here! Please come again!

**HOLY COMMUNION**

According to God's Word, we at Christ The King practice "Communion Fellowship." Those communing with us have the following four fellowship ties:

1. They are baptized in the name of the Triune God. *(Matt. 28:19)*
2. They are willing to confess their sins, seeking God's forgiveness through Christ. *(1 Corinthians 11:28)*
3. They recognize the real presence of Christ in the blessed bread and wine. *(1 Corinthians 11:29)*
4. They have a desire to live a God-pleasing life. *(1 Thess. 4:1-2)* Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the trays and is a lighter color than the regular wine. Children receiving communion must be in the 5th grade and have completed the Early Communion Class here at CTK.

**NURSERY** (located by the South door entrance) is open from 8:50am to noon for all children 3 and under. Please feel free to use the nursery as long as you need it.

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING**

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

**4:00 p.m. Downriver Circuit Youth Party @ Trinity**

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 16**

**Pastor Jay’s Day off**

- 6:30 p.m. Combined Christmas Music Rehearsal

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 17**

**Mr. Bode’s Day off**

- 8:00 a.m. Toolbelt Tuesday**
- 6:30 p.m. Gather & Grow Book Club Meeting

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 18**

- 8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study**
- 9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study**
- 3:30 p.m. Advent Service
- 5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Service

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 19**

- 3:45 p.m. King’s Ringer’s Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. East Band Rehearsal

**FRIDAY – DECEMBER 20**

**HALF DAY SCHOOL**

- 7:30 a.m. Prayer Vigil

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 21**

- 10:00 a.m. Combined Christmas Music Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Family Connect Birthday Party for Jesus
- 5:00 p.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Downriver Community Band Christmas Concert
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party @ CTK**

**BOLD=Held at Pennsylvania Rd Campus**

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** You can now pick up your envelopes. They are located in the main gallery, in front of the Psalms and Proverbs bookstore, through January 19th. If you would like to request envelopes, you may complete the form on the envelope table in the West Gallery, email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me) or call the church office. God bless your giving!

2024	Last Week	YTD Average
Church Attendance	585	619
Bible Class	110	103
Sunday School	71	45
Visitors	87	106

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**FAMILY CONNECTION MINISTRY** Join us for a **birthday party for Jesus** on Saturday, December 21st at 10:30am at Trenton Rd! 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!

**GATHER & GROW BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 to 8pm, for a Potluck & White Elephant Book Game. We will discuss “The Vanishing at Castle Moreau” and “Lost December.” For the potluck, feel free to bring a hot dish, cold dish, dessert, or snack! White elephant book game rules: Each person brings a wrapped book to the party (don’t put your name on it, since it will remain secret). The book can be funny, a book you love, a book you want to get rid of, or a book that you picked up from the DS for this occasion. Just bring any book! Hope to see everyone there!

**HAVE A HEART FUNDRAISER Save the date!** Join us for a FABULOUSLY FUN, adult only evening to support Children’s HopeChest! Friday, February 28, 2025, 6 to 10pm, Brickhouse Brands – upstairs room (No elevator), 2935 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte. \$50 per ticket. More details to follow soon! \*\*We are still looking for 1-2 people to help with getting donations/gift baskets. Please contact Deanna Warrington at 313.505.1704, if interested.

**2025 CALENDARS**, courtesy of John Molnar Funeral Home, are available at the Welcome Center.

**CHRISTMAS TOY BASKET DONATIONS** The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

- \$5-\$10 gift cards from Dollar Tree, Meijer, Target, or Five Below
- Any small stuffed animals, toys, barbie’s, action figures, books, board games, socks, hats, gloves, etc.
- We will also have a need for teenage (up to 18 yrs. old) items, such as makeup items, male toiletries, gloves, hats, card games, socks, etc.

All donations are very much appreciated and would need to be dropped off in the church office or in the West Gallery marked bin by the weekend of December 15th. Thank you so much!

**EUCHRE DATES FOR 2025** Jan. 11, Feb. 15, March 8, April 5, May 17, Sept. 13, and Oct. 11. **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; 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)

**CHILDREN’S HOPECHEST MINISTRY** You can sign up any time. To learn more at [www.hopechest.org/san-antonio-2](http://www.hopechest.org/san-antonio-2). Please keep this ministry in your prayers!



**PRAYER OPPORTUNITY**

**PRAYER TIME** is a vital part of our communication with God. Come pray with us at the FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL, 7:30 a.m., Trenton Rd. Sanctuary.

**YOUTH GROUP**

**“ROOTED IN CHRIST” YOUTH GROUP** Below are the youth activities for the upcoming weeks. Questions? Contact the Youth leader, Gina Davidson, at [hsyouth@ctk.me](mailto:hsyouth@ctk.me).

- December 15: Downriver Youth Circuit Party @ Trinity, Wyandotte, 4 to 6pm
- December 22: Youth Christmas Party @ CTK from 6 to 8pm
- December 29: Youth Group from 6 to 8pm

**SPRINGHILL** 6th through 12th grade youth. January 10-12, 2025 Cost is \$300 per person. Registration forms are available near the youth bulletin board in the West Gallery. Email Gina with questions.

**YOUTH GROUP BABYSITTING FOR THE HOLIDAYS** Weekends beginning November 29th (Black Friday) at PA Rd Campus. Cost is \$10 per hour. (If you have multiple children, we will discuss price.) This is not a drop-in service. Please contact Gina at [gmd.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:gmd.lwml@gmail.com) or 734.626.2329 to arrange dates/times.

**DONATION STATION NEWS**

**THE DONATION STATION is open Thursdays from 12 to 2pm and Saturdays from 10am to noon.** Drop off donated items to the Bldg. #9 covered overhang. **MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE BABY CLOTHES, POTS/PANS/KITCHEN ITEMS AND JEWELRY.** Please DO NOT bring furniture, appliances, electronics, big outside machinery, exercise/sports equipment, and bicycles. You can volunteer to help on Tuesdays from 9:00 to noon to get ready for weekly sales. Questions, 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. For more information, contact [carol@ctk.me](mailto:carol@ctk.me)

**VOLUNTEERS MINISTRY NEEDS**

**WATCH PATROL** is an important ministry to keep our church safe. Volunteers go through the building in the evening and make sure all doors are locked and lights turned off. Contact the church office for more information. This task takes about 30 minutes each night and is a week-long commitment, every six weeks or so.

**SUPPORT MINISTRIES**

**GRIEF: HEALING FROM LOSS** The fall session has ended. There were a lot of tears, laughter, conversation and, I pray, a lot of healing. Thank you, CTK, for your continued support of this program. Many have been helped by attending, making new friends, dealing with the challenges of grief, and finding their way to a new normal in their lives. God continues to bless the grieving through this program. The spring session should be starting in March. If you'd like more information on GriefShare, visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or contact Teresa at 734.282.8012.

**MOMS ON WHEELS FOR PRE/POST-SURGERY** We offer a meal for members. Please contact Carrie Atwood at 313.779.6554 or [momsonwheels@ctk.me](mailto:momsonwheels@ctk.me) for more information. Meals are cooked with your preferences and food allergies in mind.

**A NEW BABY in your home?** Moms on Wheels will provide 3 dinners for your family (free of charge). Contact Carrie Atwood at [momsonwheels@ctk.me](mailto:momsonwheels@ctk.me) or 313.779.6554. If you would be willing to **cook a meal for new moms, please let Carrie know!**