#### **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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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.

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

# **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.



- 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 ½ 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 STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
General Fund Giving/Tuition	\$2,322,108
Actual Expenses (As of November 30)	\$2,237,260
Excess	\$84,848

**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 \$1,082

# 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.



December 21 and 22, 2024 Trenton Rd Campus

15600 Trenton Rd, Southgate, MI 48195

WORSHIP SERVICE
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

BIBLE CLASS
6:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. via YouTube

(Christ The King Lutheran Church and School Channel)
Pennsylvania Rd Campus

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 Church
 734.285.9695

 School
 734.285.9697

 Day Care
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Rev. Jason Cashmer, Senior Pastor Rev. PJ Brooks, Associate Pastor Ext. 130 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.

<u>Our Ministry Statement:</u> 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 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

### **MONDAY - DECEMBER 23**

## Pastor Jay's Day off

6:30 p.m. Combined Christmas Music Rehearsal

#### **TUESDAY - DECEMBER 24**

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON**

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

## **WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 25**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service w/Communion

#### **THURSDAY – DECEMBER 26**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON** 

## FRIDAY - DECEMBER 27

7:30 a.m. Prayer Vigil

### **SATURDAY – DECEMBER 28**

5:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

## **SUNDAY – DECEMBER 29**

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

10:00 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

3:00 p.m. Downriver Community Band Christmas Concert

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

#### **BOLD=Held at Pennsylvania Rd Campus**

# ALTAR FLOWERS

ALTAR FLOWERS are available for purchase, in memory or in honor of a loved one, i.e. for anniversaries, birthdays, etc. (Your honoree will be listed in the intercession list.) The sign-up chart is in the West Gallery. You may take your flowers home to enjoy, immediately following the 11am service. Cost is \$25 per vase. Payment may be placed in the offering basket or you may give online or via text. Please designate "altar flowers."

# 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.

2024	Last Week	YTD Average
Church Attendance	619	619
Bible Class	110	103
Sunday School	78	46
Visitors	101	106

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PSALMS & PROVERBS BOOKSTORE** Christmas is approaching fast! Are you ready? Stop by the bookstore for your last-minute shopping! The store has stocking-stuffers, Bibles and books for kids and adults, jewelry and more! The bookstore is a convenient place to shop, with great items for your gift giving needs.

**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 <a href="mailto:kelly@ctk.me">kelly@ctk.me</a> or call the church office. God bless your giving!

**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.

**PASTA & SALAD BAR** Join us Saturday, January 18 in the Trenton Rd cafeteria for a pasta bar dinner, sponsored by the youth group. We'll serve from 4 to 8pm. Three pasta choices, 3 sauce choices and a salad bar. Freewill offering will be accepted. (Suggested donation, \$10/adult.)

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.

**GROCERY BAGS FOR FOOD PANTRY** Thank you for all the donations! For now, we are done collecting. We will be asking for more bags in February.

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

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN** or would like a visit from a spiritual care elder? Contact Harry Dutka at <a href="https://hdt.nd

**DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?** Announcements for this page are due by noon on Wednesday. You may e-mail them to susan@ctk.me

CHILDREN'S HOPECHEST MINISTRY You can sign up any time. To learn more at <a href="www.hopechest.org/san-antonio-2">www.hopechest.org/san-antonio-2</a>. Please keep this ministry in your prayers!



#### 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.

- 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 <a href="mailto:gmd.lwml@gmail.com">gmd.lwml@gmail.com</a> 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 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

### **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 weeklong 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 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 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 <a href="mailto:momsonwheels@ctk.me">momsonwheels@ctk.me</a> or 313.779.6554. If you would be willing to cook a meal for new moms, please let Carrie know!