

CTK Communiqué

May 2025



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

CTK Church - Pennsylvania Rd. Campus

16700 Pennsylvania Rd., Southgate, MI 48195

Main Phone: (734)285-9695

Childcare Center - Pennsylvania Rd. Campus

Child Care Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Child Care Phone: (734)285-8525



Trenton Road Campus

Thursday Worship 7:00 PM

(Begins May 22)

Saturday Worship 5:00 PM

Bible Study 6:00 PM

Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

**Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00-10:45 AM**



FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Financial Snapshot – Through March 2025

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>March 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 130,119.33	\$ 390,619.88
Tuition	\$ 127,019.31	\$ 306,741.19
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 257,138.64	\$ 697,361.07
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 195,496.00	\$ 635,362.00
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ 61,642.64	\$ 61,999.07

	<u>March 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 257,138.64	\$ 697,361.07
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$ 213,286.14	\$ 641,802.95
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	\$ 43,852.50	\$ 55,558.12

Thank you, CTK members, for your faithful stewardship! The first quarter has been blessed with God's power working through the family of Christ. We pray that we can continue to excel in this grace, so that we can be ambassadors for Christ, witnessing to His resurrection, especially during this Easter season. "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20



memorials & gifts

*In Memory of Clifford
and Nancy Bielby*

To Alms Fund, given by:
Judy Bielby

*In Memory of
Tim Blackburn*

To Food Pantry, given by:
Sylvia Ziesmer

To Alms Fund, given by:
Judy Bielby

*In Memory of
Beverly Creutz*

To Memorial Fund,
given by:

M/M Norm Miller
M/M Andrew Ferrans
M/M Mark Wrase

To Food Pantry, given by:
Sylvia Ziesmer

To Alms Fund, given by:
Judy Bielby
Jean Orvosh

Gifts to School, given by:
Joyce Shoup

*In Memory of
Ann Grahf*

To Food Pantry, given by:
Sylvia Ziesmer

*In Memory of
Dallas Heine*

To Food Pantry, given by:
Gleason Heine

In Memory of Greg Seel

To Memorial Fund, given
by:
M/M Brian Stokely

*In Memory of
Douglas Wieneke*

To Alms Fund given by:
Judy Bielby

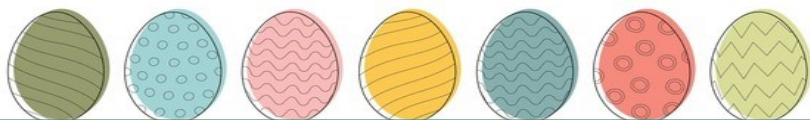


*Birthday
Blessings*

Birthday Blessings

Joyce Shoup
March 28

Thank you very much



“Egg”stra big thanks to everyone able to donate candy, making time to stuff eggs, and for setting up the Easter Egg Hunt. The kids enjoyed seeing the Easter Bunny and collecting all the goodies.

CTK Childcare Employment

We're on the hunt for several amazing assistant teachers to wrangle our little bundles of joy—infants, toddlers, twos, and the fabulous 3 & 4-year-olds! If you have a flexible schedule and a heart full of passion for teaching tiny humans, we want you! This part-time gig pays by the hour, based on your experience, and we need superheroes to swoop in during shifts from 12 to 6, 2 or 3 times a week. Come join the fun!

Contact:

Jessica Anderson , Christ The King Childcare Center Director
734-285-8525 or daycare@ctk.me

ALTAR FLOWERS



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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.”

Scrap Metal, Cans/Bottles & Capital Fund Drive Fundraising

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total (since 2006)</u>
"C" Dollars	\$	1,380.00	\$ 1,278.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 25,554.00
Scrap Metal	\$	2,925.99	\$ 2,383.50	\$ 508.76	\$ 57,527.46
Bottles	\$	2,888.54	\$ 774.60	\$ 161.60	\$ 45,396.44
Paper Recycle	\$	52.26	\$ 28.25	\$ 5.03	\$ 803.67

(As of:4/8/25)

A reminder to all of our members and visitors that use text giving: please make sure that Christ The King Lutheran Church, Southgate, MI is the link that comes up when you text "CTKGIVE" to 73256. It has been brought to our attention that occasionally another Christ The King church link is listed. Thank you for your tithe.



GriefShare

MEETING DATES & TOPICS:

**CTK – 15600 Trenton Rd, Southgate
Mondays 6:00-8:00pm in the Upper Room**

Our GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

- May 5th** Grief & Your Household
- May 12th** Grief & Your Friendships
- May 19th** Questions for God
- May 26th** Stuck in Grief
- June 2nd** Hope & Resilience
- June 9th** What Do I Live For Now?

Contact Teresa Samson with questions at
734-282-8012 or tsamson50@yahoo.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 2	End of Year School Field Trip	All Day	Off-Site
May 2	Scrapbooking Fundraiser Set-Up	5:00-7:00	PA Rd.
May 3	Scrapbooking Fundraiser	8:00 8:00	PA Rd.
May 9	School VIP Day	8:30-11:30	TR
May 12	Red Cross Blood Drive	1:00-6:45 PM	TR
May 16	FCM—Movie Night	5:30 PM	TR
May 17	Euchre Night	7:00 PM	TR
May 18	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	8:30-10:30 AM	TR
May 19	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:30 PM	TR
May 21	59+ Group - I Love Lucy	1:00 PM	TR
May 22	Thurs. Memorial Day Worship	7:00 PM	TR
May 23	No School		TR
May 26	No School & Offices Closed	All Day	TR/PA
May 29	Thursday Worship	7:00 PM	TR
May 30	Preschool Last Day of School	All Day	TR
June 1	Kindergarten Graduation	2:00 PM	TR
June 5	School Field Day	All Day	TR
June 6	Last Day of School	All Day	TR
June 6	8th Grade Graduation	7:00 PM	TR
June 11	FCM - Start of summer BBQ	5:00 PM	TR
June 16 - 20	Vacation Bible School	9:00 - 11:30	TR

Weekly Events:

Tuesdays:	Toolbelt Tuesday	8:00 AM	PA
Wednesdays:	Men's Bible Study	8:00 AM	PA
	Women's Bible Study	9:00 AM	PA
Thursdays:	Donation Station Open	12:00-2:00	PA
	Food Pantry	3:00 PM	PA
	Thursday Worship (start 5/22)	7:00 PM	TR
Saturdays:	Donation Station Open	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	PA
	Worship	5:00 PM	TR
	Adult Bible Class	6:00 PM	TR
Sundays:	Worship	9:00 & 11:00 AM	TR
	Bible Class & Sunday School	10:00 AM	TR

Thursday Night Services

Join us for worship

on Thursday Nights

7:00 PM - May 22 through August 28

CTK - 15600 Trenton Rd.

Stay for an Ice Cream Social on:

- Thursday, May 22*
- Thursday, July 3*
- Thursday, August 28*



WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHE & GIFTS

- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](#).
- **Online:** Members may visit www.ctk.me and click on “MyCTK” at the top of the homepage to log in. Select “Giving” then “Give Now” to set up a one time or recurring payment.
- **Text:** Visitors/Members text ‘CTKGIVE’ to 73256 to receive a secured link. (It should open to Christ The King Lutheran, Southgate.
- **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.



Spiritual Care Ministry

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Jan. 1 – April 15th visits 581

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. The next meeting will be Monday, May 19th, at 6:30pm in the Cana Room, and we will be discussing chapters 13-25 of 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte. Thinking of joining our group? Stop by any of our meetings to see if this club is for you! Please call the church office for more information or to get on our Book Club email list.

Mark Your Calendars

2025 Euchre Dates

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 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

SAVE THE DATE

Blood Drive

Monday, May 12, 2025

1:00 - 6:45 PM

16700 Pennsylvania Rd.

Every drop counts! Save a life! Please donate. Appointments will be taken on a sign-up poster at Trenton Rd or you can visit the Red Cross website to sign-up at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome. Call Nancy Chambo at 734.776.5001 with any questions or to help.



The 30th CTK Annual Golf Scramble is being held on Saturday, August 16, at Sandy Creek in Monroe. Cost will be \$85 per golfer and includes cart, lunch at the turn, and a steak dinner. Shotgun start at 8am.

Golf Scramble



If you are interested in helping out for the event, or are a local business owner or individual able to donate items or baskets to raffle off, please contact Deanna Warrington at 313-505-1704, Jennifer Gepes at 734-775-1972, or Cindy Burley at 734-752-2349.



59+ Group:

Get your laugh on...it's Lucy video day with snacks of your choice to share with a friend. Join us May 21st from 1:00-2:15 in the Cana Room. Everyone welcome.

Church Office Hours

The church office hours are as follows:
Monday - Friday 8:30am to 3pm

Church Office Closed:
May 26, 2025—Memorial Day



Men's Bible Study

We meet each Wednesday at 8am at PA Rd in the Fellowship Center. Come join us!

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.

This Month in CTK History

The first Children's Confirmation class was confirmed on May 24, 1953. The Confirmation class of May, 1956 was unique in that it was ALL girls, 5 in total. In May, 1965, the first group of boys and girls were confirmed in the New Church. Other historical events for this month include: the Day School presented the first Spring Program in 1961. In 1963, the first Mother-Daughter banquet was held. The Day School held a "Spring Operetta" in May, 1968. Do you know anything about the Communion rails in the Sanctuary? Well, Mr. Harry Maves designed and installed the rails in May, 1975. Finally, in May, 2003, it was announced that Mrs. Marilyn Edenfield would be retiring at the end of the school year. Hope you enjoyed looking back through the CTK archives and learning some of the history that makes Christ The King Lutheran Church so special!



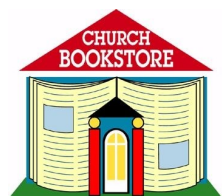
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Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

SPRING INTO THE BOOKSTORE!!

This month we celebrate some very special people in our lives. First, we celebrate our teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day, May 6th. On May 11, we celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day. Finally, our Confirmands will be confirmed on May 18. The bookstore has cards, gifts and books for all these special people and celebrations! Also, National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Thursday, May 1. Stop by the bookstore for something special for your special person or a book for National Prayer Day!





On May 4, this years Confirmation students will be meeting the Congregation at Bible Study. Pastor will introduce each one of them. They will also be meeting their special Prayer Sponsor face to face at this time.

May 18 is Confirmation Sunday. The following students will be confirmed in their faith at the 11:00 Worship Service:

Abigail JoAnna Aussicker: *"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death or life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love."*
Romans 8:38

Peyton Marie Erickson: *"Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:20

Lucas Mitchell Johnson: *"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* Matthew 28:20

Natasha Elizabeth Lowry: *"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged."* Deuteronomy 31:8-9

Braelynn Nicole Tackett: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* Psalm 46:1

Lewis Alexander Wuerker: *"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

CHRIST THE KING FOOD PANTRY

During our winter Meijer Simply Give Campaign, something encouraging occurred. A couple was going on vacation and realized that they would not be able to give on the Meijer Double Match Day. They gave me \$50 to present. That \$50 became \$150 because of their foresightedness.

You will see the placards going up the Sunday after Easter for the Meijer Simply Give spring campaign. Remember, one card can be used for any \$10 increment. There is only one Double Match Day: Saturday, June 14.

The winter campaign results will soon be received and announced.

Jesus remains faithful. Our volunteers remain trustworthy, and our clients remain appreciative.

Pastor Harry for "The 30" (volunteers)

Diaper Drive We will have our annual disposable Diaper Drive for the Lincoln Park Pregnancy Center. It will begin on Mother's Day (May 11) and conclude on Father's Day (June 15). Look for coupons or combine efforts with someone

DIAPER
DRIVE



Family Connection Ministry FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

When? Friday, May 16th at 5:30 P.M.

Where? Christ The King Trenton Road Campus Gym

What? Pizza, popcorn, a movie, and time to connect with other families. Bring your own blankets, pillows, and a drink!

Questions? Message us on the FCM Facebook page



Day School News

There is an appointed time for everything, and there is a time for every event under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

The time has come in our school year when we are busy preparing for all the end of the year festivities. During the month of May, we will hold our annual all-school field trip, this year to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Each of our student's will bring an important person to school on May 9 for our annual VIP Day. We'll host our athletic awards banquet, band and music concert, and the traditional eighth grade pie day. We look forward to celebrating our milestone end-of-the-year events!

God's Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner



UPCOMING DATES:

May 2: All-School field Trip
 May 9: VIP Day; 1/2 Day
 May 10: Final Tuition Payment Due
 May 19: Preschool Field Day
 May 23-26: Memorial Day Break
 May 30 Last Day of Preschool
 June 1: Kindergarten Graduation, 2pm
 June 4: K-8 Field Day

Full school calendar can be found at
www.ctkpanthers.com



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT has begun for the 2025-26 school year. If you or someone you know is seeking a preschool or K-8, please contact Chrissy Lambrecht at admissions@ctk.me or 734.486.2978. General information on our school is always available at www.ctkpanthers.com.



Each kit costs \$32 and includes 12 Dearborn Natural Casing Hot Dogs, 12 Buns, the Original American Coney Chili and an onion. The same as if you were to go downtown to the restaurant to eat!!

**ORDER WITH PAYMENT DUE TO GINA OR A
YOUTH GROUP MEMBER BY May 11**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Order **MUST** be picked up on Saturday, May 18th.
Time to be determined once our big order is placed
with American Coney.

Of Kits _____ x \$32 = _____



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 or 734-281-3773.

Donation Station Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesdays from 10:00 – 12:00:

On Tuesdays, we work in the Resale Station, getting the shop ready for our Thursday Sale Day. We price and shelf items, try to clean out the drop off overhang, dust, clean, reorganize shelves, if needed, etc. We give new volunteers options and hope they enjoy what they are doing well enough to come back again.

Wednesdays from 10: 00 – 12:00:

During this time, all we do is hang up clothes. This job can be done standing or sitting. This takes place in the office area of the Administration Building.





CTK Military Ministry

Are you a Service Member, a Veteran, or have a loved one who is? The links below may be of help to you or them.

Veteran Help

If you are a veteran or know a veteran who may be in crisis, free confidential support is available 24/7. Call the Veterans Crisis Line at 988 and press 1, send a text message to 838255 or chat online: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/>

National Chaplain Center “part of the VA Healthcare System, dedicated to providing the highest quality pastoral care to the veteran. Chaplains are on call 24/7. The mission of National VA Chaplain Service is to provide spiritual/religious care to all Veterans and their family members.”

patientcare.va.gov/chaplain/index.asp

National Guard Office of the Chaplain “A ready, reliable, and accessible chaplain service to ensure comprehensive religious support through presence, care, and hope.”

[nationalguard.mil/Leadership/Joint-Staff/ Special-Staff/Chaplain/](http://nationalguard.mil/Leadership/Joint-Staff/Special-Staff/Chaplain/)

U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps “minister wherever forces serve, providing a Spiritual Care response to the needs of service members, families and other authorized personnel, whether at home base or deployed.”

af.mil U.S.

Army Chaplaincy “provides religious support and advises on matters of spirituality and religion to build strong, ready teams to deploy, fight, and win our Nation’s wars as a unique and necessary branch of the Total Army that is fully engaged in Joint and multidomain operations in war and peace.”

army.mil/chaplaincorps/

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

va.gov

National Military Family Association “dedicated to serving all military families. Since 1969, NMFA has worked with families to identify and solve the unique challenges of military life.”

militaryfamily.org

LCMS *Warning Order* Newsletter

The LCMS publishes a monthly newsletter entitled the *Warning Order*. The newsletter contains articles and resources pertinent to its militarily connected audience focus. To receive the *Warning Order* newsletter, sign up using the following link: mailchi.mp/lcms/resources.

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces Ministry-by-Mail

Do you know a service member in our congregation? You can help our service members stay spiritually strong by enrolling them in the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces’ Ministry-by-Mail program. Service members receive materials in an initial packet when their name is submitted, and they regularly receive copies of *Portals of Prayer* along with *So Help Me God*, a quarterly newsletter from the LCMS. To add a member or update an address, call 800-248-1930, ext. 1337, or complete the online form at <https://form.jotform.com/32954787883980>.

The form asks for the Congregations information. This is what you’ll need:

Congregation Address:

15600 Trenton Rd.

Southgate, MI 48195

Congregation E-mail: staff@ctk.me



Military Ministry

Armed Forces Day 2025 – Saturday, May 17th

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense. (<https://afd.defense.gov>)

This celebration is unique to Memorial Day and Veterans Day in that it honors those currently in the armed forces for our country. The LCMS encourages congregations to remember and honor service personnel through prayer, recognition and providing resources.

Memorial Day 2025 – Monday, May 26th

Why do we celebrate Memorial Day? To honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the U.S. military in times of war and peace.

The History of Memorial Day (Resource: U.S. Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum <https://www.asomf.org/the-history-of-memorial-day/>)

May 5, 1866

Waterloo, New York held a community-wide event during which businesses closed, and residents decorated the graves of Civil War soldiers with flowers and flags. General John Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance. He stated:

“The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion [Civil War], and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.”

Logan declared this day as Decoration Day and chose May 30th because it wasn't the anniversary of any Civil War battle.

By 1890 each state had made Decoration Day an official state holiday.

After WWI the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as a Federal Holiday celebrated on the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. This act took effect in 1971.

Memorial Day Prayer

Sacrificing Savior,

At the end of the first World War, people gave thanks for the peace which had been won in the “war to end all wars.” They knew that humanity had learned its lesson; they thought we would remember the terrible cost. They were wrong. People forget. We forgot the sacrifice. We forgot the cost. Since then, nations have engaged in global conflicts and regional feuds. Memorial Day, set aside to remember is being used to grab an extra hour of sleep and cut the grass. Dear Lord, help us gratefully remember the ongoing sacrifices being made by our military. Let us remember Name and all the others for what they are doing. Most of all, let us remember Your sacrifice and the battle You won to secure our salvation. You fulfilled the laws we had broken, resisted the temptations that tripped us up, and died the death we deserved. Lord, for the only true victory over death may we always be grateful. Amen.

Scripture: “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men” (1 Timothy 2:5-6).



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Plain
Blueberry
Choc Chip

May 18

June 22

8:30 am - 10:30 am





Christ the King Lutheran Youth Group

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING DAY

SATURDAY, May 3, 2025

8:00 AM-8:00 PM

**\$45 for the
day**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Beverages and Snacks
included

16700 Pennsylvania Road, Southgate, MI

Do you SCRAPBOOK?

Do you KNIT, CROCHET OR CROSS STITCH?

Do you QUILT or SEW?

Any other craft???

COME JOIN US!!

Contact Gina gmd.lwml@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School

15600 Trenton Rd. Southgate

June 16-20, 9:00 - 11:30 AM
"STARS QUEST"

One Registration sheet per child, please.

Ages Pre-School 3yr old (completely potty trained) thru 6th grade

Child's Full Name: _____ Male/Female _____

Grade just completed: _____ DOB: _____

Allergies/Medical Concerns? _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Contact Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Siblings attending VBS: _____

Students will placed in their current grade or just completed grade.
If you would like siblings of different ages together, let us know on
the registration sheet, but each child will need their own registration
form.

I agree to let my child's picture be used in publicity for Christ The King
 Lutheran Church VBS - Yes/No (circle one please)

Christ The King VBS, June 16th – 20th

STARS QUEST

Registration for Ages 3yr old potty-trained thru 6th Grade opens in May 2025.

SAVE THE DATES: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 16 – 20

15600 TRENTON RD, 9:00-11:30AM

This year's theme is **STARS QUEST** and looking "Heaven Ward." Look for the sign-up poster in the West Gallery, as well as online, for class leaders (You don't have to teach, just watch kids and take them to each fun adventure), snack helpers, recreation leaders, set-up and take down, registration, crafts, singers and musicians. Also looking for three special "Stars" to help with opening and closing of VBS. If you are a person who would love to be a "star" during VBS. Contact Lisa@ctk.me or call the church office, at 734-285-9695, to join our team.



Youth Group Calendar May 2025

4	Youth Group 6-8 PM
11	Mother's Day - NO YOUTH
18	Pancake Breakfast
18	DYC Mt Hope 2-4 PM
25	Memorial Day - NO YOUTH

Fundraising

- ⇒ Scrapbooking/Craft Day May 3
- ⇒ May - Teal Envelope Wall
- ⇒ May - American Coney Kits
- ⇒ May 18 - Pancake Breakfast
- ⇒ June 22 - Pancake Breakfast



M & M Tube Fundraiser Report

167 Tubes we picked up.

120 Turned back in.

We raised just over \$1500!!!!

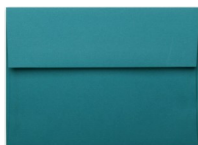
**Thank you for making this fundraiser
so much fun!!**



To order your kits please see order form in this newsletter or see Gina or a Youth Group Member.

The Youth Group THANKS you for your continued support!!!
We are approaching the big push of fundraising for the National Youth Gathering.

Please visit the envelope wall in May to “Get to Know” the 6 Youth Group Members who will be attending the National Youth Gathering this July in New Orleans!





Some of the best known Words in all of Scripture are the closing Words of Matthew. Jesus, speaking to the eleven, says, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.” We know these Words as the Great Commission. What I want you to notice about this mission that Jesus gave to the apostles is that it is long term, not short term. Baptizing a person only takes one day, but “making disciples” and “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” takes time. It takes years, maybe even a whole lifetime. And this is a group activity. This is a mission that we all carry out together; it’s not just for missionaries or pastors or people with the gift of evangelism. The mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ is for all of us, and you never know what is going to spark a fire in someone’s life: an invite to worship with you on a Sunday, or to attend a fellowship event together, letting someone know that you have been praying for them, or maybe a kind gesture done in the name of spreading the love of Jesus. Sometimes spreading the gospel can seem like a monumental task – and that’s because, well, it is a monumental task! But remember, God will do the heavy lifting. He promises to work in the world through His people, by His Word!

Seminary Update: I can see the light at the end of the tunnel of my Spring class, which is on Reformation History. I just have a few more weeks to go on this one, and then I will be headed to St. Louis in June for my Summer class. That one is another preaching class, which I am really looking forward to! Thank you for your support and for your prayers!

God’s Peace, Pastor Brooks





7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF MAY - 2025

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| 1. Trust the Lord to lead and love. | Ps. 23 {all} |
| 2. Never take revenge, leave that to God. | Rom. 12:19 |
| 3. Impossible situation? - all's possible with the Lord. | Matt. 14:15-21 |
| 4. Love God completely – with your whole heart! | Deut. 6:5 |
| 5. Don't carry burdens alone, ask other's help. | Gal. 6:2 |
| 6. God can use weaknesses for His glory. | II Cor. 12:9 |
| 7. Spend more time with Jesus not chores, | Matt. 11:29 |
| 8. Jesus gave everything to be with you! | Matt. 27:50 |
| 9. Begin your day asking God for focus. | Ps. 32:8 |
| 10. Don't fixate on worries, focus on Christ. | Matt. 6:31-34 |
| 11. Each Mom in your life provides knowledge. | Prov. 1:8-9 |
| 12. Take heart – keep calling out – Jesus hears. | Matt. 20:31-34 |
| 13. Worry's useless and the opposite of trust. | Matt. 6:25-26 |
| 14. Jesus provides needed help – do thou likewise. | Luke 10:36-37 |
| 15. Jesus will safely carry you through life. | Deut. 1:31-33 |
| 16. Go when God calls to forward action. | Ex. 12:35-37 |
| 17. You can trust the Lord for direction. | Ps. 37:5-6 |
| 18. View your circumstances thru gratitude & contentment. | Phil. 4:11-13 |
| 19. Your most important journey – keeping Jesus close. | Heb. 12:2 |
| 20. Don't be afraid, just believe in Jesus. | Mark 5:35-36 |
| 21. Grace never reaches bottom, it's always available. | Rom 5:20 |
| 22. We're invited to talk with our Father. | Jer. 29:12 |
| 23. Keep showing up – no matter the pain. | Matt. 9:20 -22 |
| 24. Feast on the abundance of God's grace. | Ps.36:8 |
| 25. When anxiety overwhelms, only God brings peace. | Ps. 34:4 |
| 26. Wear red poppies to honor fallen warriors. | John 15:13 |
| 27. Pray for immersion in God's Living Water. | John 4:10-14 |
| 28. Lord, watch over my comings and goings. | Ps. 121:8 |
| 29. Don't use prayer like speedy Amazon Prime. | Ps. 27:14 |
| 30. We shouldn't demand answers in one day. | Heb. 6:15 |
| 31. Darkness can't win, Christ's Light is forever. | John 1:1-5 |

By Ralph & Donna Moore



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***"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO,
AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT TURN FROM IT."***

PROVERBS 22:6 NIV

Bible Buck-Wrap Up



It's almost a wrap! We have one more Bible Bucks store this year! June 1 will be the last opportunity students have to spend their hard-earned Bible Bucks!



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!

Keep informed....



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

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SIZZLE

Summer Sunday School is coming to the Upper Room in June. Please join us for some fiery adventures, as together we behold four amazing Bible stories - all featuring a brilliant blaze. Each month we will cover a new fiery Bible adventure. Watch this space for more information!

Coming Up!

Coming up in May - We will have lessons covering:

- ♦ A judge leads- Gideon
- ♦ Mother's Day Craft
- ♦ A profit serves-Samuel
- ♦ A king forever-David

VBS Needs and donations:

If you would like to be part of VBS but not able to join us during the week, we could use some donations:

We are on the hunt for 90 PAPER TOWEL tubes. You can drop off the tubes in the marked bin in the West Gallery.

Also needed:

Snack bags (can be purchased from the dollar store)

Small Pretzels (not sticks or rods please)

Goldfish crackers

Nilla Wafers

Fruit snacks (individually wrapped packages)

Gently used or new children's books

Pastor's Message

It is April 22; the Tuesday after Easter and this newsletter cover article is (literally) a week late! I don't use "literally" the way kids misuse the word; I mean articles were due, like taxes, on April 15. Fortunately, I was granted an extension--on the article that is. We now move from Easter Sunday to Easter season. Easter Sunday is fantastic. I'd like to thank everyone who made our celebration special, from our incredible staff and all their hard work to our amazing volunteers, who made everyone feel welcome. During the Easter season, we take the day of joy and expand it into our everyday lives. This year, John's Gospel will be our primary source for the Gospel readings at worship. The Epistle lesson will come from another one of John's works, Revelation. Pastor Brooks and I are excited to share John's Gospel and the divine scenes of Revelation with you week to week during the Easter season. The effect of Jesus' resurrection is more than just a day. As Paul said in the great resurrection chapter, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, *"Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain."* Jesus' resurrection is the foundation our faith!

In Christ, Rev. Jason Cashmer

