

# CTK Communique

Christ The King Lutheran Church  
15600 Trenton Rd.  
Southgate, MI 48195-2096

## June 2025



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# FAITHFUL STEWARDS

## Financial Snapshot – Through April 2025

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>April 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 116,093.05	\$ 506,712.93
Tuition	\$ 41,809.91	\$ 348,452.10
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 157,902.96</b>	<b>\$ 855,264.03</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 195,496.00</b>	<b>\$ 830,858.00</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ (37,593.04)</b>	<b>\$ 24,406.03</b>

	<u>April 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$157,902.96</b>	<b>\$ 855,264.03</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$248,338.81</b>	<b>\$ 890,141.76</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (90,435.85)</b>	<b>\$ (34,877.73)</b>

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Thank you, CTK members, for your faithful stewardship. Paul encouraged the church in Corinth with these words, “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) May God continue to bless our giving, to His glory.



# memorials & gifts

## In Memory of Beverly Creutz

To the Memorial Fund given  
by M/M Philip Leeds

To the Food Pantry, given  
by Mary Lou Jenkins

## In Memory of Thomas Ling

To the Food Pantry, given  
by M/M Ed Nuttman  
Sean Nuttman



## In Memory of Thomas Schendel

To the Food Pantry given  
by M/M John Armstrong

## In Memory of Phyllis Truesdale

To the food Pantry given  
by M/M John Armstrong

## Birthday Blessings

Ashley Atwood  
June 25

## 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	\$ 446.00	\$ 25,686.00
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	\$ 10.50	\$ 809.14
(As of: 5/11/25)				

Thanks to everyone who was able to donate on May 12. People feel good knowing they've just helped save someone's life. The American Red Cross & CTK extends their heartfelt appreciation. You offered hope to patients in need. Thank you for your support.

Nancy Chambo



**Blood  
Drive!**

**Thank You, Donors**

## 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**

## 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."



Family Connection Ministry

**SUMMER KICK-OFF**

**BBQ**

Wednesday, June 11th  
5:30 PM  
Trenton Rd.



## **GriefShare**

### **MEETING DATES & TOPICS:**

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

The new program, GriefShare 4.0, has been very well received. They've shortened the videos to 30 minutes, and each is just full of wonderful suggestions for getting through the challenges we face while grieving the loss of a loved one. This group has been very engaged and I believe they have benefited greatly from the videos, the workbook and the discussions each week. The current sessions will finish on June 9. Fall sessions will start at the end of August or beginning of September. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Hope & Resilience  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>** What Do I Live For Now?  
Contact Teresa Samson with questions at  
734-282-8012 or [tsamson50@yahoo.com](mailto:tsamson50@yahoo.com)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
June 1	Kindergarten Graduation	3:00 PM	TR
June 4	School Field Day	All Day	TR
June 5	8th Grade Graduation	7:00 PM	TR
June 6	Last Day of School	Half Day	TR
June 11	FCM - Start of summer BBQ	5:00 PM	TR
June 16 - 20	Vacation Bible School	9:00 - 11:30	TR
June 22	Pancake Breakfast	8:30 to 10:30	TR
June 30	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:00PM	TR
July 3	Ice Cream Social	8:00 PM	TR
July 16	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
July 16	FCM—BBQ/Water Night	5:00 PM	PA

## 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	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

## Spiritual Care Ministry

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**Jan. 1 – May 15th visits 683**

# 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.ctlk.me](http://www.ctlk.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. Thank you for your faithfulness!



**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.**



## *Thursday Night Services*

*Join us for worship on Thursday Nights*

7:00 PM - through August 28

CTK - 15600 Trenton Rd.

**Stay for an Ice Cream Social on:**

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



## GATHER AND GROW BOOK CLUB

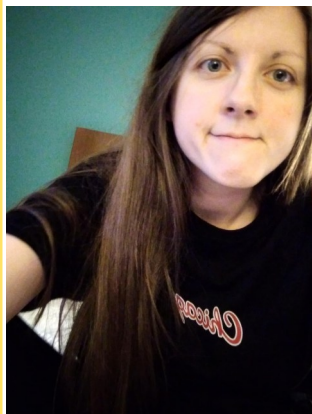


This monthly-meet-up book club is a place for women of all ages (high school and older) to read Christian fiction and nonfiction, gather and discuss as a group, and grow in our faith together. The next meeting will be Monday, June 30, at **6:00pm** in the Cana Room, and we will be discussing chapters 26 - 38 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* **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](mailto:blueknight007@hotmail.com)



Our receptionist of six years, **Jessica Bourassa**, took a new position in February as **CTK's first Director of Digital Outreach**. In this role, she focuses on finding ways to reach people near and far with God's Word, specifically through social media, video content, photos, music, and more. She also spends Sunday morning at the Welcome Table, where she enjoys greeting and making connections with members and visitors alike. The best part of her new role is being able to present the Word in creative ways with a focus on inspiring Christians and reaching those who don't know Jesus yet. Stop by the church office or the Welcome Desk to say 'hi' to her anytime!

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:** We will not meet this month, due to VBS taking place. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact [lisa@ctk.me](mailto:lisa@ctk.me) to find out more. See you in July!



## Church Office Hours

**Monday—Friday, 8:30 am to 3pm**

**Beginning Monday, June 9, office hours will be : Mon. – Thurs. - 8:30am to 2:00pm**

**Friday – 8:30-Noon**

**The office will be closed:**

\* Friday, July 4th



## 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

With the beginning of summer and the end of the school year, we first reflect on the history of CTK Day School. In 1959, an outdoor school bell was installed. Also, in 1959, the Board of Christian Education recommended that they purchase a "portable phonograph" for the school!! (Who remembers a "phonograph"?!) The next year, June 1960, the first 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation took place, with 9 students. The Day School Class of 1965 was the first class to graduate those students that began in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade when the school was organized in 1957. Ten of the twenty-one students were in the class throughout all eight years. Four years later, in June 1969, the school celebrated the first Kindergarten graduation.

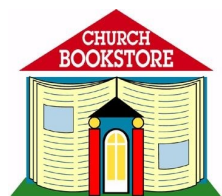
The BIG events for CTK in June over the years were the Anniversary celebrations. In 1961, a Service of Praise was held for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration in 1991, there was a special Service and Banquet. Several of the former Pastors attended and participated in the ceremonies. In 2001, CTK celebrated its Golden 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A "Family Fun Fest" outreach gala was held for the members and community to celebrate and enjoy! We look forward to celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year!!

## Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

Flowers are blooming, birds are singing, and the days are getting warmer. Summer finally begins this month!! And with the beginning of summer, we celebrate **Father's Day** on June 15, along with **graduations** and **weddings**! The

bookstore carries cards, gifts, Bibles and books for all these special occasions and special people. Also, while you're planning your summer vacation, don't take a vacation from your faith journey. The

bookstore has coloring books, activity books and small books for children. Teens can check out the devotionals, Bible, and other books specifically for them. Of course, there are many books for adults, including Bibles, devotions, and more. Stop by the bookstore for your next good read!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**WALKING CLUB** meets at 6:30pm every Tuesday. Park by the Admin bldg./Donation Station parking lot. We will start with a quick prayer and then you are off!

**PICKLEBALL SOCIAL** beginning May 31 in the PA Rd gym at 9am, \$3 drop-in. Contact [chance@ctk.me](mailto:chance@ctk.me) for more info.

## **TOLEDO MUD HENS FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT**

Sunday, June 29th. Celebrate your faith and have fun at Faith and Family! Mud Hens players will share their faith and experiences as professional athletes, with a Q & A led by team chaplain, Dave Regnier. 2pm start for the Faith portion, 4pm game. CTK will be seated together in the same section. Tickets on sale starting this weekend, \$13 each, cash or check. Sold in person at the table in the Gallery or in the church office.



### **CTK BASKETBALL CAMPS, PENNSYLVANIA RD GYM, \$50 per player**

Girls, grades 4th - 6th grade, July 7 – 10, 3:00 to 5:00pm

Girls, grades 6th - 8th, July 7 – 10, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Boys, grades 4th - 6th, July 28-31, 5:30 to 7:30pm

Boys, grades 6th – 8th, July 28 – 31, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

### **CTK CO-ED SPORTS CAMPS, TRENTON RD GYM**

**Grades 1st-3rd, \$50 per player**

Volleyball Camp: July 14-17, 4:00 to 5:30pm

Basketball Camp: July 21-24, 9:30 to 11:30am

Registration link for all camps: [www.ctk.me/sports-camps/](http://www.ctk.me/sports-camps/)

Cash or check can be dropped off with registration forms in the church office or pay via text give to 73256. Type in

“CTKGIVE,” then choose the sports camp drop down. On memo line, put child’s last name and camp type. Questions? Contact Chance Childers at [chance@ctk.me](mailto:chance@ctk.me).



## MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE WINTER CAMPAIGN

The News Has Arrived!. . . and it is good! God has His way of blessing our service in extra-large ways. Meijer Simply Give is one of those paths. Contributors to food pantries and the Meijer Corp. have collectively donated over \$100 million to feed hungry families across the Midwest since 2008.

We have received the results of the CTK 2025 Winter Simply Give campaign. Here is the report:

Store: Southgate Meijer on Fort St.

Donation card sales (non-match days) - \$ 1,040

Donation card sales (double-match days) 4,740

Meijer Double Match donation 3,420

Total value of Meijer food-only gift cards \$11,570

These cards were activated after arrival. Our four shoppers use these cards to "buy" milk, bread, cheese, margarine, and eggs for CTK's Pantry. Cards are not given to families.

"The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season." Psalm 145:15

Pastor Harry for "The 30" (great CTK pantry volunteers)

P.S. The CTK Spring Simply Giving campaign is underway. Double Match Day is Sat., June 14. Please pick up a donation card at the Welcome Center and use it at the Southgate Meijer.



Our annual Diaper Drive is underway to assist parents who come to the Lincoln Park Pregnancy Center for resources. This drive lasts through Father's Day (June 15). Please place your donations of disposable diapers in the bin in the West Gallery. The Pregnancy Center is in need of pull-ups of all sizes and diapers for newborns

and sizes 1, 5, 6, 7. Look for coupons or combine efforts with someone else. God bless your generosity. Pastor Harry

# Day School News

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Revelation 22:13*

As we close another school year, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for His unfailing grace, guidance, and provision. It has been a year of growth, learning, and overcoming challenges, and through it all, the Lord has been faithful.

We celebrate not only the academic achievements of our students but also the spiritual and personal growth we've witnessed. In classrooms and chapel, we've seen God work in powerful ways, shaping hearts and minds for His purpose.

Approaching June, we look forward to our annual pie day, our eighth-grade class trip, award ceremonies, and graduations. This year, we graduate 16 eighth graders. They will certainly be missed in our day-to-day school activities; however, we are so excited to see how they will use the gifts and talents God gave. Congratulations, graduates! God's Blessings, Dr. Kapp-Heifner



## School Events:

**June 1: Kindergarten Graduation, 3pm**

**June 4: Field Day**

**June 5: 8th Grade Graduation**

**June 6 : Last Day of School/Half day**



## **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN SCHOOL ENROLL-**

**MENT** 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](mailto:admissions@ctk.me) or 734.486.2978. General information on our school is always available at [www.ctkpanthers.com](http://www.ctkpanthers.com).



## BOOKS FOR KIDS!

The CTK Food Pantry volunteers would like to thank Concordia Publishing House for a generous donation of children's books. These books are being distributed to the patrons of the food pantry. Titles including Daniel and the Lions, John's Easter Story, and Jonah and the Very Big Fish were distributed during the months of April and May. Future titles will include Solomon

Builds the Temple, The Fiery Furnace, and Tried and True Job.

The book distribution has received an enthusiastic response from the patrons. Positive comments such as "My grand-kids love the books" and "I read the books myself before I pass them on the kids" have been shared.

Please keep the children who receive these books in your thoughts and prayers, as some of them may not know our Savior, Jesus. Your friends in Christ, Seleta Johnson and Anne Lumley



**CTK Sewing Circle** will take a break for the summer. We will resume in September. Enjoy your summer!

## 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:

Small Pretzels (not sticks or rods please)

Goldfish crackers

Nilla Wafers

Fruit snacks (individually wrapped packages)

Gently used or new children's books



**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 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

The following are resources available through LCMS Partners. These are also available on the CTK website <https://ctk.me/ministries-2>. Scroll to Military Ministry.

**Chaplain Alliance** – <https://www.chaplainalliance.org>

An organization comprised of veteran service members, primarily chaplains, who strive to secure the religious liberties of chaplains and those they serve.

**The Lutheran Hour on Armed Forces Network** – <https://www.lutheranhour.org/afn/>

Resources for military personnel and their families including inspirational broadcasts of The Lutheran Hour, devotionals, prayer guides and other helpful free information.

**The following downloadable resources are available at** <https://www.lcms.org/ministry-to-the-armed-forces/resources#partner-resources>

***Prayer Guide: Those Who Serve*** - A collection of prayers for active military personnel. (from Lutheran Hour Ministries)

***Prayer Guide: Those Who Support*** - A collection of prayers for families and prayer partners who are supporting those in the military. (from Lutheran Hour Ministries)

***The Conflict at Home: Soldiers Confronting PTSD*** – Pamphlet divided into three sections. 1. Description of PTSD in story form, 2. The PTSD Toolbox includes six tools helpful in PTSD, and 3. Thoughts and Recommendations in which ideas to use and places to go for help are provided.

**The following are available at** <https://www.lhm.org/projectconnect/booklets.asp>

***Forgiveness is a Choice*** - With real-world scenarios and points to ponder, this booklet shows how forgiveness takes work and a desire to get beyond the offenses we've experienced or have committed against others. The forgiveness model in this difficult task, of course, is what God the Father has done for us through His Son. The act of forgiving is central to many problems people have with each other. God's free gift of forgiveness leads to peace and eternal life.

**The following are examples of resources available at** Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/studies/default.asp>

***Called to Serve: Utilizing Our Gifts as Veterans*** - A five-session small group Bible study for veterans. Together, veterans will join to discover their gifts, learn how to grow their gifts, and make a plan for sharing their gifts as a group and in their individual lives.

***Warriors of Faith – Military Men***, a **Men's NetWork** Bible study written especially for servicemen and women who met with challenges on and off the battlefield, explores the issues of anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and love, as they impact the lives of those who have served, or are now serving, their country.

**Video Archives** – <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCBBBE544F8052755>

### ARE YOU IN THE MILITARY, ACTIVE RESERVES OR ARE A VETERAN?

Please contact Denise Doede at [ddoede01@yahoo.com](mailto:ddoede01@yahoo.com) or call the church office to get on our list. Thank you for your service!

# Military Ministry

## Adopt-A-Chap

In May, the CTK Programs staff approved a proposal for the CTK Military Ministry to participate in the LCMS Ministry to the Military Adopt-A-Chap Program. As a result, LCMS connected CTK with Chaplain Matthew Mortenson, an Army Major stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in MO. You will see him included in the CTK Intercessions list. A little about him: He is the eldest of nine and the military has played a large role in his family as he has numerous family members who are service members or veterans. He enlisted in the Army out of high school as a Combat Medic, and was in for 6 1/2 years. He got out and went through college, seminary (Concordia, St. Louis), and served a church for almost 6 1/2 years before going back into the Army as a Chaplain. He turned 50 this month. He is a Brigade Chaplain (Major) in the 3rd Chemical BDE. He helps out at a chapel on Post with another LCMS Chaplain (Navy) who takes care of the Marines & Navy Seabees there. He also attends a church off Post and does pulpit supply there from time to time. He is a single dad of 5 daughters. He's had three other assignments before this current one, and all in very different places ranging from armor to airborne. He would appreciate prayers for a very busy and challenging time, as they carry a heavy load doing a lot of training that ranges across a large spectrum (from Basic Combat Training/Boot Camp to specialized schools, or MOS training). For perseverance and endurance to run the race set before him personally. For his kids as they navigate the challenges of school, etc.

## Adopt-A-Service Member

In May the Program Staff also approved the Adopt-A-Service Member Program in which congregation members will be paired as prayer partners for our service members. This program will be much like the Confirmand's Prayer Partners program. Please watch for more about this program in future Announcements and CTK Communications.

***Big thanks to our Military  
Ministry volunteers,  
Denise Doede and Cecilia  
Howley-Aussicker***



# Vacation Bible School

## 15600 Trenton Rd. Southgate

Don't forget to register each child on their own registration sheet or, if registering online, you can do so all at one time.

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 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

# STARS QUEST

Registration for Ages 3yr old potty-trained thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me) or call the church office, at 734-285-9695, to join our team.

<https://ctk.me/vacation-bible-school> to register or volunteer



# Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Plain  
Blueberry  
Choc Chip

June 22  
8:30 am – 10:30 am



DOWNRIVER YOUTH GROUP  
**NEW ORLEANS**  
 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING  
 SUPPORTERS THANK YOU DINNER

.....Youth Groups.....

CHRIST THE KING  
 SOUTHGATE

MT. HOPE  
 ALLEN PARK

ST JOHN  
 TAYLOR

TRINITY  
 WYANDOTTE

.....How did you support the youth?.....

DID YOU ATTEND  
 A YOUTH HOSTED  
 DINNER?

DID YOU GIVE  
 MONEY TO THE  
 YOUTH?

DID YOU ATTEND A  
 PANCAKE  
 BREAKFAST?

DID YOU BUY  
 FROM A YOUTH  
 FUNDRAISER?

MOST IMPORTANTLY - DID YOU PRAY FOR THE YOUTH WHO ATTENDED THE NYG?

.....Join us.....

FOR DINNER, DESSERT AND  
 FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10  
 5 - 7 PM

CHRIST THE KING  
 16700 PENNSYLVANIA ROAD

THE YOUTH WILL BE SPEAKING  
 ABOUT THE GATHERING

PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR  
 CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP LEADER  
 OR HERE

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0D4CAFA62FA4FCC07-56827219-DOWNRIVER](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAFA62FA4FCC07-56827219-DOWNRIVER)





## **Youth Group Calendar June 2025**

- 1 NO YOUTH
- 8 Youth Group 6-8 PM
- 15 Father's Day - NO YOUTH
- 22 Pancake Breakfast
- 22 DYC @ Grenz House (NOLA Potluck) 4-6 PM
- 29 Youth Group 6-8 PM



## **Fundraising**

- ⇒ June 22 - Pancake Breakfast
- ⇒ Nov 8 - Fall Craft Show

The Youth Group THANKS you for your continued support!!!

Join us for a THANK YOU dinner on August 10th at Penn Campus.



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Are you a Thrivent Member? Did you know that as a Thrivent member you have access to “Thrivent Action Team” grants? Did you also know that the Youth Group can use those for supplies needed for fundraisers or events? Please consider helping the Youth Group with your Thrivent Action Team grants.

**New Camp!!!**

**Same Activities, PLUS more!!!**

**The Youth (6th - 12th Grade)**

**will be attending a NEW CAMP, January 23-25, 2026.**

**A \$30 deposit will be due for ALL Youth attending camp!!**

**Watch for registration info this summer!!**



Have you ever heard of the 3 Solas? If not, that's probably because they are Latin phrases, and no one speaks Latin.

The second sola, Sola Fide, means Faith Alone. This means that eternal life is not tied to the good or bad things that you have done, but instead faith in Jesus. Even this faith itself is a work of God, not a work of man.

Sola Scriptura is the third sola. This means Scripture Alone – and this is the idea that the Word of God, the Scriptures, are the only authority of our faith. No writing or person or group of people or tradition get to have authority over what the Bible says.

We very often hear about the 3 Solas in connection with the Reformation – and it got me wondering – which one of these is the most important? You could make a reasonable argument for any of them being the most important one – but maybe the best way to think about it is like this: The most important thing – in fact, the only important thing – is Jesus. Grace Alone is Jesus Alone, because grace is Jesus' life exchanged for mine. Faith Alone is Jesus Alone, because Jesus is the Author and Perfector of our Faith – our Faith is in Him. And Scripture Alone is Jesus Alone – because Jesus is the very Word of God – the Bible is a book that not only tells us about Jesus, and points us to Jesus, it is Jesus. That's why the 3 Solas are important to the Reformation, and why they are important in the life of a Christian – because the 3 Solas are really just 1 Sola – Jesus Alone.

Seminary Update: My next class will be on campus in St. Louis, near the end of June, so I am starting to work to get ready for that! This class is on preaching, and I am very much looking forward to the class itself and also to being on campus once again this summer! Thank you for your prayers and your support as I continue my studies! God's Peace, Pastor Brooks

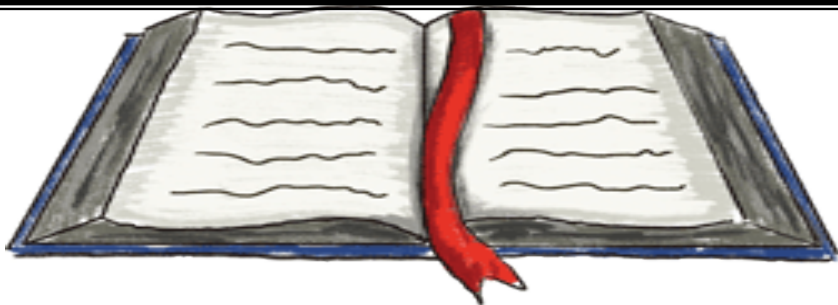




## 7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF JUNE - 2025

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| 1. In earth's uncertainty, God remains in control.              | 1 Peter 1:2      |
| 2. Don't rush ahead of God's perfect timing.                    | Prov. 19:2       |
| 3. Only diligently seeking God can bring satisfaction.          | Ps. 107:9        |
| 4. Keep pressing on; there's more for you.                      | Phil. 3:14       |
| 5. Love isn't a feeling, it's a choice.                         | Col. 3:14        |
| 6. Focus on God's heart, not on feelings.                       | Prov. 3:5-6      |
| 7. Come, weak, weary, grieving, angry, exhausted, doubting!     | Matt. 11:28      |
| 8. Believe unwaveringly – God's bigger than your circumstances. | Heb. 11:6        |
| 9. Get ready- something good's about to happen.                 | Ps. 1:3          |
| 10. Be grateful – God lavishly cares for you.                   | Lam. 3:22-25     |
| 11. God breathes new life into dead dreams.                     | Ezek. 37:1-14    |
| 12. God turns negativity into opportunities for kindness.       | Job 2:12         |
| 13. Long wait? Have confidence in God's timing.                 | Eccl. 3:2        |
| 14. Remember, fly your flag today – show honor!                 | Song of Sol. 2:4 |
| 15. Be grateful for an earthly, praying father.                 | I Thess. 2:11-12 |
| 16. Use Ephesians to guide us in love.                          | Eph. 4 {all}     |
| 17. Life's risky! Jesus will walk you home.                     | Isa. 26:4        |
| 18. Life's journey has difficult steps, at times.               | James 1:3        |
| 19. Juneteenth declares value in "never giving up."             | Luke 18:1        |
| 20. Pray leaders strive for peace and justice.                  | I Tim. 1:1-2     |
| 21. Become a persistent, interceding prayer warrior today.      | James 5:16       |
| 22. Encouragers are the lifeblood of our lives.                 | I Thess. 5:11    |
| 23. Another day challenges us to encourage one another.         | Heb. 3:13        |
| 24. God uses words to guide our steps.                          | Gal. 5:22        |
| 25. When life disappoints continuously, seek God's solutions.   | Ps. 116:2-6      |
| 26. Find refreshing encouragement talking with Our Father.      | Rom. 15:5        |
| 27. When your faith wavers, Jesus is still there.               | Matt. 28:20      |
| 28. Unanswered prayer motivates us to keep praying.             | I Thess. 5:17    |
| 29. Take courage, believe God's justice will prevail.           | Prov. 11:2       |
| 30. Be keenly aware that God's with you.                        | Isa. 41:10       |

~ By Ralph & Donna Moore



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2025

**"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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## 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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## Thank You For A Great Year!

Sunday School had a great year, but it couldn't be done without you - **the parents**, for bringing your children every Sunday; our great **teachers and assistants**: Gina Davidson, Jody Collins, Zach Bates, Lisa Ferdubinski, Randi Hermann, Kristi and Ryan Murphy, Mandy Boelter, Evelyn Orgeck, our dependable **substitute teachers**, Katie Holzer, Stephanie Bates, Cassandra Reyna, Cindy Burley, Martha Winnard; **our Bible Buck Dears**: Joyce Zanely and Janis Kane; the **Day School teachers**, who set up their classrooms for Sunday School use every Sunday: Mrs. Konkell, Mrs. Voelz, Mrs. Pomroy, Mrs. Brooks and Miss Sylvia; Our amazing **craft coordinator**: Anne Lumley; and the Sunday School **Director team**: Jen Gepes, Anne Lumley, Randi Hermann and Jamie McCormick.

*For Every Lesson You Prepared  
The Love Of God Has Been Shared*

# 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!



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## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SIZZLE

Please join us for some fiery adventures, as together we behold 4 amazing Bible stories - all featuring a brilliant blaze. **Beginning June 8, Summer Sunday School will be held in the Upper Room.** All grades, including the Parent/Tot class, are welcome. Here is a snap shot of the summer:

#1 Moses and The Burning Bush "God Gives Fiery Directions"

June- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets, Father's Day Card and Bible Bingo, Moses video and popcorn, Patriotic craft and treat.

#2 Elijah and The Flaming Chariot "A Fiery Ascent Into Heaven"

July-Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets, Elijah video with popcorn, craft

#3 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego "3 Men In A Fiery Furnace"

August- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets, Bible Bingo, a special guest, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego video and popcorn

#4 The Disciples at Pentecost "The Appearance of Fiery Flames"

August-Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets, An exciting outdoor adventure as we review our 4 fire-filled stories with various games, activities, and a special snack, Craft

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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.

# Pastor's Message



Jeremiah 29:7 fascinates me. Yahweh says to His people through the prophet Isaiah.

*“Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”* The two remaining tribes of Israel, Judah and Benjamin, have been carried off to exile in Babylon. This is a punishment. It would be natural to resent the city. Instead, Yahweh tells His people to pray for the city! We are not exiles in the city of

Southgate, but the encouragement is the same: Pray for our city! During the month of June, that’s what we’re going to do in the most practical way. Our goal is to walk every street in Southgate while offering a prayer for each house as we go. The routes will be around 30 minutes each. We’ll outline each completed route. We’re encouraging pairs or groups of 3-4 to walk together. The prayers don’t have to be long, just a few thoughts of God’s blessing on the house you pass and those in it. There’s talking the talk, and there’s walking the walk! Let’s get to walking! By the end of June, our goal is to pray over our entire city!

In Christ, Rev. Jason Cashmer

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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

(Through August 28)

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