

CTK Communiqué



August 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

(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



FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Financial Snapshot – Through June 2025

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 155,800.52	\$ 762,955.88
Tuition	\$ 8,255.86	\$ 441,707.75
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 164,056.38	\$ 1,204,762.63
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 195,496.00	\$ 1,270,724.00
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ (31,439.62)	\$ (65,961.37)

	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$164,056.38	\$ 1,204,762.63
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$180,285.36	\$ 1,253,595.82
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	\$(16,228.98)	\$ (48,883.19)

We are midway through 2025! Our expenses are about \$49,000 over income, which is not uncommon for this time of year. We trust that God will provide through the faithful giving of our congregation and ask all members to prayerfully consider their stewardship. As Paul encouraged the church at Corinth, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)



*In Memory of Marino
Apruzzese*

To the Food Pantry, given by
Jean Apruzzese

*In Memory of Art
Hickling*

To Alms, given by:
Judy Bielby

To Food Pantry, given by:
Sylvia Ziesmer
Mary Lou Jenkins
M/M Don Karwowski
M/M Bob Ludtke

To General Fund, given by:
Dorothy Reaume

To Memorial Fund, given by:
Harriet Cole

Gifts to School, given by:
Joyce Shoup

*In Memory of Frank
Mundy & Jim & Peg
Warrington*

To Memorial Fund, given by:
Rhonda Mundy

*In Memory of Phyllis
Truesdale*

To Food Pantry, given by:
M/M John Armstrong



Birthday Blessings

Danielle Pawloski	June 9
Gleason Heine	July 6
Dorothy Reaume	July 30

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	\$ 696.00	\$ 25,936.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,925.99	\$ 2,383.50	\$ 1,147.24	\$ 58,165.94
Bottles	\$ 2,888.54	\$ 774.60	\$ 161.60	\$ 45,396.44
Paper Recycle	\$ 52.26	\$ 28.25	\$ 11.56	\$ 810.20

(As of: 7/13/25)

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 13	FCM Summer Send off BBQ	5:00PM	PA
August 20	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
August 25	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:30 PM	TR
August 28	Ice Cream Social	8:00 PM	TR
September 5	Ryan Stevenson Concert	6:00 PM	PA
September 7	Why We Believe Class (Through October 26)	10:00 AM	TR
September 13	Euchre Night	7:00 PM	TR
September 14	Rally Day	9 to Noon	TR
September 17	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
September 19	Day School Fun Run	9:00 AM	PA
September 22	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:30 PM	TR
October 5—26	Early Communion Class	10:00 AM	TR

Weekly Events:

Tuesdays:	Toolbelt Tuesday	8:00 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

If you have a family member or friend
at CTK who is hospitalized, in a
nursing home or confined to their
home, please call the church office.

Contacts: *Harry Dutka* (734) 285 9695 Ext. 150
hdutka@ctk.me

Lisa Demou (734) 285 9695 Ext. 210 lisa@ctk.me

Anna Bourassa (734) 285 9695 Ext. 100 anna@ctk.me

Jan. 1 – July 15th visits = 896

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. 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, August 28



from the
PASTOR



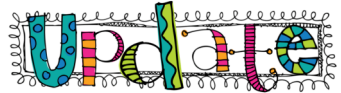
I love Baptism Birthdays. Mine is May 20th. Do you know yours? If not, try to find out – churches usually keep really good records. You might be able to call the church and just ask them. I encourage you to celebrate your Baptism Birthday

and the Baptism Birthday of your friends and family members, too. Have cake. Go out for ice cream. Give a present. Write out a card. You can create whatever tradition works well for you and yours, just do something to celebrate. Celebration is actually a major theme in the Bible. We see God's people over time learning how to celebrate and be joyful and thankful in the victories that God has won for them and the great things with which He has blessed them. The same is true for us, even more so, now that we have received the gift of the Word made flesh in the person of Jesus. We have the very presence of God in our lives, living and working, and that's no small thing! That's a big deal! And that presence, God's Holy Spirit – was given to you at your Baptism. That day marks the first day of eternity for you. Now that is a good reason to celebrate!

Seminary Update: I had a fantastic trip to St. Louis earlier this summer! My class was awesome, and now I am finishing up my homework to turn in by the end of summer. This was a preaching class – so the homework is writing a bunch of different types of sermons! I also had the opportunity to enjoy some great family time on the St. Louis trip, which made it even better! Thank you for your prayers and continued support!
~ God's Peace, Pastor Brooks

NEWS FROM PASTOR TERRY & CAROL

Dear Friends, Many of you have been praying for Pastor Terry and our family, and we are so grateful for this outpouring of love and concern. As of July 22nd, Pastor has undergone two weeks of daily radiation, and two sessions of chemotherapy to address early-stage bladder cancer. The prognosis for this treatment is a 66% cure rate.



In addition to the cancer, Pastor is suffering from advanced COPD, which further complicates treatment. It is the COPD that has compromised so much of his life, as sometimes even talking is not possible. Consequently, he goes to church early, sits in the balcony, and leaves early, as he just does not have the breath to talk to friends.

The cancer treatment will be completed in five weeks. Our prayer request is that his COPD will not inhibit this treatment, that at the end of treatment he gets a good report, is able to gain some weight, and then concentrate on dealing with his COPD.

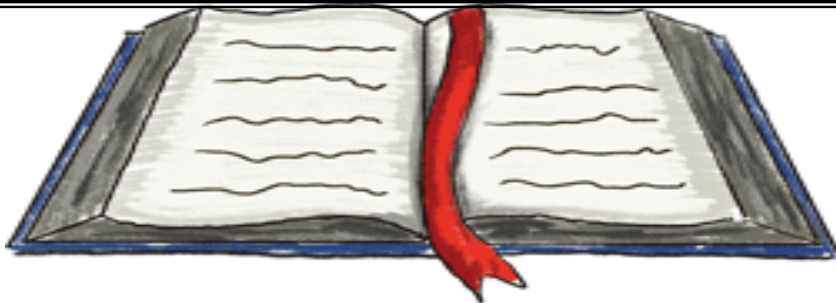
Hopefully this will answer most of your questions and give you direction for prayers. Pastor Terry is truly at peace with what's going on, and knows that whatever happens is in God's perfect will. ***"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*** 2 Corinthians 12:9



7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF AUGUST - 2025

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| 1. Fruit ripened in the "Son" is sweetest. | Ps.19:9-10 |
| 2. Jesus heals, restores and calls us onward. | Acts 9:11-20 |
| 3. Scripture clearly reveals God's grace and glory. | Phil. 2:10-11 |
| 4. Hearing His "still small voice" takes discipline. | I Kings 19:12 |
| 5. Will you put the Father's will first? | James 4:16 |
| 6. Sing praise music --- it soothes the soul. | Col. 3:16 |
| 7. Jesus knows our need for physical rest. | Mark 6:31 |
| 8. Hurting people need to know God's power. | Ps. 69:29 |
| 9. Your faithful actions help others in difficulty. | James 2:15-17 |
| 10. Don't give up --- we are stronger together. | Eccl. 4:9-12 |
| 11. Don't ruin today with worries over tomorrow. | Matt. 6:31-33 |
| 12. Glorify God by showing hospitality to others. | I Peter 4:8-11 |
| 13. God's grace has power to defeat sin. | Rom. 5; 20-21 |
| 14. Treasure God's most priceless gift of revelation. | Rom. 16:25-27 |
| 15. May God's confidence be imparted to you. | Ps. 27:1-3 |
| 16. Jesus is the "strand " that gives us strength. | Eccl. 4:12 |
| 17. Jesus is one of those "three strands." | Eccl. 4:12 |
| 18. Trust that the Lord goes before you. | Deut. 31:8 |
| 19. Watch disappointing, challenging diagnosis work out perfectly! | Ps. 18:30 |
| 20. Believe your best is yet to come. | Rev. 21:3-4 |
| 21. Treasure God's word securely in your heart! | Prov. 4:20-22 |
| 22. Experience joy of living in His strength. | Neh. 8:10 |
| 23. Sometimes you just need God's powerful rest. | Matt. 11:28-29 |
| 24. Stay joined to Jesus for fruitful lives. | Ps. 1 {all} |
| 25. Ask God for refreshing nourishment and strength. | Eph. 3:16-27 |
| 26. Call on God when anxious or distressed. | Ps. 139:1-12 |
| 27. God still does miracles for waiting hearts. | Job 9:10 & 42:10 |
| 28. Weeping won't last forever --- joy is coming. | Ps. 30:5 |
| 29. Never back down from proclaiming God's Word. | Heb. 6:10-11 |
| 30. Trusting God's faithfulness makes me sing joyfully. | Ps. 100 {all} |
| 31. Invite Jesus Christ into your life today. | Rev. 3:20 |

~ By Ralph & Donna Moore





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.”

Early Communion Class

Early Communion Classes will be held October 5, 12, 19, and 26. First Communion Sunday will be at the 9am service on November 2. The classes will be held at 10am at Trenton Rd. during the Bible Study and Sunday School hour. Parents can pick up a registration form (available in mid September) at the Welcome Center in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd. The form is also available on the website under the Ministry tab by going to the Early Communion link. Please turn in forms to the church office. If you do not have a copy already, parents can purchase the updated “Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation” for \$22.00 on the first day of class (please bring the correct amount of money or a check made out to CTK). This book will be used for their upcoming Confirmation classes in 7th and 8th grade.



Family Connection Ministry Summer Send-Off BBQ

Let's soak up the last days of summer! Join us on Wednesday, August 13th at 5:00 P.M. at the Pennsylvania Rd campus for BBQ and water activities for the kids. FCM will provide burgers and hot dogs, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Don't forget drinks and chairs for your family and a swimsuit and towel!



RYAN STEVENSON



SEPT. 5TH

6-8pm

LIVE IN CONCERT

AT THE CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH EVENT CENTER

16700 Pennsylvania Rd.
Southgate, MI

Buy Your Ticket Now



\$30

All Tickets GA

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/ryan-stevenson-concert>

Tickets sales are now live! Use the QR code or visit the link to purchase tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/ryan-stevenson-concert> (When purchasing tickets, you DO NOT have to pay the optional Zeffy fee. Click on the additional fee box, choose other, and enter \$0.00.) Get your tickets right away, before the concert sells out! If you need any assistance purchasing tickets, please call or stop by the church office during business hours, or visit the Welcome Desk in the West Gallery before or after worship services.

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! Use your discretion. If it's raining or too hot, we will meet the following week.

PICKLEBALL SOCIAL will be taking August off. See you Sept. 6th. We will be meeting every Saturday in the PA Rd gym at 9am, \$3 drop-in. Contact chance@ctk.me for more info.

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



CTK Childcare News

ATTENTION!

Are you seeking a nurturing environment for your child? Christ The King Childcare Center is currently accepting enrollments for our classrooms. We have availability for infants as young as six weeks up to children aged four years. For more information, please contact us at daycare@ctk.me.



CTK Childcare Center

PT JOB OPENING

KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Looking for a Part-Time kitchen assistant to prepare morning snacks, warm lunches and prep the afternoon snacks. **Hours:** 8:45 AM until afternoon snacks are ready.

EMAIL JESSICA:
DAYCARE@CTK.ME

 734-285-8525





CHRIST THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



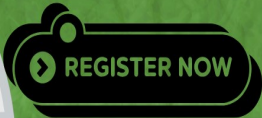
FALL SOCCER

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<p>\$75 PER PERSON</p>	<p>SATURDAYS SEPT 6-OCT. 25</p>	<p>YOUTH AGE 3-11 BIRTH YEARS 2022 TO 2014</p>
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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN

16700 PENNSYLVANIA RD, SOUTHGATE.



REGISTRATION WILL
CLOSE AUGUST 29TH

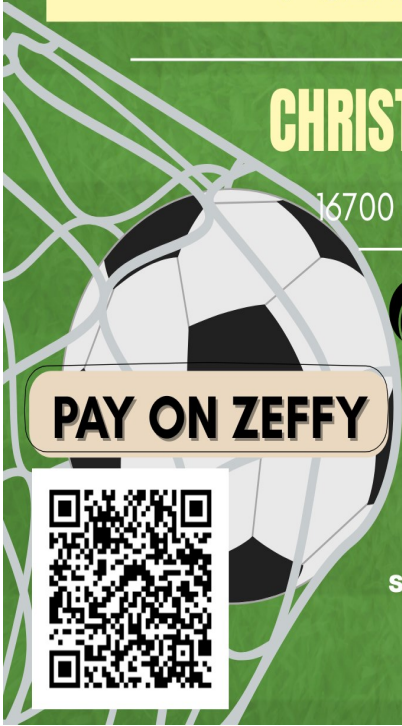
PAY ON ZEFFY

www.ctk.me/sports-camps



Now is the time to sign up
for Fall soccer league. Learn
soccer skills and team game play.

EMAIL: CHANCE@CTK.ME





Save the Date! Red Cross Blood Drive
 Monday, October 6; 1:00-6:45 pm
 16700 Pennsylvania Rd.

PA Rd Campus gym

Save a life; blood supply is critically low.

Please consider donating. Appointments will be taken on sign-up poster at Trenton Rd. or Red Cross website. Walk-ins are welcome. Call Nancy Chambo at 734-776-5001 with questions.



Summer Church Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs. - 8:30am to 2:00pm

Friday – 8:30-Noon

59+ Group...everyone's favorite...

CHAIR YOGA! Come join us for some stretching and laughing from 1:00-2:15pm in the TR Rd Cana Room. See ya then!



Golf Scramble



Deadline to register is Monday, August 4! The 30th CTK Annual Golf Scramble is being held on Saturday, August 16, at Sandy Creek in Monroe. Cost is \$85 per golfer and includes cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner. Shotgun start at 8am. Register at <https://ctk.me/golf-registration/>

or with Deanna Warrington.

If you are interested in helping with 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.

100% of the proceeds will benefit CTK's Food Pantry and The Foster's Closet!



Music Ensembles for New Season: Join the Fun!

VETERAN SUPPORT COMBINED CHOIR AND BAND EVENT

A choir with singers from various churches will sing with the Downriver Community Band on Tuesday, August 19, at the Grecian Center. This will be a fund-raiser for *22 Too Many*, a veteran support organization whose mission is to “to honor fallen military lost to suicide, provide support to their grieving families, share helpful resources for those battling post-traumatic stress.” Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 pm. in the Trenton Rd. Sanctuary. Anyone from CTK who would like to participate is welcome.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

Music for Rally Day (Sunday, September 14) will feature an ad hoc intergenerational choir and a children’s choir, accompanied by brass and praise band. The intergenerational choir will rehearse with the Chancel Choir on Wednesdays, starting August 20 (6:30 pm in the Trenton Rd. Sanctuary). The children’s choir will rehearse during school. All teenagers and adults are invited to participate.

CHANCEL CHOIR

New singers (soprano, alto, tenor, bass, & unknown) are welcome, even if you don’t read music. The first performances will be a veteran support event and on Rally Day (see above). Tim Bode directs the Chancel Choir and is looking forward to the upcoming season!

KING’S RINGERS

The King’s Ringers adult handbell choir will meet at Bob Jo’s Frozen Custard for a pre-season get-together on Thursday, August 21, at 3:45pm. Newcomers are invited to join us to learn more. The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 28, at 3:45 in the Upper Room (Trenton Rd), and the first worship performances will be the weekend of September 21.

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Brass players are always welcome to join the CTK Brass Ensemble. A trumpet-only ensemble will play for services on August 16-17 with rehearsals on Mondays (8/4 & 8/11) at 7:00 pm. Our first full Brass Ensemble rehearsal will be Monday, 9/8.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Tim Bode, Minister of Music (tim@ctk.me, 734-285-9695 x170).

Meijer is a family-owned company with a heart for food pantries. Since November 2008, Meijer with its customers has generated more than \$100 million in donations for food pantries across six states. Meijer Simply Give campaigns have given our CTK Food Pantry thousands of dollars through the years.



We have not, as yet, received results from the spring campaign, which ended June 28. Look for the report in the next newsletter.

The present Simply Give campaign runs now through September 27. Double Match Days are Saturdays, August 16 and September 13. Your \$10 becomes \$30 with Meijer donating \$20. We use the proceeds to purchase eggs, cheese, milk, bread, and margarine from Meijer.

Please take one Simply Give card, available at Christ The King. These \$10 cards can be scanned once or many times with a Meijer cashier in increments of \$10. The difference between our cards and those available at Meijer is the bar code. Meijer can thereby separately track in-store and our pantry card sales.

Jesus' hand continues to generously use our hands to help people in our communities. He does wondrous things through your gifts. Thank You, Jesus! Last week we helped 70 families.



GATHER AND GROW BOOK CLUB

This monthly-meet-up book club is a place for women of all ages (high school and older) to read Christian fiction and nonfiction, gather and discuss as a group, and grow in our faith together. We are currently reading 'Joining Jesus On His Mission: How to be an everyday missionary' by Greg Finke. We will discuss Chapters 1 - 15 on August 25, 6:30pm in the Cana Room. 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.

Day School News

August 2025



Welcome back to a new school year! We are so excited to see familiar faces return and to welcome new ones into our school family. As we begin this new academic journey together, we are reminded of the incredible truth found in **Ephesians 2:4–5**:

“But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”

What a powerful reminder that, no matter where we’ve been or what we’ve faced, God’s mercy and grace are constant. As we step into this school year, let us do so with grateful hearts, knowing we are alive in Christ—renewed, loved, and empowered by His grace.

Our prayer is that each student, parent, and staff member experiences a year full of growth, joy, and deepened faith. Let us support one another, show kindness, and keep Christ at the center of all we do.

May this year be filled with learning, laughter, and the unshakable knowledge that we are deeply loved by our Heavenly Father.

God’s Blessings, Dr. Kapp-Heifner

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.



Adopt-A-Chap Update from Chaplain Mortenson

The following update was received from Chaplain Mortenson

“We just finished celebrations for the Army's 250 yr. Anniversary. There have been events and activities everywhere, not just the capitol/DC. On Ft. Leonard Wood, we had a three-day running event to carry the Army Colors 250 miles around various roads and streets on post. Each morning started off with a prayer at the MSCoE (Maneuver Support Center of Excellence) flagpole, followed by a team of runners who would trade off throughout the day. There was a chase vehicle with fresh runners to swap out along the way. Ft. Leonard Wood is anything but flat!

MSCoE is the command element on Ft. Leonard Wood (FLW), and it encompasses all the training, schools, and most of the units on FLW. The Chemical Corps, Military Police Corps, and Army Engineer Corps all have their 'home' here and do much of their training on FLW.

FLW is almost entirely oriented to training, with only a tiny representation of 'operational' units, i.e. real-world missions focus.

I gave the prayer on day two, and later in the day ran a short section with people from the 84th Chemical Battalion (BN). That BN is one of 5 in my Brigade (BDE). They train future Chemical Corps personnel for Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) missions. That mostly deals with understanding, managing, and testing/treating for the elements mentioned. The U.S. does not deploy chemical weapons.

I just finished my annual evaluation, which takes some time. It's essentially my yearly report card that influences career progression. I'm in a supervisory position, so I've been working through evaluations with four other chaplains under me as well. All the admin is not my favorite part of the job... but it's necessary, important, and needs attention.

World events are what they are. I don't think my attitude is uncommon, it just means that the military tends to be focused on 'managing' conflict from day to day. Being prepared is the main thing, and as a Christian and a Chaplain, it means keeping the people I take care of prepared through their faith with focus on Christ. There are always the counseling and relationship strengthening efforts, along with a focus on moral leadership from my position. It is always in support of the command that I fall under, which is a unique focus of working within the military institution. However, I wouldn't be a Chaplain if my first priority were not 1st Amendment support and the free exercise of religion, and my identity as a Lutheran and minister of the Gospel.

The school year finished at the end of May for the girls, so they have been out for a couple of weeks now.

Sophia will be a freshman in college at Missouri State in Springfield, MO.

Abigail will be a senior in high school.

Olivia will be a freshman in high school.

Evelyn will be starting 4th grade.

Madeline will be starting 1st grade.

Thank you for your prayers!”

Please continue to keep Chaplain Mortenson, his family, the base in your prayers.

CTK Military Ministry Prayer Warriors Update

Since our ministry's beginning on Armed Forces Day weekend in May, we now have 24 CTK members who have joined together online to pray for our country, our military and their families, and our veterans. If you are interested in joining this prayer warrior group or have questions about it, please reach out to chowleyaussicker@yahoo.com.

Nailed! Moral Injury A Response from the Cross of Christ for the Combat Veteran

Available at outskirtspress.com/Nailed

By Mark J. Schreiber (DMin, PhD), Lutheran pastor (emeritus) and Navy Chaplain (1980-2005) served as the endorsing agent for all military chaplains of the LCMS from 2004-2014.

“Violence in combat assaults the psyche, confuses the ethics and tests the soul. The combat wounds that our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines can suffer are not only physical but often spiritual; wounds to the soul and conscience from perceived violations of moral norms. Over time moral injury can devastate the warrior's mental health like a slow, corrosive, insidious poison. Warriors deal with eternity. Their actions save the life of their buddy here and end the life of the enemy there but both are human beings. Healing and cleansing must occur after combat.”

Mark J. Schreiber

Having spoken with Rev. Schreiber; the above book is not only for the military combat veteran but also for first responders, and anyone whose conscience is troubled by a past decision made and/or action taken.

CONSIDER BEING A CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSOR!

Looking for an easy ministry—but so important to our young people? Be a Prayer sponsor to one Confirmand from October through May. It's easy; just sign up to pray for them. You will be given a name and a short bio sheet they fill out. Your job is to pray daily for him/her and send a note or card to them each month. They will not know who you are until next May when they meet you face to face.

Isn't that easy? Email Donna Hepner at confirmation@ctk.me and she will contact you. Thank you to those who have already signed up. You are so appreciated!



Donna, Confirmation Coordinator



August 2025



3	Youth Group 6-8 PM
10	NYG Thank You Dinner 5-7 PM Penn
17	Youth Group 6-8 PM
24	Parent Meeting 5-6 PM
24	Youth Group 6-8 PM
31	NO YOUTH GROUP

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 on August 17th. See Gina for the form.



Calling all 7th-12th Grade Youth and Families interested in
 CTK's Rooted in Christ Youth Group
 Youth Group Kick Off Meeting – Penn Rd Campus
 August 24th 5-6 PM

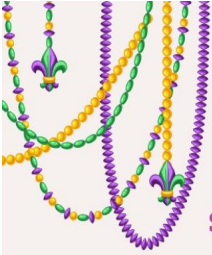
Youth Group meeting will immediately follow from 6-8 PM.

Fundraising

Nov 8 - Craft Show
 TBD - Scrapbook/Craft Day
 TBD - Spring Mom2Mom Sale

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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.



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

Youth Groups

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| CHRIST THE KING | MT. HOPE | ST JOHN | TRINITY |
| SOUTHGATE | ALLEN PARK | TAYLOR | WYANDOTTE |

How did you support the youth?

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| 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? |
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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)



CHRIST THE KING
ROOTED IN CHRIST
YOUTH GROUP PRESENT

Holiday MARKET

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**16700 Pennsylvania Road
Southgate, Michigan**

**Gina Davidson is the ONLY contact for
this event - gmd.lwml@gmail.com**

**JEWELRY, RECLAIMED BARN WOOD,
ORNAMENTS, WREATHES, BAKERS,
CROCHET ITEMS, ONE OF A KIND ART
PIECES, AND MORE**





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:

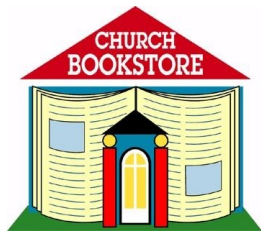
During this time, all we do is hang up clothes. This job can be done standing or sitting. This takes place in the office area of the Administration Building.

Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

Summer isn't quite over yet! There is still plenty of time to purchase a book from the bookstore while you are relaxing on the HOT summer days of August or on vacation. There is a wide variety of books to choose from. We carry children, teen, and adult books and Bibles. Plus, remember to

check out the "used book" and the "clearance sections"! All books in the "used book" section are .50 cents. The bookstore could use an extra volunteer to help on Saturday afternoon. It would involve opening the store at 4:40 before service and after service for about 10 minutes. You would be given instructions on receipts, sales, and etc.

If interested, contact Claudia at landberg@umich.edu. Thank you and STAY COOL!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 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

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! **During the summer, join us in the Upper Room for Sunday School!**



WHAT'S THE 411?

Exciting things ahead! Watch this space for details!



Save The Date - Rally Day is Coming!



Rally Day for Sunday School will be September 14. We are looking forward to kicking off another exciting, fun-filled and above all - Spirit-filled year!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SIZZLE

As we experience the scorching temperatures of summer 2025, our Sunday School students continue to faithfully "hike" to the Upper Room each Sunday to hear "sizzling" Bible stories. In July we encountered Elijah riding high to heaven in a flaming chariot of fire. We learned that, although he encountered many difficulties, he was a faithful prophet of God and one of only three people in the Bible who was taken to heaven without dying first. We also learned that before he was taken to heaven, Elijah left Elisha to carry on his work. Our stories in August will continue with our "brilliant blaze" theme, as we hear about 3 men thrown in a fiery furnace, and see flames of fire appearing on the disciple's heads. If you haven't had a chance to attend yet, there is plenty of summer Sunday school left to enjoy. We would love for you to join in on the fun activities in the Upper Room each Sunday.



Keep informed....



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

Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study is taking a break during August. We resume in September.

Men's Bible Study will be moving in the Fall!

We will meet on Fridays at 8am at PA Rd. Pastor Brooks will start us off, beginning Friday, September 5, in the Fellowship Center. There will be coffee, and maybe even some goodies. If you haven't been, we hope you can join us!

Pastor's Message



We are moving the New Member Class to Sunday mornings, beginning Sept. 7. The class will be in the Upper Room during the Bible Class hour. Our New Member Class is somewhat unique from other churches in this way: we talk less “what we believe,” and more about “why we believe.” We take an apologetics approach. Apologetics is just a fancy word for defending what you believe. The Christian faith is founded on God’s work throughout history. God’s actions have been witnessed, documented, and recorded. For thousands of years, archeology continues to bear witness to the truth of “God at work in the world.” Many Biblical events are supported by ancient historians and sources outside the Bible, which are acknowledged as reliable by modern historians. If you are considering membership at Christ The King, this is the first step. We ask that you register for the class by calling the church office at 734.285.9695 or filling out the form in the bulletin. If your children are Sunday School age, they can go to Sunday School during the class, as the classes meet at the same time. If you have any questions, email me at jayc@ctk.me.

In Christ, Rev. Jason Cashmer