

CTK Communiqué

November 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 Event Center - 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

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

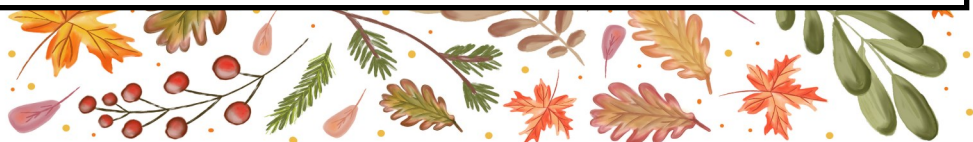


Financial Snapshot – Through August 2025

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>September 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 102,619.87	\$ 996,153.93
Tuition	\$ 127,224.04	\$ 698,226.20
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 229,843.91	\$1,694,380.13
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$ 195,496.00	\$1,710,590.00
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ 34,347.91	\$ (16,209.87)

	<u>September 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$229,843.91	\$ 1,694,380.13
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$179,099.01	\$ 1,605,109.89
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	\$ 50,744.90	\$ 89,270.24

Through September our income is over expenses. God continues to provide. During the month of November we encourage our members to prayerfully consider their stewardship. Pledges can be made using pledge cards or online. Thank you for your faithful giving. CTK is very blessed because of the tithes and fruit-fruit offerings from our committed members. As Paul encouraged the church in Colossae, *“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”* Col. 1:9-10



Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Giselle Evans
To Memorial Fund given by:

Nancy Nissen

To Outreach

Jack Evans

M/M Gary Evans

M/M Dennis Thompson

M/M Joe Bollo

To Food Pantry, given by:

M/M Bob Ludtke

M/M Robert Murphy

To Gifts to School given by:

Shoup Family

In Memory of Art Hickling

To Gifts to School given by:

Shoup Family

In Memory of Beverly Hovis

To Food Pantry, given by:

M/M Dave Koskela

In Memory of

John Mongelluzzo

To Memorial Fund given by:

Judy Mongelluzzo

In Memory of Frank Mundy

To Music given by:

M/M Robert Murphy

In Memory of Joe Olson

To Food Pantry, given by:

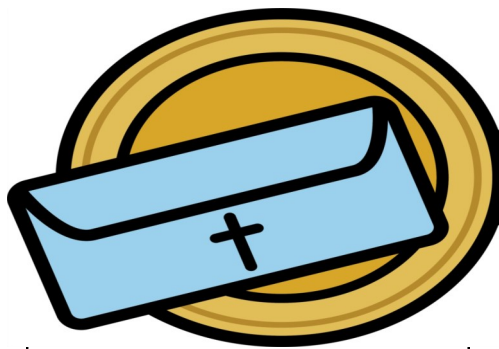
M/M Bob Ludtke

To Alms given by:

Judy Bieblly

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	\$ 904.00	\$ 26,144.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,925.99	\$ 2,383.50	\$ 2,021.02	\$ 59,039.72
Bottles	\$ 2,888.54	\$ 774.60	\$ 178.20	\$ 45,413.04
Paper Recycle	\$ 52.26	\$ 28.25	\$ 11.56	\$ 810.20
(As of: 10/12/25)				



Remember Your Pledge This November

PLEDGE CARDS

On November 16th, we will make a pledge to the Lord regarding our tithe during 2026. Pray to see the Lord's will in the commitment He wants you to make to support His church. Pledge cards will be available starting November 2nd in the bulletin, the November Newsletter and can also be found online. For online pledges, visit www.ctk.me and click on My CTK on the top corner. After you log in, select My Pledge History found under My Giving History and click on 'ADD PLEDGE'.

Family Annual In- come	Weekly Income	Weekly Giving					
		3%	5%	7%	10%	12%	15%
\$ 35,000	\$ 673	\$ 20	\$ 34	\$ 47	\$ 67	\$ 81	\$ 101
\$ 50,000	\$ 962	\$ 29	\$ 48	\$ 67	\$ 96	\$ 115	\$ 144
\$ 65,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 38	\$ 63	\$ 88	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 188
\$ 80,000	\$ 1,538	\$ 46	\$ 77	\$ 108	\$ 154	\$ 185	\$ 231
\$ 95,000	\$ 1,827	\$ 55	\$ 91	\$ 128	\$ 183	\$ 219	\$ 274
\$ 115,000	\$ 2,212	\$ 66	\$ 111	\$ 155	\$ 221	\$ 265	\$ 332
\$ 130,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 75	\$ 125	\$ 175	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 375

“Discipleship According to St. Matthew”

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

After prayerful consideration, my 2025 financial steward goal will be:

_____ %first fruit giving OR Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Yearly \$ _____
(This amount does not include tuition)

My contribution to the work
of the Lord’s Church
in 2026 is:

\$ _____
Please retain this portion and place
in your Bible or where you will see it
to pray about your decision.

Signed _____ Date _____ Envelope # _____

SERVE *THROUGH* GIVING
GIVING BACK TO GOD



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
November 2	Early Communion Sunday	9:00 AM	TR
November 3	Sewing Circle	10:00 AM	PA
November 6 & 7	School Conferences	All Day	TR
November 7	Half Day of School	11:30 AM	TR
November 7	Daniel Doss Concert	7:00 PM	PA
November 8	Craft Show	10 AM to 4 PM	PA
November 9	New Member Sunday	9:00 AM	TR
November 11	Veteran's Day	All Day	
November 19	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
Nov. 24-28	Thanksgiving Break	All Week	TR
November 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 PM	*PA*
Nov. 27 & 28	Church Office Closed	All Day	TR
December 3	Advent Services	5 PM/Trinity, Wyandotte 7 PM/CTK Trenton Rd	
December 1	Sewing Circle	10:00 AM	PA
December 5	String Quartet & Candle Concert	7:00 PM	PA

Weekly Events:

Tuesdays:	Toolbelt Tuesday	8:00 AM	PA
Wednesdays:	Women's Bible Study	9:00 AM	PA
Thursdays:	Donation Station Open	12:00-2:00	PA
	Food Pantry	3:00 PM	PA
Fridays:	Men's Bible Study	8:00 AM	PA
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

1,369 visits from Jan. 1 – October 15th

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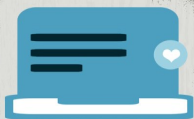
- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](#).
- **Online:** Members may visit www.ctk.me and click on “MyCTK” at the top of the homepage to log in. Select “Giving” then “Give Now” to set up a one time or recurring payment.
- **Text:** Visitors/Members 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!



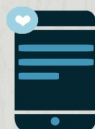
4 Ways to GIVE



WEBSITE



IN PERSON



CHURCH APP



TEXTING

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.



I just can't get over how beautiful the weather has been lately. Cool nights and warm days, now turning to cooler and cooler and into cold. I love warm weather but I also love the rhythm of our seasons here in Michigan. In the church year calendar, the end of October into November brings us two Holidays on back-to-back Sundays. Reformation and All Saints' Day. On Reformation Day we celebrate what makes us who we are as God's people: Grace alone through faith alone in Jesus alone. Then on All Saints' Day we get to celebrate the full "who" of the Church – all the saints, those who have come before, those who are on earth now, and those who are to come. All of us gathered together in the communion of Jesus and united as one people and one body in Christ. This is actually the same thing we celebrate every time we partake of Communion together in our worship service. Christ's body and blood given for us in the heavenly meal. Not just the people in the room together, but all the saints. All the hosts of heaven celebrating together and singing with one voice that Jesus Christ is Lord. Just like every single holiday in the church year – Reformation Day, All Saints', Christmas, Easter; it's all about Jesus. We are people who not only follow Jesus, but people who are one in and through Jesus, made alive together with Him.



Pastor Brooks
Report

Seminary Update: I am in two classes right now, Greek and a class on the Church. Greek is especially challenging but also rewarding! I am looking ahead to start making my winter travel plans for St. Louis to be on campus for my winter class. I have learned so much from each class that I have taken so far and am still looking forward to learning more and more as I continue my studies! Thank you for your support and your prayers! God's Blessings, Pastor Brooks

**Christ the King Lutheran Church and
School members and families,**

Thank you for making my retirement celebration special. Your presence, warm wishes, and years of support and friendship are great memories for me. Sharing God's love alongside you is a valuable treasure. I was honored to receive a call to teach at CTK 43 years ago and to continue as a partner in God's work with you today.

In Christ, Lynn Konkel

*thank
you*

DANIEL DOSS

LIVE IN CONCERT



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN
CHURCH EVENT CENTER

16700 Pennsylvania Rd.,
Southgate, MI

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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

[https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/
ticketing/daniel-doss-concert](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/daniel-doss-concert)

7-9pm

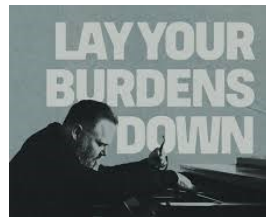
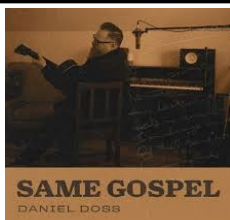
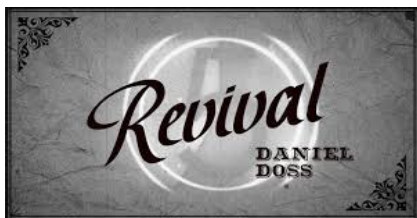
\$30



COMING NOVEMBER 7th! DANIEL DOSS, IN CONCERT
**COMING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH! DANIEL DOSS, IN CON-
CERT at 7pm** at the PA Rd Event Center. Daniel Doss is an artist,
worship leader, and songwriter. He currently leads at New Vision Bap-
tist Church of Murfreesboro, TN, and also travels, doing various events
and concerts throughout the year. For more information on his ministry,
visit www.danieldossmusic.com.

As a special treat, some of our school ensemble kids will be per-
forming two songs with Daniel, as well as the Doxology.

**Ticket cost is \$30/adult or \$50 family pack (kids 14 and under free,
with the purchase of an adult ticket.)** Use the QR code or visit the
following link to purchase tickets: [https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/
daniel-doss-concert](https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/daniel-doss-concert). (When purchasing tickets, you DO NOT have to
pay the optional Zeffy fee. Click on the additional fee box, choose oth-
er, and enter \$0.00.) Don't have access to a printer to print your ticket?
Contact the church office for help. **If you cannot access the Zeffy
website, we will have tickets in the church office for purchase with
cash or check. Drop in during business hours or give us a call to let
us know you'd like to purchase.**



Journey to Jesus Living Nativity

Saturday, December 20th &
Sunday, December 21st from
5-8pm. at the PA Rd. campus.
This is a free event being hosted
by our entire congregation!

LIVING NATIVITY

COMING BACK - CTK'S DRIVE THROUGH LIVE NATIVITY!

Saturday, December 20th and Sunday, December 21st from 5-8pm at the PA Rd. campus. This is a free event, being hosted by our entire congregation! We need everyone's help for this to be a successful ministry for our community! Sign-up sheets can be found in the West Gallery, near the Ministry Center. You can also sign up by visiting www.ctk.me/living-nativity-journey-to-jesus/. Please consider signing up to help us spread the Real Reason for the Season on our "Journey to Jesus"! Contact Grace Willer at gracemarie77@gmail.com or 734.770.2948, Jill Calkins at calkinsj83@gmail.com or 734.915.5547, or Deb Dutcher at ddutcher@comcast.net or 734.552.0356 with any questions.

WOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE LIVING NATIVITY

SCENERY We need wood donations, such as 2x4s, 2x6s, plywood wood pallets, etc. These donations can be dropped off near door #6 of the Admin Bldg. at PA Rd.



DID YOU KNOW?????

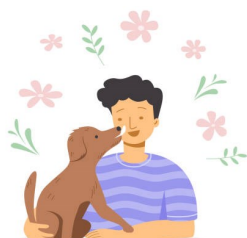
Long time CTK member, Kimberly Beaudrie, heard God's call two and a half years ago and became a Certified Canine Therapy Handler. Since then, she and her golden retriever, Caleb D, have been spreading the love of Christ and bringing emotional support to individuals not only in our church family, but also in local hospitals, schools and at special canine events! Caleb D is CTK's first therapy canine and the only one serving at any LCMS in the Downriver area.



Caleb D has received the American Kennel Club Advanced and Excellent Awards and Kimberly was presented with the 2025 Volunteer Honor Roll by the United Way of Southeastern Michigan for the difference she and Caleb D are making in our community.

Their ministry has created many opportunities for conversations about faith while bringing comfort and joy to all ages. They have had many divine interventions where it is evident God placed them in the right place at the right time to provide exactly what that individual needed.

Thank you Kimberly for listening to what the Lord put on your heart and taking on this role for our church and community. We pray that more will come to know Christ through your faithful and loving work.



For questions or to learn more about their ministry please contact:

Kimberly Beaudrie
Kimberly10171217@att.net
 734-775-1079





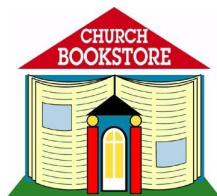
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Set clocks back an hour

AT 2:00 A.M.

Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

'Tis the Season! It's getting to be that time of year. Advent and Christmas are right around the corner! The season of Advent begins at the end of the month on November 30th. Advent and Christmas items, books, and gifts are coming soon to the bookstore! Stop by the bookstore and shop for all your Advent/Christmas gift giving needs. Don't forget we have a used book section and a clearance section, too. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



Church Office Hours

Mon. – Friday: 8:30am to 3:00pm

November 27 & 28

DECEMBER 26

JANUARY 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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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."

This Month in CTK History ***November 2025***

We, as members of Christ The King Church have much to be thankful for, especially during this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. We are thankful for our Pastors, our beautiful campus', and our fellow members in Christ. This is a look back at CTK history for the month of November.



- ♦ November 30, 1952, was a "RED Letter Day" for CTK. It was the day we organized as a congregation and was the closing date of the charter membership. The Charter membership had 46 members.
- ♦ Two ground-breaking events for CTK took place in November. The first was on 11/29/53, when ground was broken for a new building. The second ground-breaking occurred on 11/23/80 for the new Parish Center-Gymnasium.
- ♦ On November 16, 1980, voters passed Women's Suffrage to allow female members to vote at Voters Meetings.
- ♦ And finally, 10 years ago already, the new Sanctuary at the Pennsylvania Campus was dedicated this month.





Oct. 6 BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

The American Red Cross & CTK extends their heartfelt appreciation for donating on October 6. Thank you for your support by donating an amazing gift to patients in need. If you were unable to donate, please go to redcrossblood.org to give.

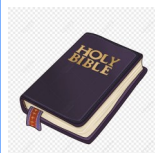
Thanks to everyone who helped set-up & take down tables and chairs.

In Christ, Nancy Chambo

59+ Group Join us for Line dancing, sitting or standing, on November 19th in the TR upper room from 1:00-2:15pm. We will also do our annual Friendsgiving pot luck. If you want, bring a little something to pass for 8 people. Everyone welcome.



Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Center at PA Rd. We will be studying Psalm 119. Please join us!

Men's Bible Study

We meet on Fridays at 8am at PA Rd in the Fellowship Center. Pastor Brooks lead. Coffee is served, and maybe even some goodies. If you haven't been, we hope you can join us!



EMIM Thank You

A big thank you to all that turned in the Every Member In Ministry forms for volunteering. You will be contacted by the ministry lead before January for your perspective volunteer area. If you have questions before turning in the EMIM form, contact Lisa Demou in the church office



Save the Date

The 3rd Annual CTK
Have a Heart Fundraiser
will be held on
Friday, February 13th.
More details to follow
in the coming months!

Annual Thermal Giving for ChristNet

We are collecting thermals from November 1st through the 30th. Needed are men's and women's tops and bottoms, sizes medium to 3x. Please place thermals in the marked bin in the West Gallery, thank you in advance! Your donations will go a long way to keep the unhoused warm during the upcoming winter months! Contact Jennifer Gepes with questions. 734-775-1972 or jellen71@comcast.net.



Christmas Gift Basket Schedule

- Do you or a group want to **adopt** a family? Please call (734-285-9695 x 210) or email Lisa@ctk.me **anytime now until December 1st**. (Keep in mind, we will not have any family information until after November 17th when the families start to call.)
- Family names taken Monday, November 17 - Monday, December 1 via phone
- Toy Basket Assembly: Wednesday, December 17, 11:00-2:00pm, East Gallery (volunteers welcome)
- Food Basket Assembly: Thursday, December 18th, TR Rd. Foyer (Narthex) area 11:30am (volunteers welcome)
- Basket Pickup: Friday, December 19th, TR Rd. Church doors (volunteers welcome) 9:00-11:00am and 12:30-3pm to accommodate half day of school.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: We will worship and give thanks at the **PA Rd. Campus Event Center.**
16700 Pennsylvania Rd, Southgate

Christmas Toy Basket Donation:

As an outreach, we are planning the need for Christmas assistance from families to be higher than last year. The following are suggestions for gift donations and would need to be brought to the Church office or the marked bin in the West Gallery before Monday, December 15th. Thank you very much!

Boys or girls...

- Gift cards - \$5 or \$10 gift cards for Walmart, Meijer, Dollar Tree or Five Below (bring gift cards to office)
- any small stuffed animal, toy, book, board game, Barbie doll and or items, action figures, cars/trucks, craft kit, science kit, socks, hats, gloves, etc.
- Teenage items (13-18 yrs old) such as make up, gloves, hats, card games, socks, body soap, cologne, perfume, purses, Lego kits, gift cards to McDonald's, Taco Bell, Chic Fil-A, etc.

If you would like to **Adopt a Family**, contact Lisa to get all your questions answered. Each family that calls in, will receive a food basket from the church already. Families may ask for needs like, pots, shoes, coat, cleaning supplies, personal items, etc. in addition to a few small gifts for kids. I will discuss with you dollar amounts and /or money donations.

Thank you in advance and may God bless you and yours.



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN NIGHT AT USA HOCKEY ARENA!

Madison Capitals vs. NTDP U17s, Friday, November 21, 14900 Beck Rd, Plymouth. Doors open at 6pm; puck drop at 7pm. \$15 discounted group ticket, parking included! A full night of fun for our congregation, cheering on the Team USA! To purchase, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ChristKing25>. For more info, contact Caleb Johnson at 734.453.0818 or caleb.johnson@usahockey.org



CTK CHILDCARE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Title: Assistant Preschool Teacher

Position Type: Full-time/Part-time

Position Summary:

We are seeking a caring and enthusiastic **Assistant Preschool Teacher** to join our team. The Assistant Teacher will support the Lead Teacher in planning and implementing classroom activities, ensuring the health and safety of children, and fostering a positive learning environment.

Responsibilities:

- Assist the Lead Teacher with daily classroom activities and lesson plans
- Support children's individual needs and encourage their social and emotional development
- Maintain a safe, clean, and organized classroom environment
- Supervise children during play, meals, and rest times
- Communicate positively with children, parents, and staff
- Follow all licensing regulations, health, and safety guidelines
- Assist with classroom documentation, including observations and reports

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent (CDA or early childhood coursework preferred)
- Experience working with young children in a childcare or preschool setting preferred
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Ability to multitask and remain patient in a fast-paced environment
- Commitment to providing a safe and loving learning environment

How to Apply:

If you are passionate about early childhood education and enjoy working with young children, we'd love to hear from you! Please submit your resume and cover letter to daycare@ctk.me



CTK SEWING CIRCLE

We meet the 2nd Monday of every month from 10am to 2pm in the PA Rd Fellowship Center. The Sewing Circle is a group of individuals sharing their gifts and talents to sew, crochet, or knit items, such as cradle blankets, lap size blankets, and twin size blankets. We donate these items to Rivergate Nursing Home, Project Linus, Downriver Veterans, and Knit Michigan. Please contact Bobbi Chrysler at bchrysler72@gmail.com or 734.558.5143 with any questions.



Mark Your Calendars 2026 Euchre Dates

**January 17, February 21, March 21,
April 18, May 16, September 19
& October 17**

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



CO-ED VOLLEYBALL We meet at CTK in the Trenton Rd gymnasium every Tuesday from 7-10pm. You need to be at least 16 yrs. of age to play. We encourage those interested in playing volleyball to come out and join us for a night of fun and conversation!

Contact Michael Shoup at

blueknight007@hotmail.com or 734.624.4350 with any questions.

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. This will be our last month for walking outdoors see you next year.



PICKLEBALL SOCIAL We meet every Saturday in the PA Rd gym at 9am, \$3 drop-in. Contact chance@ctk.me for more info.

Life Chain



God does not always grant comfortable weather for the Life Chain. He did this year on October 5, the first Sunday of the month!

Ten CTK members gathered at 1:45 p.m. at CTK on Trenton Rd. for procedural reminders and, of course, prayer. A little before 2:00 p.m., we drove to our spot a little south of the intersection of Fort Street and Eureka. There three more folks joined us: two were friends of a CTK member and the third, a man (in my age category) who said that it was time for his first time to stand for life. Our youngest was a high school student. From a wide variety of posters, we each chose one.

We each stood (or sat) from 2:00-3:30. The back of some posters had prayers, hymns, thoughts and Bible verses to use silently during our watch. My estimate was that over 2,000 cars passed by while we were there. In a world where life is often treated cheaply, our signs reminded all that life is very precious; it is God's gift to give us the "breath of life."

At 3:30 p.m. we gathered, collected signs, had a thank you prayer in Jesus' name, talked and departed. It was a gratifying experience.

Life Chain is the first Sunday of October each year. Consider joining us next year!

Sincerely,
A participant in the Life Chain (P.H.E.)



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 will end our fourth quarter with two books: *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis (discussed on Oct. 27) and *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, which we will discuss at our Christmas Party on Dec. 29. **There will be no meeting in November.** Our meetings take place in the Cana Room at 6:30pm, and if you would like to join the club, stop by any of our meetings or email Jessica Bourassa at jessica@ctk.me to get on our email list.

Day School News

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, our hearts turn to the countless blessings God has poured into our lives. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, we are reminded, “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Gratitude is more than a feeling—it is an act of worship. When we pause to thank God, we acknowledge His hand in every good gift, from the beauty of creation to the love of family and friends. Even in challenges, we find reasons to give thanks, for He is always working for our good and His glory.

This Thanksgiving, may we take time to reflect on God’s faithfulness throughout the year. Let’s gather around our tables with hearts full of praise, remembering that every blessing—big or small—flows from His grace. With one quarter of the school year complete, we have so much to be thankful for. In September, we held our annual Fun Run. We raised nearly \$30,000 that we will save for our next big project, a playground renovation. In October, we hosted our seventh annual Trunk or Treat at the Pennsylvania Road Campus. We collected 1,000 pounds of candy from our day school, local sponsors, and the congregation to distribute. We had approximately 2,500 people on the campus for Trunk or Treat. It was a glorious day!

As we begin quarter two, we are looking forward to our Veteran’s Day celebration, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and our Christmas Program. We hope you’ll be able to join us on December 10 or 11 for Out of the Box.

From all of us, may your Thanksgiving be filled with peace, joy, and the deep assurance of God’s love.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” – Psalm 107:1

God’s Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner





Youth Group Calendar November 2025

2	Youth Group 6-8 PM
6 &	Vendor Show Set Up and Show
9	Youth Group 6-8 PM
16	DRYC FriendsGiving @ CTK 5-8 PM
23	Youth Group 6-8 PM
30	Youth Group 6-8 PM



CALLING ALL 6th—12th GRADE YOUTH
If your Youth wants to attend camp they **DO NOT** need to be a regular Youth Group attendee.

We (6th - 12th Grade) will be attending SpringHill Camp January 9-11, 2026. Cost is \$250. A \$30 deposit will be due for ALL Youth attending camp on November 16th. See Gina for the form. This is a **HARD** deadline.

Calling all 7th-12th Grade Youth and Families
interested in
CTK's Rooted in Christ Youth Group

See Gina any Sunday AM in the Teen Bible
Study or join us for
Youth Group every Sunday evening from 6-8
(based on our monthly calendar)



CTK & DRYC Annual
Friendsgiving is coming!!!

November 16 5-8 PM

@ Penn Campus

Please see Gina for what dish
you can sign up to bring RSVP
by Nov 2



Nov 8 - Craft Show

Jan/Feb - Super Bowl Sub Sale

April - M&M Tube Sale

Feb/March - Lent Dinners

Feb 28 - Spring Mom2Mom Sale

TBD - Spring Craft Show

May 2 - Spring Scrapbooking

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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.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

** All services at Trenton Rd., unless otherwise noted.

Advent Services

Wed., December 3, 10 and 17
5:00 p.m. at Trinity, Wyandotte
7:00 p.m. at Christ The King

Preschool Christmas Program

Mon., December 9 - 6:00 p.m. TR Sanctuary

Children's Christmas Program

Wed., December 10 - 3:30 p.m. TR Gym
Thurs., December 11 - 6:30 p.m. TR Gym

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24 (Candlelight Services)
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Thursday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.
w/Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Service

Wednesday, December 31 - 7:00 p.m.
w/Holy Communion **at PA Rd**

The Poinsettia chart will be available near the Ministry Center on November 23. Cost is \$9 per plant. Deadline for ordering is December 7th. We encourage you to purchase a plant (or two) in memory or honor of a loved one. Honorees will be listed on a poster next to the poinsettia tree. Please take an envelope and place payment in the offering. You can also pay online. You may pick up your plant(s) after the Christmas Day Service.



CHRIST THE KING
ROOTED IN CHRIST
YOUTH GROUP PRESENT

Holiday MARKET

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2025

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

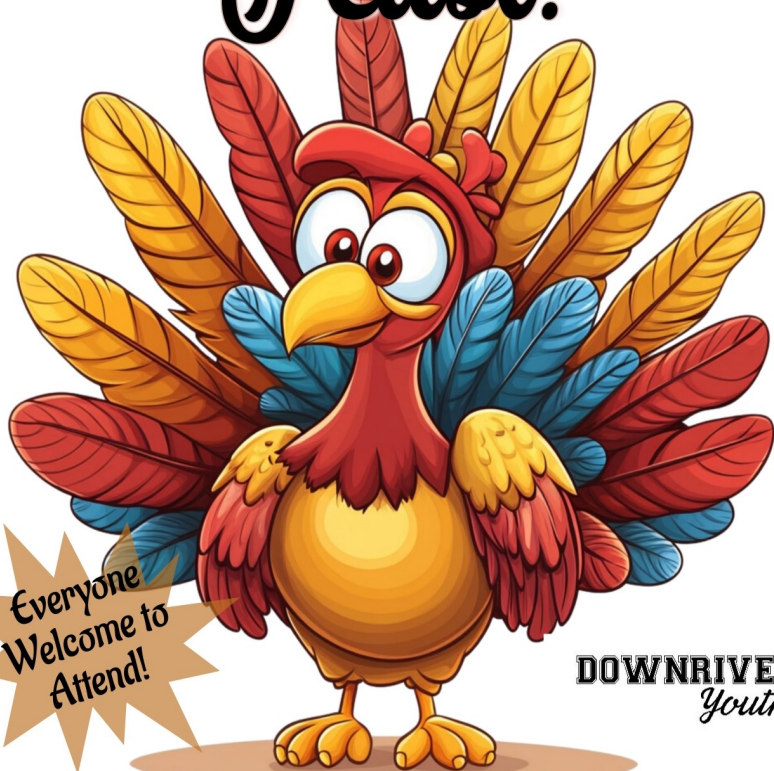
16700 Pennsylvania Road
Southgate, Michigan

**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**

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

Freinds giving Feast!



DOWNRIVER
Youth

Sunday, November 16th, 2025

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CTK – Penn Campus



See Gina for dishes needed list -
DRYC Churches are providing desserts

WHY SHOULD WE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY?

- ◇ To seek God's wisdom and guidance for our leaders so that they can make righteous and just decisions.
- ◇ To encourage national unity and bring citizens together in a community.
- ◇ To seek a revival or spiritual awakening within our nation.



Whether we face fluctuations in the economy, threats from across the globe, or unrest at home, our Heavenly Father knows about it all. Through our prayers, we are able to tap into HIS wisdom, HIS strength, HIS protection, and HIS peace. So join us today! Be a Prayer Warrior! Pray for our country and our military personnel at home and abroad.

The following prayer is a sample from the October Prayer Warrior Prayer Request installment. This program emails once a month a prayer to participating CTK members who are "prayer warriors" for our nation and our military. If you would like to join this group of prayerful people, please email Cecilia at chowleyaussicker@yahoo.com. We will add you to the list. Thank you.



CTK Military Ministry

PRAYER WARRIOR

October 2025

PRAYER REQUEST

Heavenly Father,
we lift up our prayers to you for our veterans and those who continue to serve our country with unwavering dedication. We are grateful for their sacrifice, bravery, and selflessness in protecting our freedom.

Lord, be a shield around our veterans and active-duty personnel. Shelter them, guard them, and grant them peace and healing especially those who are suffering physically, mentally, or spiritually. For those who made the ultimate sacrifice, grant them eternal rest.

God, we pray for peace in this broken world and an end to global conflict.

In Jesus' name.

AMEN.



Military Ministry

Prayers For CTK Military Members

Please continue to pray for the service members on the weekly prayer list. Prayers for safety in service, and prayers for smooth transitions between assignments, into new roles and responsibilities, and to civilian life are appreciated very much.

Veteran's Day – November 11th

Please take a moment to thank a Veteran, to lend them a hand, to pray for their physical and mental healing and well-being, for comfort and peace, and successful integration into civilian life as well as support for veteran families.

Adopt-A-Chap Update

Chaplain Matthew Mortenson remains stationed at Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) in Missouri. However, he's approaching the end of his assignment there, and is working with his advisors to determine where he'll be assigned next. The possibilities range anywhere from another state-side assignment to being forwardly deployed overseas in any of many regions of the globe. Please pray for him to receive an assignment that serves God's needs as well as those of our military and Matt's family. Chaplain Mortenson is in the process of establishing a Lutheran Worship Service in the event a Lutheran Chaplain isn't on base. This entails establishing a relationship between an off-base Lutheran Chaplain, and the base. In addition to that relationship a Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book and Hymnals will need to be obtained or purchased. He asks us to pray for this project.

Chaplain Mortenson's area of responsibility includes the Christmas Break Hold Over Program. Not all trainees on the base will go home for Christmas. 100-200 trainees will remain or "hold over" on base for the 2-week break. Reasons include no family, lack of travel funding, etc. This is a particularly difficult time for the trainees. Please include them in your prayers. If you have suggestions for how we could make this time easier for them, please email your suggestions for consideration to Denise Younglove Doede at DDoede01@yahoo.com.

Chaplain Mortenson is applying to the Doctorate of Ministry program. The application process takes 1-2 months. He asks us to pray for him to successfully navigate this process and be accepted to the program. He also asks us to pray for his children:

- ♦ 19 yr old Sophia started her freshman year of college. Please pray for her college experience
- ♦ 17 yr old Abigail started her Sr. year of high school. Please pray for guidance as she considers her college choices
- ♦ 15 yr old Olivia started her freshman year of high school. Please pray for her high school experience and her becoming a young lady
- ♦ 10 yr old Evelyn started 4th grade. Please pray she continues to do well in school
- ♦ 7 yr old Madelyn started 1st grade and she's a ball of energy. Please pray for her grade school experience

Chaplain Mortenson shared the following about Fort Leonard Wood:

- ⇒ The service members on base are either “permanent” or trainees
- ⇒ “Permanent” personnel are in general assigned to FLW for 2-3 years
- ⇒ Trainees fall into a number of categories
- ⇒ Basic Training for 10 weeks
- ⇒ Job Specific trainees for specialized training usually 6-10 weeks but occasionally 12 months
- ⇒ Lieutenants training called Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) for 3 months
- ⇒ Captains Career Course (CCC) for 6 months

For CTK's Military Ministry Prayer Warriors

Chaplain Mortenson is going to identify a service member at FLW for each of you. The service member will likely be one who has expressed the desire for a Christian connection, or is without family & wishes to connect with a prayer warrior, etc. As he identifies the service members, you'll be contacted with the service member's information.

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces *So Help Me God* Newsletter – 4th Quarter, 2025

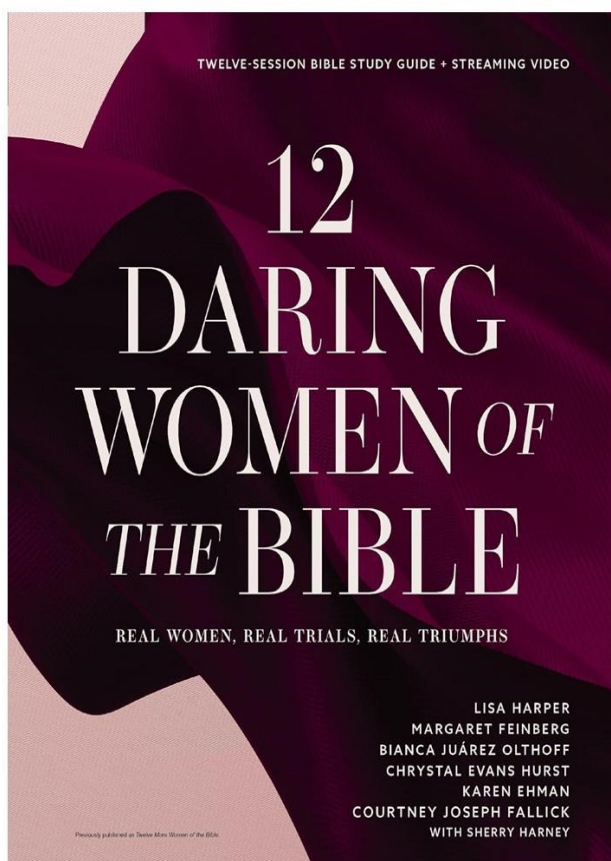
This quarter's newsletter contains the following articles focusing “on the goodness of our Lord in executing His will in our lives”:

A Great and Wonderful Plan
That's Not What I Had in Mind
God's Plan for our Lives
Check it Out!

Access the newsletter here: [4 — LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces — So Help Me God newsletter — Fourth Quarter 2025](#)

Access previous newsletters here: [Ministry to the Armed Forces Newsletters Archives - LCMS Resources](#)

LWML Dearborn Downriver Bible Study



Monthly Bible Study

Beginning in November 15 @ 9:30 AM

Location: Guardian Lutheran, Dearborn

Contact: Gina Davidson to register by Nov 1

gmd.lwml@gmail.com

Books can be purchased on your own

If you have to miss an in person session, that's ok you get a code in your book to view the study on your own.



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.

Shelf Organizers Needed!

The D.S. is in need of two Department Heads- one for shoes and one for China/Dishes. The main responsibility is to keep these areas stocked with donated items, making sure the assigned shelves are neat and filled on sale days. Department Heads may work on their departments whenever it is convenient for them. Please contact Carol@ctk.me for more information.



FOOD PANTRY

An Interesting Food Pantry Report

I decided to review the Meijer Simply Give reports that we have received since 2014. They say much about generosity - God's, yours, and the Meijer Corp. In 2014 and 2015, there was only one Simply Give campaign/year. Since 2020 (COVID), there have often been three campaigns/year. The lowest amount CTK received was in 2015 (\$2290). The highest amount was in 2024 (\$50,636). 2025 is also a good year, so far. The total that CTK members, community givers, and the Meijer Corp. have given through Simply Give campaigns to your CTK Food Pantry is \$173,749.98!

That is a considerable gifting from God and His people. When we receive the "food only" Meijer cards after a Simply Give campaign, a financial CTK staff person and I together account for them. After the cards are activated, we have four groups (two/week) who shop at Meijer. Each week they purchase 60-72 of each of these: cheese, loaves of bread, lbs. of margarine or dozens of eggs, and 48 1/2 gallons of milk.

We also buy long-shelf items and frozen goods from Gleaner's Food Bank in Taylor at reduced prices. These are large purchases of hundreds of dollars per week. These purchases are only possible through your love-inspired gifts to CTK given regularly. As available, Gleaners gives us fruit and produce for free.

Our "30" volunteers happily work at shopping, ordering, transporting, unloading, stocking, and distributing the food in the name of Jesus and for His sake.

Since January 2025, you have helped an average of 245 households/month, representing an average of 624 individuals/month.

"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." Isaiah 12:4

With you in Jesus,
Pastor Harry and "The 30" (volunteers)



7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF NOVEMBER - 2025

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| 1. Trusting only God can orchestrate your outcome. | Num. 11:31-32 |
| 2. God loves being graciously compassionate with you. | Isa. 30:18 |
| 3. You are “wired” for God’s eternal glory. | Ps. 23:6 |
| 4. God hears your requests for guidance voting. | I Tim. 2: 1-2 |
| 5. What the world needs now is LOVE! | I John 4:16 |
| 6. Your world’s unfixable? Start by loving one. | I john 4:11-12 |
| 7. Meekness is not weakness --- it’s quiet strength. | I Peter 3:4 |
| 8. Sometimes rest starts with releasing the unnecessary | Matt. 11:28-30 |
| 9. Here is some timeless wisdom --- do less. | Eccl. 4:6 |
| 10. You can worship anywhere --- pause – read – worship. | I Sam. 1:5-28 |
| 11. Celebrate the courage of Armed Forces Veterans. | Josh. 1:9 |
| 12. Keep HOPE going to strengthen your spirit. | John 14:26 |
| 13. Your waiting, done in love, becomes worship. | I Sam. 1:5-28 |
| 14. You reflect Jesus’s radical love by forgiving. | Eph. 4 :32 |
| 15. Save others using God given spiritual gifts. | Phil. 1: 11-12 |
| 16. You become a new creation following Christ. | II Cor. 5:17 |
| 17. Daily make gratitude lists --- they delight God. | Zeph. 3:17 |
| 18. God’s Word revives soul, mind and spirit. | Ps. 85:6 |
| 19. Praying’s personally connecting with God in conversation. | I John 5:14-15 |
| 20. Staying close to Jesus brightens your day. | Rev. 21:23 |
| 21. Sleepless nights are a call to prayer. | Ps. 4:5 |
| 22. Jesus, please calm me within and without. | Ps. 23:2-3 |
| 23. Negativity is like an infection that spreads. | Num.13:31-32 |
| 24. We live where truth itself is contested. | II Tim. 4:3-4 |
| 25. Complaints are prayers God hears and understands. | Ps. 4:5 |
| 26. Spend time with Jesus just being thankful. | Rom. 7:25 |
| 27. Share memories, recipes, gratitude and love today. | Ps. 100:4 |
| 28. Truly, God does renew our strength, daily. | Isa. 40:31 |
| 29. The Spirit transforms how we represent Jesus. | Rom. 12:1-2 |
| 30. Carrying other’s burdens helps strengthen all involved. | Gal. 6:2 |

~ By Ralph & Donna Moore



SUNDAY SCHOOL 411 NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in paths of uprightness. Proverbs 4:11

Annual Bake Sale

Our 2nd Annual Bake Sale benefiting Children's Hope Chest will take place on November 15th and 16th. We are asking every 411 family to donate baked goods, (cookies, brownies, bread, muffins, cupcakes, pie, etc.). Please pack in small quantities, (approx. 6 items per package/baggie), and label with the name of baked good. Please mention if it contains nuts. Thank you!



COMING UP!

Reformation Day movie, popcorn and BINGO!
Lesson 8 - Fishers Follow- Jesus calls disciples
Lesson 9 - The Wine Sign - A Wedding at Cana
Lesson 10 - Jesus Preaches on the Mount
Advent Lesson





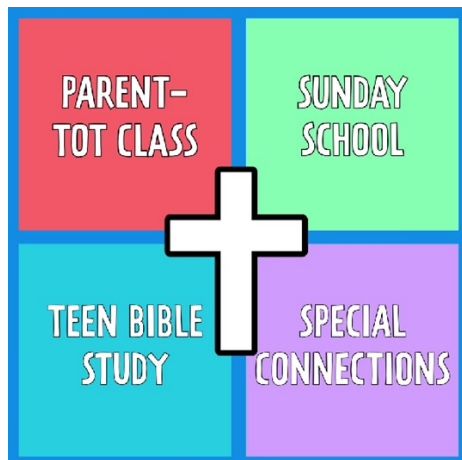
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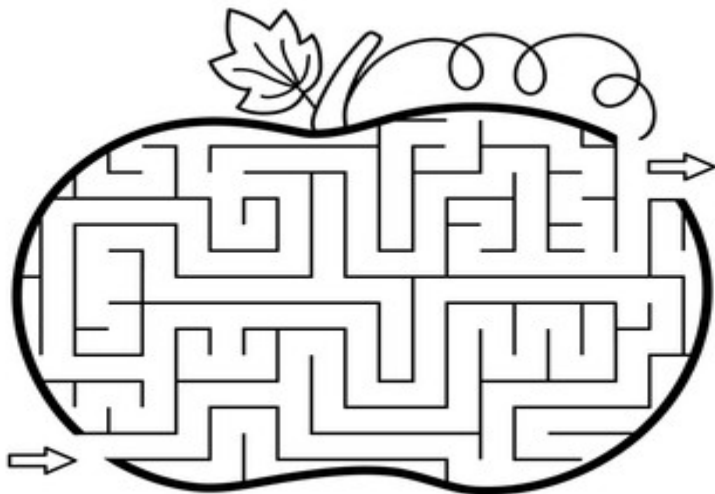
- Parent/Tot
- Sunday School
- Teen Bible Study
- Special Connection



There is something for everyone!

All classes follow the same curriculum. Each week, family members (no matter the age) can climb in the car after class and discuss what they learned for some great family discussion!





Pastor's Message



Sure, the November newsletter cover article should focus on giving thanks and maybe have some jokes about turkey and cranberry sauce in the shape of its container. But here's the thing, we're bringing back the Living Nativity! There's another paragraph in this newsletter somewhere with all the contact information and details about donating for the event and even volunteering in it. (Remember when you thought to yourself, "I bet I could pull off being a Roman soldier," now's your chance.) Please do donate and volunteer! This event is an example of CTK's goal within our community. We believe that we have been called to provide a witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, His divinity, His presence and work in the world today and promise to return on the Last Day. The day-to-day version of that witness is how we live out our faith and love God and our neighbor. The week-to-week version of that witness is worship, gathering around the promise of Jesus. When the parking lot of a Christian church is full on Sunday, that's not just good for the church, that's good for the Gospel. Every now and then we go the extra mile. The Living Nativity is just that. The extra effort to invite our community to participate in the miracle of the Incarnation and this wonderful news, "Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer