

# CTK Communiqué



## December 2025

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### **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 October 2025

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>October 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 138,992.27	\$1,240,615.38
Tuition	\$ 100,161.51	\$ 889,724.24
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 239,153.78</b>	<b>\$2,130,339.62</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 244,370.00</b>	<b>\$2,150,456.00</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ (5,216.22)</b>	<b>\$ (20,116.38)</b>

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	<u>October 2025</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$239,153.78</b>	<b>\$2,130,339.62</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$247,714.40</b>	<b>\$2,035,124.97</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (8,560.62)</b>	<b>\$ 95,214.65</b>

Thank you, CTK members, for your faithful giving. Our income is under budgeted expenses, however, our income is over actual expenses. As we near the end of the fiscal year, we ask everyone to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026. We pray that God will continue to lead us to be beacons of the Gospel in our Downriver Community. ***“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.” 2 Cor. 5:20***



# Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Connie Bowman

To Food Pantry given by:

Patsy Patterson

In Memory of Bob Newman

To Food Pantry, given by:

Sherri Newman

In Memory of Madeline Strand

To Food Pantry, given by:

M/M Ken Belchunas

To Memorial Fund, given by:

Terry & Kim Larrow

Ann Twork

Carol Miller

M/M Bob Reed

To Alms Fund, given by:

Judy Bielby



## Birthday Blessings

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Oscar Harmon	11/1
Tina Pawloski	11/2
Esther Rost	11/5



## 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	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 26,325.00
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: 11/16/25)					

## FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE END OF THE YEAR....

Where did 2025 go? With the busy and joyous season of celebrating Christ's birth upon us, here are a few points to remember from the Financial Office, as this year draws to a close:

**Qualified Charitable Distributions** – Taxpayers over the age of 70 ½ are able to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs to a qualified non-profit, such as Christ The King Lutheran Church. With the end of the year approaching, this is a great way to help your church and meet your required minimum distributions from your IRA. Please contact your IRA trustee or financial institution for additional information.

**Envelopes** will be available starting in mid-December in the West Gallery at Trenton Rd.

The following requests can be found online:

- Request for envelopes, if you do not have a number. If you no longer need envelopes due to online giving, please contact Kelly at [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me).
- Request for your contribution statement to be printed, if you are unable to access [www.myctk.me](http://www.myctk.me).

**Giving**—All donations must be received by December 31st in order to be listed on your contribution statement for 2025. As mentioned above, CTK is able to accept qualified charitable contributions from your IRA. Please contact your IRA trustee or financial institution for additional information.

**Contribution statements** will be available online at [myctk.me](http://myctk.me) for members after January 18th, 2026. All contribution statements will be available via email with a secure link that same week, as long as we have a valid email address on file.

A quick way to give on-the-go during this busy holiday season is via text. Just text CTKGIVE to 73256.

May God bless your family and giving this year!!



# CANDLELIGHT CONCERT EXPERIENCE

with the musicians of White Pines Entertainment

7pm

December 5, 2025



\$20

LIVE AT THE CTK EVENT CENTER  
16700 PENNSYLVANIA RD., SOUTHGATE, MI

## STRING QUARTET CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

with the musicians of White Pine Entertainment Join us Friday, December 5 at 7pm at CTK's PA Rd Event Center for this string quartet experience. As the candlelight flickers and music fills the air, know that your presence will make this event truly magical. Ticket cost is \$20 and are now available through Zeffy. Use the QR code to purchase or visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/candlelight-concert-experience>. (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.



## 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](mailto:hdutka@ctk.me)

**Lisa Demou** (734) 285 9695 Ext. 210

[lisa@ctk.me](mailto:lisa@ctk.me)

**Anna Bourassa** (734) 285 9695 Ext. 100

[anna@ctk.me](mailto:anna@ctk.me)

1,452 visits from Jan. 1 – November 15th



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
December 3	Advent Services	<b>5 PM/Trinity, Wyandotte</b> 7 PM/CTK Trenton Rd	
December 5	String Quartet & Candle Concert	7:00 PM	PA
December 8	Sewing Circle	10:00 AM	PA
December 8	Preschool Christmas Program	6:00 PM	TR
December 10	Children's Christmas Program	3:30 PM	TR
December 10	Advent Services	<b>5 PM/Trinity, Wyandotte</b> 7 PM/CTK Trenton Rd	
December 11	Children's Christmas Program	6:30 PM	TR
December 16	8th Grade Bell Choir Concert	1:30 PM	TR
December 17	Advent Services	<b>5 PM/Trinity, Wyandotte</b> 7 PM/CTK Trenton Rd	
Dec. 20 & 21	Living Nativity	5:00—8:00 PM	PA
December 21	Downriver Community Band Concert	3:00 PM	TR
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship	5:00, 7:00, 9:00 PM	TR
December 25	Christmas Day Worship	10:00 AM	TR
December 29	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:30 PM	TR
December 31	New Year's Eve Worship	7:00 PM	<b>PA</b>

## 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:	Pickleball	9:00 AM	PA
	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



**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – You may pick up your envelopes in the West Gallery starting the week-end of December 13/14. If you would like to request envelopes, you may complete the form at the Welcome Center at Trenton Rd., email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me) or call the church office. If you no longer need envelopes due to online giving, please email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me). God bless your giving!



# WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHE & GIFTS

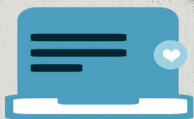
- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](#).
- **Online:** Members may visit [www.ctk.me](http://www.ctk.me) and click on “MyCTK” at the top of the homepage to log in. Select “Giving” then “Give Now” to set up a one time or recurring payment.
- **Text:**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



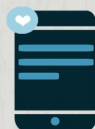
## 4 Ways to GIVE



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.





## 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 8 - 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** is now available near the Ministry Center. 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 Lutheran School  
Presents:

# **PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**


*Accompanied by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bell Choir*

**Monday, December 8, 2025**

15600 Trenton Rd  
Southgate, MI 48195

6pm

(Doors open at 5:30pm)


**Christ The King Lutheran School  
Presents:**

***AN OUT-OF-THE-BOX  
CHRISTMAS***

15600 Trenton Rd.  
Southgate, MI 48195

**Wednesday, December 10 at 3:30pm**  
(Doors 3pm)

**Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm**  
(Doors 5:45pm)





Dear Christ The King family,

Church is Community. We believe, teach, and confess that the church is not a building. It's not a place. It's not an organization. It's a community. A community of people wholly centered on the work and person of Jesus. A community of people that have been called by the Gospel and gathered by the Holy Spirit to live our Christian lives together and spread the love of Jesus with the world.

We want to take this opportunity to invite and encourage you to consider the idea of joining a small group. Small groups are a community of a handful of people or families that meet together regularly to fellowship, prayer, read God's Word, and most of all to simply walk together and share in life's joys and sorrows as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We will be forming new small groups in January. There will be all kinds of groups filled with people of all different life stages, schedules, and generations.

If you are interested in eventually joining in with a small group, please follow the link below and fill out the form so that we can keep you up to date as official sign-ups come out in the coming weeks.

<https://forms.gle/M8A7kTBD9537kCyv6>

Paper copies of this form will also be available at church over the next few weekends.

We truly believe God will use this ministry to bless our congregation, deepen relationships, and strengthen your faith.

Please reach out with any questions!



CTK Small Groups

As we turn the calendar toward a new year, I'm excited to share that Christ The King will be launching a renewed and expanded Small Group Ministry. For many in our church family, this will be an opportunity to grow, connect, and walk together in faith in a brand new way. For those of you that have connected in small groups before, you know the power of Christian community.



The early church met “in the temple courts and from house to house.” (Acts 2:46). They worshiped together publicly, but they also gathered in smaller communities for encouragement, prayer, learning, support, and genuine fellowship. Those smaller circles became the place where faith was strengthened, and relationships were formed with the people who walked together through life's greatest joys and deepest sorrows. We want that same community for you and your family. Small groups give us a chance to go deeper — deeper in Scripture, deeper in prayer, and deeper in relationships. They create a space where questions can be asked, stories can be shared, and burdens can be carried together.

As we launch new small groups in the coming weeks, I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining a group. My prayer is that we will discover together as a Church Family how powerful Christian relationships can be, and that we will walk together ever closer in relationship with our Savior.

Seminary Update: I am just finishing up a class all about the theology of the Church. My next class will be on campus in January. That one is called “Pastor as Leader and Theologian.” I am also in Greek right now, so if you see me around the church looking like I'm speaking a foreign language — I'm just working on my vocab words! Thank you for your support and your prayers!

God's Blessings, Pastor Brooks

### **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 “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis, which we will discuss at our Christmas Party on December 29. 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](mailto:jessica@ctk.me) to get on our email list.

## Coming Back and Coming Soon! CTK's Drive Through Live Na- tivity!

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



## *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!

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 hallway outside of the church office. Please consider signing up to help us spread the Real Reason for the Season on our "Journey to Jesus!" Contact Deb Dutcher 734 552-0356, Jill Calkins 734 915-5547 or Grace Willer 734 770-2948 with any questions.

First of all, thank you to everyone who has signed up to help in some way. We are still in need of many people who are willing to put on a costume and portray a character for a 1, 2, or 3 hour shift. Characters do not have to speak or act because the speaking parts will all be recorded on a podcast! Along with our main characters, we need many people who will dress in costume and be "extras" in some of the scenes.

Along with the characters, there are openings for traffic control, photographers (taking pictures of the visitors with their cell phone at our Photography Scene), kitchen helpers, and food donations. There are a few non-food items still needed, as well. Please consider helping us with any of the above needs. If you cannot help out with a donation of your time or treasures, you can still help by praying for this ministry! Please join us on our "Journey to Jesus"! CTK's Living Nativity Team, Deb, Grace and Jill

**MINI CANDY CANE DONATIONS** We would like to give every person coming through the Living Nativity a candy cane with the legend of the candy cane poem. This poem is an easy way to share the reminder of God's salvation to us through Jesus' birth, death & resurrection. To do this—we need A LOT of Candy Canes. We are looking for the mini, wrapped candy canes. Just an FYI, Sam's Club and BJ's sell a tub of 260 for around \$14. Please place your candy canes in the collection basket now through December 12th. Thank you!

## DID YOU KNOW?????

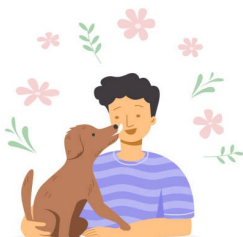
Long time CTK member, Kimberly Beaudrie, heard God's call two and a half years ago and became a Certified Canine Therapy Handler. Since then, she and her golden retriever, Caleb D, have been spreading the love of Christ and bringing emotional support to individuals not only in our church family, but 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:

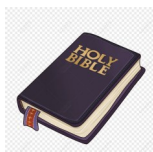
Kimberly Beaudrie  
[Kimberly10171217@att.net](mailto:Kimberly10171217@att.net)  
 734-775-1079





## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Center at PA Rd. We are studying the Psalms. Please join us! We will not meet on December 24th and 31st. We will resume on January 7th.

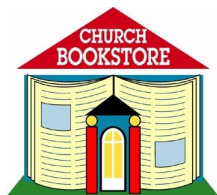


## Men's Bible Study

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! **We will not meet on Friday, December 26th.**

## Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore

The season of Advent begins November 30th this year. As we prepare our homes for Christmas, let us also prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior, Jesus! The bookstore has Advent calendars for children and books & devotions for teens and children. The bookstore also has Christmas cards, ornaments, books and Bibles, jewelry and gifts for ALL!. Stop by the bookstore to find that special gift! Thinking about a small gift for a gift exchange or someone hard to buy for? Stop by; we're sure you will find the perfect gift. May your Advent season be blessed with hope, joy, peace, and love. Merry Christmas to ALL!!!



## Church Office Hours

**Mon. – Friday: 8:30am to 3:00pm**

**DECEMBER 26  
JANUARY 1**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
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## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

## ***This Month in CTK History*** ***December 2025***

During this Advent season, we look back at some of the highlights in CTK's history during the month of December.



- The first midnight Christmas service was celebrated on December 24, 1956.
- The 1960 Day School Christmas Program was held at Davidson Junior High, with approximately 600 people in attendance! The school Christmas Programs have continued through the years.
- In December 1988, the Board of Lay Ministers voted to continue Saturday night services.
- In 1993, the King's Ringers, the CTK handbell choir, was formed and began performing for the congregation. Keep making a joyful noise!!
- And finally, the magazine "Downriver Profile Magazine" featured an article in December 2003 about the stained-glass windows in the new addition.

Merry Christmas!





## CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS TOY BASKET DONATIONS** Please check out the donation tree located by the Ministry Center. The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

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

All donations are very much appreciated and would need to be dropped off in the church office or in the West Gallery marked bins by the weekend of December 14th. Thank you so much!

Volunteers are welcome to come help during the following activity days:

- ♦ Toy Basket Assembly will take place on Wednesday, December 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the East Gallery
- ♦ Food Basket Assembly will take place on Thursday, December 18th in the Trenton Rd. Narthex at 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Basket Pickup: Friday, December 19th from 9:00 to 11:00a.m. and 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Thank you so much for the prayers and the donations of corn, green beans and stuffing to help complete the Christmas Food Basket. You are all such a blessing.



# Mom 2 Mom Sale

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**When: Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**Time: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

**Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church  
16700 Pennsylvania Road, Southgate**

**Admission: \$2 per adult & children FREE**

Contact: Gina for more  
information and/or contract.  
[gmd.lwml@wowway.com](mailto:gmd.lwml@wowway.com)

Gina is the ONLY contact for this sale.

There is NO electronic form to  
complete and NO form of  
online payment accepted



## ADVENT FOLDERS

Advent folders contain a quarter holder for each day of Advent, which helps serve as a daily reminder to pray for those in need. The quarters you place in your Advent folders are distributed to the Alms and Scholarship Funds. As the cold winter months approach, the need is always great.

At CTK we endeavor to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our congregational members. Thanks to your generosity, we can help those in need. If you'd like to pick up an Advent folder, they are available at the Ministry Center. If you would like to have an Advent Folder mailed to you directly, please contact the church office or email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me). You also have an opportunity to give online towards Advent Folders. God bless your giving!



**59+ Group Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in January!**



# 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!





## CTK SEWING CIRCLE

We meet the 2nd Monday of every month from 10am to 2pm in the PA Rd Fellowship Center. Join us Monday, Dec. 8th. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:blueknight007@hotmail.com) or 734.624.4350 with any questions.



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



## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



## FOOD PANTRY

God's generosity in "good" times or "bad" times is beyond our comprehension. Jesus' hand continues to bless your CTK Food Pantry. On November 5, we received the results of the Meijer Fall Simply Give Campaign.

Store: Meijer, Southgate (#123)

Donation card sales: \$1,140

Double Match card sales: 2,010

Meijer Double Match donation: 4,020

Additional contributions: 1,510

**\$8,680 Total received in gift cards**

Meijer reported that this Fall Simply Give Campaign generated more than \$2 million for Midwest food pantries.

Thank you to all who contributed to this Fall Simply Give Campaign. We also thank all of you who, with delight, gave contributions through the congregation, bought goods, or gave food at the Daniel Doss concert. Additional gifts were given by local Cub Scout and Boy Scout groups in our area.



**JOIN OUR**

# TEAM

**PART-TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER**

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Early Childhood Experience
- Experience leading a classroom
- Broad knowledge of State Licensing

Christ The King Lutheran School is seeking a part-time preschool teacher to begin in August 2026. Interviews will begin in January.

**SEND YOUR RESUME**

kkapp@ctk.me

# Day School News

## December 2025

As we enter the month of December, our hearts naturally turn toward the beauty and wonder of the Christmas season. During busy schedules, festive events, and the joyful hum of preparation, we are reminded of the simple yet profound truth at the center of it all: *“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given...”* (Isaiah 9:6).

This is a season of hope, a time when light shines into darkness and God’s love draws near. Through the birth of Jesus, we are gifted not only a Savior, but also peace for our present, joy for our journey, and confidence in God’s unfailing promises. This month, we invite you to celebrate our Savior’s birth with us. Our Children’s Christmas Program, *An Out-of-the-Box Christmas*, will be held in the Trenton Road Gym on December 10 at 3:30pm and on December 11 at 6:30pm.

As a school community, we have the blessing of walking through this season with hearts tuned to gratitude:

- Gratitude for our students, who continue to learn, grow, and shine.
- Gratitude for our families, whose faithfulness and partnership strengthen everything we do.
- Gratitude for the message of Christ, which guides our days and shapes our mission.

This month, may we slow down long enough to notice God’s goodness in the small moments—kind words, shared laughter, warm gatherings, and opportunities to give. May Christ’s love flow through us in ways that encourage, uplift, and reflect His heart to others.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let’s carry His light with us into the new year, trusting that the same God who came to dwell among us continues to lead and bless us.

Wishing you a joy-filled Christmas season and a hope-filled New Year. May God’s peace be upon your home and family.

Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner





## **Youth Group Calendar December 2025**

- 7 Youth Group 6-8 PM
- 14 DRYC Christmas Party @ Mt. Hope  
4-6 PM
- 21 NO YOUTH
- 28 Youth Group 6-8 PM



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

Downriver Youth Circuit & CTK Youth will be collecting Children's Socks and Underwear for the Foster Closet. Donations can be given to Gina at Youth Bible Study in the back of the school library. We will be collecting until December 14th.



## CTK Youth Lock-In

Youth Group will host a Lock-In @ Penn Rd Campus, Friday January 2, 7 PM to Saturday January 3, 8 AM  
Any Youth 7th - 12th Grade are welcome  
See the Youth Board in the West Gallery for Permission Slips



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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.





## 7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF DECEMBER - 2025

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facing trials? Declare steadfastly “only God” redeems.</li> <li>2. Jesus provides supernatural calm in your chaos,</li> <li>3. God makes your impossibly BIG battles doable</li> <li>4. God will complete His work in you.</li> <li>5. Breathe easy friend. Our God’s got you,</li> <li>6. Daily focus your thoughts on God’s character.</li> <li>7. You’ll follow whatever your eyes focus on.</li> <li>8. God rewrites broken parts of your life.</li> <li>9. God uses us to express His love.</li> <li>10. Make it your priority to love others.</li> <li>11. Trust God for right words for right words and timing.</li> <li>12. Seek daily for opportunities to help others.</li> <li>13. Put on love to find perfect harmony.</li> <li>14. Pass on God’s Truths to future generations.</li> <li>15. Imagine Jesus preparing your home in heaven!</li> <li>16. “God – Nods” : unexpected blessings God sends us.</li> <li>17. Feeling sad? Reach out for Jesus’s comfort.</li> <li>18. Overcome every hard obstacle by rejoicing constantly.</li> <li>19. What giant-sized battle are you facing?</li> <li>20. When news overwhelms, know God’s in control.</li> <li>21. The Holy Spirit, Himself intercedes for us.</li> <li>22. Test the Spirits, not all are Godly.</li> <li>23. Holy Spirit send peace only You can provide.</li> <li>24. Jesus’s first coming brought us His humility.</li> <li>25. Jesus’s coming soon, bringing us His peace.</li> <li>26. Acknowledge what God’s already done for you!</li> <li>27. Wherever you are, God’s mercies are available.</li> <li>28. When people don’t notice, God sees and values all.</li> <li>29. El Roi : our God who sees values all.</li> <li>30. The Kingdom of God needs us all.</li> <li>31. We’re turning another page --- let’s start again!</li> </ol> | <p>Rev .5:9</p> <p>John 14:27</p> <p>Jer. 32:27</p> <p>Phil. 1:6</p> <p>Ps. 36:7</p> <p>Phil. 4:8</p> <p>Heb. 12:2</p> <p>Isa. 14:24</p> <p>I Cor. 13 All</p> <p>John 15:12</p> <p>Zech. 4:6</p> <p>Gal. 1: 6-10</p> <p>Col. 3:14</p> <p>Heb. 12:2</p> <p>John 14:2-3</p> <p>John 1:16</p> <p>Ps. 94:19</p> <p>Ps. 27:5-6</p> <p>Sam. 14:47</p> <p>Isa. 14:24</p> <p>Rom. 8:20</p> <p>I John 4:1</p> <p>Isa. 26: 3-4</p> <p>Isa. 9:6</p> <p>Isa. 9:6</p> <p>James 1:17</p> <p>Lam. 3:22-23</p> <p>I Cor. 15:57-58</p> <p>Gen. 16:13</p> <p>I Cor. 12:19-20</p> <p>Col. 3:12-13</p> |
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~ By Ralph & Donna Moore



**The Donation Station** is open on *Thursdays from 12:00 – 2:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am—12:00 pm*. 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 am – 12:00 pm**

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 am – 12:00 pm**

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](mailto:Carol@ctk.me) for more information.

# THE 411 NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2025

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

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# *Thank you!*

The Annual Bake Sale supporting the Children's Hope Chest was a huge success! We raised \$762.25! We are planning two more Bake sales, one in February and one in April! In December we will be a blessing to others with a Food Drive for the CTK Food Pantry.



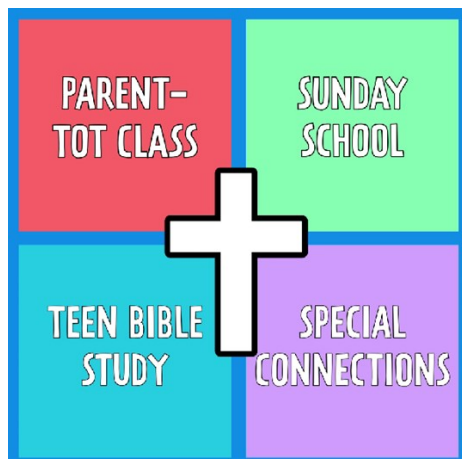
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# *Already Set For Christmas*

It's December, and our Sunday School children have a jump start in getting ready for Christmas. This Fall, our lessons began with stories from the end of the Old Testament, including the divided kingdom, Babylon captivity, and finally God's people coming back to Jerusalem and restoring the temple. It would be another 400 years before Jesus came, as God had promised so long ago to Adam and Eve. But by October and November, our students were experiencing the amazing stories of that first Nativity night, wise men coming to worship Jesus, His baptism and temptation by Satan, and some of Jesus' wonderous first miracles. So often we complain that the preparation for Christmas keeps starting earlier and earlier. But, in Sunday School, we love to hear the story over and over of God sending Jesus to earth on that very first Christmas. The month of December has arrived, but no matter what time of year, we are excited and ready to once again celebrate Christmas.



The 4-1-1 offers something for everyone! All classes follow the same curriculum to promote great family discussion each week.



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*Coming Up!*

Bible Bucks

Lesson 11 - A weather wonder - Jesus calms the storm

Food Pantry Drive

Christmas Lesson and craft

Family Bible Study

Advent Lesson

# Pastor's Message

*“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matt. 2:1-2.*



There is more unknown than known about the wise men. We don't know their number; we assume three because of the gifts. We don't know the timing—the when. We assume after Jesus' presentation at the temple, forty days after his birth, and before his second birthday. That's a big window! We don't exactly know where they are from. If I told you I was expecting company “from the East,” that could be anywhere East of I-75! This is my primary question about the wise man: “What prompted them to travel?” I know they saw the star, but that's a long, arduous trip. Hundreds of miles. Months of travel. Significant expense. No guarantee you'll find the “him” of “*his star when it rose.*” What is their motivation to seek the “*king of the Jews.*” Could it be as simple as the wise men embody the spirit in all of us yearning for meaning? Created in the image of God we—even as sinful beings—search for God's image. God's image is found in the miracle we celebrate this time of year: The Incarnation. “*The Word became flesh, and made His dwelling among us.*” (John 1:14)

Merry Christmas! In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer

