

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ADVENT SERVICES** will be held on Wed. Dec. 10th and 17th, at 5pm at Trinity, Wyandotte or 7pm at Christ The King. Come join us, as we prepare for the King’s arrival!

**OUR CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** “An Out-of-the-Box Christmas” will take place on Wed., Dec. 10th at 3:30pm and Thurs., Dec. 11th at 6:30pm. Please join us, as the kids sing praises and share the Christmas promise! The program takes place in the Trenton Rd gymnasium.

**8th GRADE BELL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** All are welcome to join us for a joyful noise on Tuesday, December 16th at 1:30pm in the Trenton Rd Sanctuary.

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Sunday, December 21st at 3pm at Christ The King Lutheran, Trenton Rd. Sanctuary. This is a free event.

**SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY** will be held Sunday, December 14th at 12:10pm in the West Gallery. At that time, we will present our budget for 2026, vote for Vestry positions, and share what’s going on at CTK.

**SCAM ALERT** If you receive an email asking you to print off or send a .pdf copy of the Member Directory, please do not open the email. This is a scam. Only members of Christ The King are able to view the directory. Scammers want this to start sending emails for money and illegal items. Report the email as junk, try to avoid opening the email, and delete from your email thread.

**2026 CALENDARS**, courtesy of John Molnar Funeral Home, are available at the Ministry Center.

**THE POINSETTIA CHART** is available near the Ministry Center. Cost is \$9 per plant. 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 or you can pay online at [www.myctk.me](http://www.myctk.me). You may pick up your plant(s) after the Christmas Day Service.

**BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY** Please join us Saturday at 6pm in the West Gallery and Sunday at 10:00 am in the gym. Coffee and refreshments are served at both Bible studies.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING - WHAT’S THE 411?**

4 Classes – 1 Message – 1 Mission

- ✓ Parent/Tot: Parents, infants & toddlers under 3
- ✓ Sunday School: Age preschool-6th grade learn in class groups
- ✓ Teen Bible Study: Teenagers meet for fellowship & growth
- ✓ Special Connection: Trained workers help those who learn differently grow in faith

There is something for everyone! All classes follow the same curriculum. Visit the Sunday School Office to find where each class meets.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** We meet on Fridays at 8am at PA Rd, in the Fellowship Center. Pastor Brooks leads. Coffee is served, and maybe even some goodies. If you haven’t attended, we hope you can join us!

**WOMEN’S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** We meet on Wednesday mornings at 9am in the Fellowship Center. We are continuing our study of the Book of Psalms. “Come and see what God has done. He is awesome in His deeds.” Psalm 66:5. Please join us!

**STEWARDSHIP**

**ALMS OFFERING** Our regular Alms offering will be collected after all services at the door. These funds go to help the needy in our congregation. Thank you for your generosity.

**WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHE & GIFTS**

- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](http://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 Online” to set up a one time or recurring payment.
- **Text:** Visitors/Members text ‘CTKGIVE’ to 73256 to receive a secure link.
- **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, using your banking account information, rather than a card number, will 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 the church. Thank you for your faithfulness! **A reminder to all of our visitors and members 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.**

**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.

**ADVENT FOLDERS** Why not give a gift this Christmas that will benefit those who are really in need? Advent folders contain a quarter holder, for each day of Advent, which helps serve as a daily reminder to pray for those in need. Thanks to your generosity, we distribute the proceeds from Advent folders to the Alms and Scholarship Funds. If you’d like to pick up an Advent folder, they are available at the Ministry Center. Please contact the church office or email [kelly@ctk.me](mailto:kelly@ctk.me) if you would like one mailed to you. God bless your giving!

2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
General Fund Giving/Tuition	\$2,345,440
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$2,345,952

**SCRAP METAL** lying around? Bring it to the scrap dumpster at PA Rd Campus. If your scrap item is too large, please leave it in front of/beside the dumpster. We are sorry but, at this time, we are unable to pick up scrap from your home. 2025 YTD \$2,021.02

**BOTTLE/CAN DONATIONS** can be dropped off in the bin near door #1 of the Admin Bldg. at PA Rd. Proceeds go toward roof repairs at the PA Rd Campus. Thank you for your generosity. 2025 YTD \$178.20

**PAPER RECYCLE BINS** are located by the Admin Bldg. near the trash and scrap/recycle dumpsters. 2025 YTD \$11.56

**“C” DOLLARS** 2025 YTD \$1,106

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December 6 and 7, 2025**

**Trenton Rd Campus**

**15600 Trenton Rd, Southgate, MI 48195**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**BIBLE CLASS**

6:00 p.m.

**BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

**9:00 a.m. via YouTube**

[www.youtube.com/@christthekingsouthgate](http://www.youtube.com/@christthekingsouthgate)

**Pennsylvania Rd Campus**

**16700 Pennsylvania Rd, Southgate, MI 48195**

[www.ctk.me](http://www.ctk.me)

**Church**

**School**

**Day Care**



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**Rev. Jason Cashmer, Senior Pastor**

**Ext. 130**

**Rev. PJ Brooks, Associate Pastor**

**Ext. 200**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 3pm.

**Our Ministry Statement:** *At Christ The King, we believe life is only complete when a person trusts in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and friend. We believe disciples of Christ introduce their relatives, friends, and neighbors to this Savior. We are dedicated to discipling people in all stages of life by offering understanding, love, support, acceptance, and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit equips this body of believers to seek the lost in our community, involving them in active discipleship.*

**Members and visitors**, we extend a warm greeting and ask you to register your attendance by signing in on the “Ritual of Fellowship” clipboard. **If you are a first or second-time guest, please fill out a Connection Card, found in the pew. One of our pastors will contact you. We’re glad you are here! Please come again!**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

According to God’s Word, we at Christ The King practice “Communion Fellowship.” Those communing with us have the following four fellowship ties:

1. They are baptized in the name of the Triune God. *(Matt. 28:19)*
2. They are willing to confess their sins, seeking God’s forgiveness through Christ. *(1 Corinthians 11:28)*
3. They recognize the real presence of Christ in the blessed bread and wine. *(1 Corinthians 11:29)*
4. They have a desire to live a God-pleasing life. *(1 Thess. 4:1-2)* Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the trays and is a lighter color than the regular wine. Children receiving communion must be in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and have completed the Early Communion Class here at CTK.

**NURSERY** (located by the South door entrance) is open from 8:50am to noon for all children 3 and under. Please feel free to use the nursery as long as you need it. During the 10am Sunday School hour, consider joining the Parent/Tot class.

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

### SUNDAY – DECEMBER 7

- 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group**

### MONDAY – DECEMBER 8

#### Pastor Jay's Day off

- 10:00 a.m. CTK Sewing Circle**
- 4:00 p.m. Phone Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas Program

### TUESDAY – DECEMBER 9

#### Mr. Bode's Day off

- 8:00 a.m. Toolbelt Tuesday**
- 4:00 p.m. Phone Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

### WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study**
- 3:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
- 4:00 p.m. Phone Ministry
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Service at Trinity, Wyandotte
- 5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at CTK, Trenton Rd

### THURSDAY – DECEMBER 11

- 3:00 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution**
- 3:45 p.m. King's Ringers Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Phone Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

### FRIDAY – DECEMBER 12 NO SCHOOL

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study**
- 6:30 p.m. East Band Rehearsal

### SATURDAY – DECEMBER 13

- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball**
- 10:00 a.m. Orchestra Christmas Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Class

### SUNDAY – DECEMBER 14

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. DRYC Christmas Party @ Mt. Hope**

**BOLD=Held at Pennsylvania Rd Campus**

**PSALMS & PROVERBS BOOKSTORE** The season of Advent has begun. 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 that make great stocking stuffers. The bookstore also has Christmas cards, ornaments, books and Bibles, jewelry and gifts for ALL! 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.

2025	Last Week	YTD Average
Church Attendance	440	637
Bible Class	103	101
Visitors	67	101

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**IF YOU ARE A NEW WORSHIPPER TO CTK, WELCOME!** Please fill out the Connection Card in the back of the pew. If you are signing in on the Record of Fellowship sheets, thank you! This is another opportunity for you to put your contact information on the back of the sheet so we can contact and welcome you.

**CHURCH IS COMMUNITY!** We're forming new Small Groups at CTK, beginning in January. Small groups are a great way to grow in faith, build friendships, and walk together in Christ. If you're interested in joining a group in the new year, please scan the QR code and fill out the short interest form. Paper copies are also available at the Ministry Center.



**CTK'S FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING REPORT** We distributed 94 frozen turkeys (special thanks to two CTK families and Meijer), along with additional food for almost 90 families. Thank Jesus and other givers!

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** You may pick up your envelopes in the West Gallery starting December 13/14. If you would like to request envelopes, you may complete the form at the Ministry Center, 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!

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is the official periodical of the LCMS. It offers important news, helpful articles and more. The new subscription year begins March 2026, but orders need to be submitted to the District office by December 15, so payment is due by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$22.50 per year. Current and new subscribers, please place your payment in the offering labeled as "Lutheran Witness," along with your current address, or pay online at [www.myctk.me](http://www.myctk.me) in the same place as online giving and select the "Lutheran Witness" fund.

**EUCHRE DATES FOR 2026** Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, Sept. 19 and Oct. 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; 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)

## LIVING NATIVITY

**DRIVE THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY** Sat. & Sun., Dec. 20 and 21 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 hallway outside of the church office. Please consider signing up to help us spread the Real Reason for the Season! Contact Deb Dutcher 734 552-0356, Jill Calkins 734 915-5547, or Grace Willer 734 770-2948 with any questions. 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. Monetary donations are also being accepted to go toward costs. Envelopes are available near the sign up or you can donate at [www.myctk.me](http://www.myctk.me). If you cannot help out with a donation of your time or treasures, you can still help by praying for this ministry!

## YOUTH GROUP

**"ROOTED IN CHRIST" YOUTH GROUP** Below are the youth activities for the upcoming weeks. Questions? Contact the Youth leader, Gina Davidson, at [hsyouth@ctk.me](mailto:hsyouth@ctk.me).

- December 7: Youth from 6 to 8pm at PA Rd
- December 14: DRYC Christmas Party @ Mt. Hope
- December 21: No Youth
- December 28: Youth from 6 to 8pm at PA Rd

## DONATION STATION NEWS

**SALES DAYS ARE** Thursdays from 12 to 2pm and Saturdays from 10am to noon. Drop off donated items to the Bldg. #9 covered overhang. **Most needed items are children's newborn to 6x clothes, pots/pans/kitchen items and jewelry.** Please DO NOT bring furniture, appliances, electronics, big outside machinery, exercise/sports equipment, and bicycles. You can volunteer to help on Tuesdays from 9am to noon to get ready for weekly sales. Questions, please contact [Carol@ctk.me](mailto:Carol@ctk.me) or 734.281.3773.

**CLOTHES HANGING** Every Wednesday, from 10am to noon in the Admin Bldg., we work on putting clothes on hangers. You can sit or stand. Even if you can give only half an hour of your time, it is most appreciated!

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

**CHRISTMAS BASKET TOY DONATIONS** are being accepted now through December 14th. Check out the newsletter for a complete list of items needed, or take a tag off the Christmas Board in the Ministry area. Please place toys and teenage gifts in the marked bin in the West Gallery, but bring gift cards to the church office. Thank you in advance for helping us give Christmas gifts to others.

## SUPPORT MINISTRIES

**GRIEFSHARE** We hope to have another session in the Spring. In the meantime, if you're looking for a current session, visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) for available times and locations.

**MOMS ON WHEELS** We offer a meal for members and those in their household for a **NEW BABY** or if you **HAVE HAD SURGERY**. Carrie is waiting for you to contact her at 313.779.6554 or [momsonwheels@ctk.me](mailto:momsonwheels@ctk.me) for more information. Meals are cooked with your preferences and food allergies in mind. **If you would like to help but would rather not cook**, feel free to donate a restaurant gift card. **If you would like to be added to the list for cooking a meal, contact Carrie.**

## DONATIONS

**FOOD DONATIONS TO CTK'S FOOD PANTRY** Drop off only across the hallway from the Trenton Rd. church office during the week, or at the Food Pantry on PA Rd between 2:15-2:45pm (on Thursday). Thank you for your contributions!  
The Food Pantry "30"

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

**PAY YOURSELF AUTOMATICALLY!** Church Extension Fund (CEF) allows investors to add to their savings and investments using Automatic Cash Transfer (ACT). For more information, contact CTK's CEF Rep, Tim Bode (734.285.9695 x170 or [tim@ctk.me](mailto:tim@ctk.me)). You may also call the CEF office directly at 800.242.3944 or visit the CEF web site at [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org).