

CTK Communiqué



May 2026



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 March 2026

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 126,179.84	\$ 426,488.67
Tuition	\$ 61,060.40	\$ 250,869.12
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 187,240.24	\$ 677,357.79
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$ 204,456.00	\$ 664,482.00
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET	\$ (17,215.76)	\$ 12,875.79
	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$187,240.24	\$677,357.79
ACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$223,887.40	\$675,446.12
INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE	\$(36,647.16)	\$ 1,911.67

Through the first three months of this year, our offerings have exceeded expenses, which is good news. We thank God for providing CTK with faithful stewards, and we encourage all of our members to walk in first-fruit and tithe giving. As we provide for God’s Church, He promises to provide for us. “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” (Malachi 3:10) ~ Pastor Jay

Church Office Hours



Mon. – Friday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Church office closed Memorial Day,
Monday, May 25.

In Memory of Kelly Brooks
To Scholarship Fund, given by:
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Karwowski
To Family Connections Ministry,
given by:
 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Ferdubinski

In Memory of Leisa Cooper
To Vacation Bible School, given by:
 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Ferdubinski
To Memorial Fund, given by:
 Judy Mongelluzzo
To Food Pantry, given by:
 Judy Hizmann (Ketterer)

In Memory of Kelly Campbell
To Alms Fund, given by:
 Judy Bielby

In Memory of Janis Otto
To CTK Music Fund, given by:
 Duane Follman
 Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Nordbrock

In Memory of Phyllis Truesdale
To Food Pantry, given by:
 Mr. & Mrs. John Armstrong

Birthday Blessings

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Cindy Burley	3/18
Tom Mendus	3/24
Joyce Shoup	3/28
Randy Casey	4/5



Scrap Metal, Cans/Bottles & Capital Fund Drive Fundraising

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Total (since 2006)</u>
“C” Dollars	\$ 1,278.00	\$ 1,161.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 26,587.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,383.50	\$ 2,154.42	\$	\$ 59,173.12
Bottles	\$ 774.60	\$ 178.20	\$ 142.00	\$ 45,555.04
Paper Recycle	\$ 28.25	\$ 11.56	\$ 11.28	\$ 821.48

(As of: 4/12/26)

WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHE & GIFTS

- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](#).
- **Online:** Members may visit www.ctk.me and click on “MyCTK” at the top of the homepage to log in. Select “Giving” then “Give Now” to set up a one time or recurring payment.
- **Text:** Visitors/Members text ‘CTKGIVE’ to 73256 to receive a secured link. (It should open to Christ The King Lutheran, Southgate.
- **Mail:** Mail to CTK, 15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI 48195



ONLINE GIVING & TEXT GIVE OF TITHES/ CONTRIBUTIONS We are grateful for the opportunity to accept contributions online via MyCTK and through text giving. Just as a reminder, if possible, please use your banking account information, rather than a card number, to save on processing fees, which start at 2.6%. This cuts back on monthly expenses and, in turn, more of your gift goes directly to the mission of your church. Thank you for your faithfulness!



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
May 2	Five Two Workshop	9 AM to 3 PM	PA
May 11	CTK Sewing Circle	10:00 AM	PA
May 16	Euchre Night	7:00 PM	TR
May 17	Confirmation Sunday	11:00 AM	TR
May 18	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:30 PM	TR
May 20	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
May 21	Thursday Night Worship	7:00 PM	PA
	Ice Cream Social	8:00 PM	PA
June 4	8th Grade Graduation	7:00 PM	TR
June 5	Float Building for Parade	2:00 PM	PA
June 13	Craft Show	10:00 AM	PA
June 14	Pancake Breakfast	8:30 to 10:30 AM	TR
June 15-19	Vacation Bible School	9 to 11:30 AM	TR
June 27-30	MI District Youth Gathering		Mackinaw
June 29	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:30 PM	TR
Weekly Events:			
Tuesdays:	Toolbelt Tuesday	8:00 AM	PA
Wednesday:	School Chapel	8:40 AM	TR
	Women's Bible Study	9:00 AM	PA
Thursdays:	Donation Station Open	12:00-2:00 PM	PA
	Food Pantry	3:00 PM	PA
Fridays:	Men's Bible Study	8:00 AM	PA
Saturdays:	Pickleball (unless otherwise noted)	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

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. 1500 hdutka@ctk.me
Anna Bourassa (734) 285 9695
 Ext. 1001 anna@ctk.me

Spiritual Care visits: Jan 1st—April 15th = 487

CLARIFY OUR CALLING



SURVEY



As we move into this new season of ministry, it's important that we understand what people love about our congregation and where they believe Jesus wants us to go. This survey is where you can do just that. Your participation allows us to hear from God through His people - through you! Thank you for sharing your heart.

- What led you to first attend Christ The King?
- What congregation are you actively involved in?
- Do you have a child who attends Christ The King school?
YES or NO CURRENT or PREVIOUS
- What do you love about your congregation?
- What is missing at your congregation?
- What do you believe Jesus wants your congregation to look like 5 years from now?



Scan to take survey online

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 17

&

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Plain

Blueberry

Chocolate Chip



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER, sponsored by the High School Youth. Sunday, May 17 and June 14 from 8:30 to 10:30am. Pancake choices will be plain, blueberry and chocolate chip. Free will offering accepted. Funds go toward our trip to the Michigan District Youth Gathering this summer.



Day School News—May 2026

As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded of the beauty of growth, renewal, and God’s faithfulness in every season. Just as the flowers are blooming and the days are growing longer, we see evidence of God’s work in the hearts and minds of our students each day.

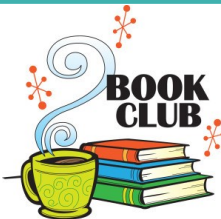
May is a time of both reflection and celebration. We look back with gratitude for how far God has brought us this school year, and we look ahead with anticipation for all that is still to come. Our classrooms continue to be places where faith and learning grow hand in hand—where students are encouraged, not only to achieve academically, but to deepen their relationship with Christ.

In Philippians 1:6, we are reminded: *“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* What a powerful promise as we near the end of the school year. God is still working in each of us, students, staff, and families alike.

This month is filled with meaningful moments, special events, our music concert, and opportunities to honor the hard work of our students and the dedication of our teachers. It is also a time to thank God for His guidance and provision throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and prayers. It is a blessing to walk alongside you in this journey of faith and education.

With gratitude and blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner



GATHER AND GROW BOOK CLUB

The Gather and Grow Book Club is a monthly group for women of all ages (high school and older) who love to read and discuss Christian fiction and non-fiction. Join us on May 18 at 6:30pm in the West Gallery to discuss pages 139-276 of ‘When We Were Young’ by Karen Kingsbury. Interested in learning more or getting on our book club email list? Stop by one of our meetings or email Jessica Bourassa at jessica@ctk.me.



I remember sitting in class at the seminary a few years ago and, at the end of the day, the Professor said, “Good work today, gentlemen. I’ll see you first thing in the morning, Lord willing.” And as we all started to pack up to leave for the night, he added on, “You know, it’s funny. It seems the

older I get the more often I use the phrase ‘Lord willing.’” I think he mostly meant that as a joke, but I have thought about it a lot since then. Recently, I was considering things that I do or say “the older I get.” One of those things is the gradual shift in realizing that the world is not black and white, but all different shades of gray. Of course, we have universal truth in God’s Word – but even the universal truths in God’s Word can be misapplied, if we are more concerned with the letter of the law instead of the heart of the law. Jesus teaches us this lesson in the Sermon on the Mount. His refrain of “you have heard it said” (in the scriptures), “and now I say to you…” reminds us that God’s will for us is real and personal. Sometimes, ears will hear a voice behind you saying, we have a tendency to think about life like a path with forks in the road, and when you approach a fork you just have to choose right or left, good or bad, correct or wrong. The truth is, that’s just not how life usually works. Our choices are usually much more complicated than that. Jackie and I have a verse inscribed on the inside of our wedding rings that I think is a very helpful way to think about this. Isaiah 30:21 says: Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your “This is the way; walk in it.” In other words – there is not one pre-prescribed path that you must follow in your life in order for God to be with you. Our task as Christians is not to try to read God’s mind and figure out what He has pre-planned for us. Instead, our task is to seek God’s will through His Word and through prayer and to live our lives full of Grace and Truth in Jesus. And whether we turn left or right, despite right choices and inevitable wrong choices, too – God will be with you a long way. He will bless you. He will keep you in His care. He will guide you all the way.

God’s Blessings, Pastor Brooks

May 17 is Confirmation Sunday. The following students will be confirmed in their faith at the 11:00 Worship Service:

Ashley Eileen Atwood: *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10*

Angyl Arlene Bischoff: *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27*

Brennan Nicholas Boelter: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*

Jax Jeffery Brown: *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

Connor Joseph Buck: *“Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20*

Addison Elisabeth Czentnar: *“When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.” Psalm 56:3*

Isabelle Grace Domine: *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” Psalm 19:14*

Lila Glory Furgerson: *“Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7*



Confirmation

Kenna Ellen Gepes: *“She is clothed with strength and dignity, she laughs without fear of the future.” Proverbs 31:25*

Colton James Jones: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6*

Legend William Kowal: *“Let no one look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12*

Ethan Troy Krueger: *“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 26:1*

Karlee Jay Leavens: *“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.” Titus 3:5*

Carter Milania May-Dismuke: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9*

Katherine Rose McGrath: *“From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:15*

Ella Marie Rose: *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28*

The Ministry Center

If you're looking for a meaningful way to serve that fits easily into your schedule, consider joining our Ministry Center Welcome Team. We're looking for friendly individuals to spend just 15 minutes before and after the worship service of their choice, greeting guests and helping answer simple ques-

tions about upcoming events. All resources—bulletins, inserts, and event posters—will be available to support you. If you'd like to be part of this team, please reach out to Lisa@ctk.me or call the church office.

Holiday Weekend Thursday Evening Services

Join us for worship at 7pm at Penn Rd Campus on:

- *Thursday, May 21st*
- *Thursday, July 2*
- *Thursday, September 3*

Stay afterward for an Ice Cream Social

(Thursday evening services will not take place each week this summer.)



CTK SEWING CIRCLE

We meet the 2nd Monday of every month from 10am to 2pm in the PA Rd Fellowship Center. Join us Monday, May 11th. 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.



Golf Scramble



The 31st CTK Annual Golf Scramble is being held on Saturday, August 22, at Sandy Creek in Monroe. Cost will be \$90 per golfer and includes cart, lunch at the turn and steak or chicken dinner, shotgun start at 8am.

If you are interested in helping out for the event, or are a local business owner or individual able to donate items or baskets to raffle off, please contact Deanna Warrington at 313-505-1704, Jennifer Gepes at 734-775-1972, or Cindy Burley at 734-752-2349.

There will be no Spring session of GriefShare due to lack of interest. Please visit www.griefshare.org for info on other groups, or contact Teresa Samson at 734.282.8012 for more info. Please leave a message if no one answers.



ALTAR FLOWERS



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Flowers 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 \$20 per vase.** Payment may be placed in the offering basket or you may give online or via text. Please designate "altar flowers."

AMPLIFY

Vacation Bible School
June 15th-19th, 9:00-11:30am

15600 Trenton Rd, Southgate
734.285.9695 x 2100
Email: Lisa@ctk.me

Join us for **AMPLIFY!** Some days you may feel “small and afraid” but, as the week goes on, we will help you realize that you are really “big and strong.” When we trust in God, He gives us faith, courage, strength and protection.

Volunteers: Look for the sign-up poster at the Ministry Desk, as well as on the website. **Needs:** Camp Leaders (You don’t have to teach, just watch kids and take them to each fun adventure), snack helpers, recreation leaders, set-up and take down helpers, registration staff, crafts, singers and musicians. We are also looking for three special “Campers” to help with skits for the opening and closing of VBS. If this sounds like you, contact Lisa@ctk.me or call the church office at 734-285-9695, either for questions or to join the fun.

Snack Donations: Kool-Aid Lemonade, graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate bars, goldfish crackers, small pretzels (not sticks, please) and monetary donations to help purchase items, if needed. Items can be dropped off in the marked bin by the West Gallery.

AMPLIFY

One Registration sheet per child, please.
 Ages Pre-School 3yr old (completely potty trained) - 6th grade
Return to the church office or Ministry Desk.

Child's Full Name: _____ Male/Female _____

Grade just completed: _____ DOB: _____

Allergies/Medical Concerns? _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Contact Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Siblings attending VBS: _____

Each camper will need their own registration sheet. They should be listed by their current grade or by the grade they just completed. If you would like siblings of different ages together, let us know on the registration sheet.

I agree to let my child's picture be used in publicity for Christ The King Lutheran Church VBS - Yes/No (circle one please)

Fun fact for the newsletter:

Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Center at PA Rd. Please join us!

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 been, we hope you can join us!



Mark Your Calendars 2026 Euchre Dates

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 Looking for a fun way to meet others? Join us at CTK TR Rd gym every Tuesday from 7-10pm. We encourage those interested in playing volleyball or just wanting to cheer others on to come out and join us for a night of fun and conversation! Contact Mike Shoup at blueknight007@hotmail.com or 734.624.4350 with any questions. You need to be at least 16 yrs. of age to play.



59+ Group Join us Wed., May 20th for the Kentucky Derby! Plan on bringing a fancy hat and a snack for pot-luck. We will be playing the game "Horse Racing." No fancy hat? No problem. We will have supplies for you to make one. Any and all ages welcome.



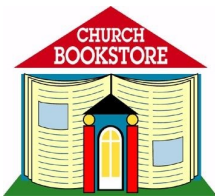
This Month in CTK History

The planning has begun for CTK's 75th anniversary!! Whether you are a long-time member or a recent member (especially for the last 25 years) of CTK and would like to share your memories, stories and/or photos, we would love to hear from you! We thank the recent families who have donated items and memorabilia. Items will be displayed during our 75th celebration. We can return items, if requested. We are also looking for descendants of the Charter Members and members of the congregation that have a ministry calling, such as Reverend or teacher. Please contact Claudia Landberg at 734-479-6256 or landberg@umich.edu or Randi Hermann at randihermann@mac.com or 734-673-1183 with names, stories, items, or leave memorabilia items in the church office marked "History."



History fact for May: Just six short years ago, after CO-VID hit, per the May 31, 2020 bulletin, plans were being made to resume worship services. Pre-registration was scheduled to begin on June 14 for Penn Rd campus. Four services were being offered, and size was limited to 25% of the sanctuary capacity with overflow in the Atrium. On-line services continued!!!

Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore



May flowers are blooming and spring is here! This month, we celebrate some very special people in our lives. First, we celebrate our teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day, May 5th. On May 10, we celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day. Finally, our Confirmands will be confirmed on May 17. The bookstore has cards, gifts and books for all these special people and celebrations! Also, National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Thursday, May 7. Stop by the bookstore for something special for your special person or a book for National Prayer Day! See you at the bookstore and Happy Spring!!



SIMPLY
give

by **meijer**

Meijer Spring Simply Give Campaign

For: CTK Food Pantry

Dates: Sunday, March 29 - Saturday, June 27

DOUBLE MATCH DAY: Saturday, June 20 (Meijer gives \$20 for each \$10 contributed)

Meijer Simply Give has teamed up with communities, food pantry supporters, and the Meijer Corp. to generate more than \$100 million in donations to feed families over a six-state area. Jesus provides in many good avenues.

Please remember: Our CTK-supporting store is the Southgate Meijer on Fort St.

If possible: Use cards from CTK (with special barcode), but you may use a card displayed at Meijer, also.

One card does this: It can be scanned by a Meijer cashier for any increment of \$10. One scan = \$10; three scans = \$30, etc.

We use the Simply Give cards to shop for milk, bread, cheese, eggs, margarine at Southgate Meijer.

Food Pantry Update

God helps us help others.

January, 2026 - 232 households representing 668 people

February, 2026 - 288 households representing 803 people

March, 2026 - 270 households representing 760 people

We thank God for your support.



DIAPER DRIVE



Diapers are a basic need for babies, just like food and shelter. Many Downriver families struggle to afford diapers to keep their babies clean, dry, and healthy. Lincoln Park Pregnancy Center helps young families with their needs. Christ The King supports this Center with our annual Diaper Drive.

Please donate packages of diapers/pull-ups between Mother's Day (May 12) and Father's Day (June 21). Place in the collection bins in the West Gallery. Especially needed sizes: Diapers - newborns and sizes 5 and 6. Pull-ups - any size.

Thank you! May the Lord bless your generosity.

Pastor Harry and Chris & Suzanne Fuhrer

SUMMER CAMP

Monday-Friday 8:45am-3:00pm

Make a memorable experience at our Kids Summer Camp, where you can meet new friends and do fun activities.

225.00 WEEKLY

After care extra \$35.00 a week

Ages 3 & 4

EVENT DATE

JUNE 8TH-AUGUST 28TH

16700
PENNSILVANIA RD



Contact us

daycare@ctk.me



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

SPRING

Craft Show



SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2026
10 AM - 4 PM

*16700 Pennsylvania Road, Southgate
in the Fellowship Center*

**WOOD CRAFTS - SOAPS - CROCHET -
CRAFTS - JEWELRY - TUMBERS - LOCAL HONEY**

GINA IS THE ONLY CONTACT FOR THIS EVENT

GMD.LWML@GMAIL.COM





MAY

1-2	Scrapbook/Craft Day (Fundraiser) Fri 5-10 PM & Sat 8 AM - 8 PM
3	Youth Group 6-8 PM
10	Mother's Day - NO YOUTH
17	DRYC @ CTh - Picnic 5-7 PM
24	NO YOUTH
31	Youth Group 6-8 PM



FUNDRAISING

- May—Envelope Wall
- May 2—Spring Scrapbooking
- May 17—Pancake Breakfast
- June 13—Spring Craft Show
- June 14—Pancake Breakfast

M&M Tube Fundraiser

Pick up a tube of Mini M&M's from the Ministry Desk. As you eat the M&M's and as you fill it with change, pray for our youth who will be attending the Michigan Youth Gathering this summer.

Please remind your littles that this is a fundraiser for the youth group and not just "free" candy. Encourage them if they take a tube to fill it and return it. Return your tubes in the box at the Ministry Desk or take them to the church office.



Teal Envelope Wall

The Envelope Wall will be appearing mid-May

How does this work??

You select the envelope with the amount you would like to donate to the Youth Group who will be attending the Michigan Youth Gathering in Mackinac Island in June.

Don't see that amount??

That's ok we have some extra envelopes where you can write the amount you would like to donate.

Now what??

Then drop your teal envelope into the collection at church, drop to the church office or give to Gina.

thrivent®

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 MAY—2026

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| 1. Be thankful for prayers that restore souls. | James 5:16 |
| 2. The only defense we have is prayer. | Mark 14:38 |
| 3. Jesus is our mainspring that sustains us. | Heb. 1:3 |
| 4. To know Jesus is our greatest gift. | John 4:10 |
| 5. Sharing Jesus – the greatest gift to give. | John 1:45 |
| 6. Even basic, everyday things come from God. | Ps. 24:1 |
| 7. Let your light shine to glorify God. | Matt. 5:14-16 |
| 8. Do not feel neglected – God loves you. | II Pet. 1:3-4 |
| 9. Because God loves us, we love others. | John 13:34 |
| 10. Keep talking about God’s promises, not problems. | Phil. 4:8 |
| 11. Open my eyes, Lord, to see Jesus. | Isa. 42:7 |
| 12. Small beginnings can yield God’s great rewards. | Ps. 37:3-5 |
| 13. Don’t be discouraged – just keep on going. | Heb. 11:1 |
| 14. Celebrate today by choosing joy and cheerfulness. | Ps. 146:5 |
| 15. God gives desire and power to change. | Isa. 26:9 |
| 16. Celebrate life as “Children of the King.” | Eph. 1:4-5 |
| 17. Fear not for lack – God blesses abundantly. | II Cor. 9:8 |
| 18. Knowing Heaven’s empathy makes the unbearable, bearable. | Gen. 16:7-13 |
| 19. Jesus understands us, but still loves us. | Eph. 2:8 |
| 20. Get up and get your “GO” back. | John 5:6-8 |
| 21. God provides what we need to flourish. | Ps. 103:15 |
| 22. God’s working His plan – seen or unseen. | Rom. 8:28 |
| 23. Slow down, appreciate God’s beautiful gifts, daily | Ps. 27:4 |
| 24. Jesus gives water that quenches spiritual thirst. | Rev. 22:17 |
| 25. God’s grace is sufficient for us all. | II Cor. 12:9 |
| 26. His strength is made perfect in weakness. | II Cor. 12:9 |
| 27. When I’m weak, God makes me strong. | II Cor. 12:10 |
| 28. My joy is not in my circumstances. | Isa. 40:29-31 |
| 29. Mirror Jesus’s response to love and forgive. | Luke 23:34 |
| 30. Hope prayerfully for what is yet unseen. | Rom. 8:24-25 |
| 31. The Lord brings life out of death. | Rom. 8:11 |

~ By Ralph & Donna Moore



The Donation Station is open on *Thursdays from Noon to 2 pm* and *Saturdays from 10 am to 12 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 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.



WE NEED MEN WITH TRUCKS who are able to transport donated items from the drop off area to the Resale Station on the other side of the campus. This needs to be done every day between 8:00 and 10 am. We are praying for enough volunteers to cover each day of the week, and it's about a 20-minute job. If interested, please contact Carol@ctk.me or 734.281.3773.

JEWELRY!

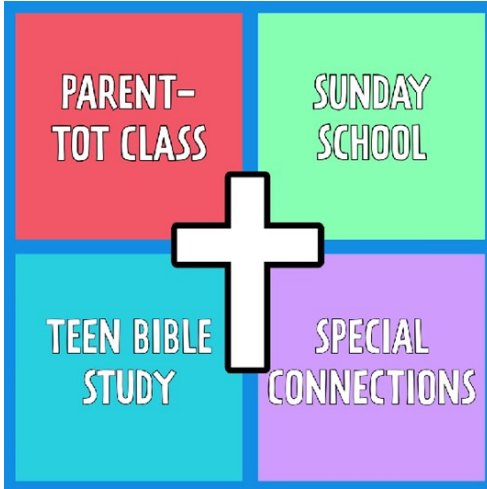
Jewelry is a big seller at the Donation Station. If you have any old jewelry, please donate now! Bring any jewelry donations to Trenton Rd. Do NOT put under Bldg. 9 overhang. Thank you!



THE 411 NEWSLETTER—MAY 2026

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

The 4-1-1 offers something for everyone! All classes follow the same curriculum to promote great family discussion each week. At the same time, there is Adult Bible Study in the gym with coffee and donuts. Feed your body, feed your spirit!



Bake Sale

Mother's Day Bake sale!
May 9th and 10th



Bible Bucks

The Year-end Bible Bucks store will be coming on May 31. Every time your child attends Sunday School, they earn 2 Bible Bucks and they get to spend their Bucks on awesome prizes!



Coming Up

A Deacon Delivers - Philip and an Ethiopian
 Mother's Day Craft
 An Enemy Converts - Saul
 A Soldier Believes - A Philippian Jailer
 A Returning Truth-Christ Returns



Calling All Summer Sunday School Friends:
 "Let's Gather in the Garden"

Please Join Us Upstairs Each Sunday This Summer,
 As Together We Gather in Our Beautiful Terrace Garden
 To Experience 4 Amazing Bible Stories

#1 Adam and Eve in Eden "God Creates a Perfect Garden"

June 7th- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets

June 14th- Craft

June 21st- Father's Day Card

June 28rd- Creation video and popcorn

July 5th- God Bless America! Patriotic craft and treat.

#2 12 Spies Explore the Promised Land

"A Garden Set Apart for God's People"

July 12th- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets

July 19th- Joshua and Caleb video and popcorn

July 26th- Craft

#3 Jesus in Gethsemane "A Visit to a Garden After Dark"

August 2nd- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets

August 9th- Scavenger Hunt and Bible Bingo

August 16th- Holy Week video and popcorn

#4 Mary Weeping for Jesus "An Early Morning Surprise in a Garden"

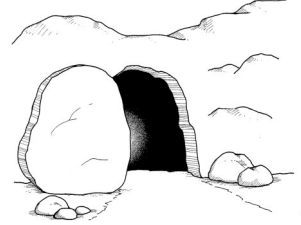
August 23rd- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets

August 30th- Join our outdoor *Garden Party* as we review our
 4 Bible Stories with fun games, activities, and a special
 snack.

September 6th- Craft

Pastor's Message

For 2,000 years, God's people have been gathering around the empty tomb. Today, we gather there figuratively. The first generation of Christians literally worshipped there! They gathered there each "first day of the week" and, eventually, Sunday replaced the Sabbath as the day of worship for Christians. They went to the actual tomb, which belonged to the family of Joseph of Arimathea, to witness that it was indeed empty. "Jesus was here on Friday and Saturday...He's not here now!" The news of Jesus' resurrection began to spread though Jerusalem and the surrounding area. It put people in a tough spot. They had a decision to make, "Do I believe this news or not?" The dead stay dead, this can't be true, can it? While they are debating this, a follower of Jesus says, "Tell you what, come with me this Sunday. I'd like to show you the empty tomb and introduce you to some eyewitnesses, people who have seen and talked to the risen Christ." In a real way, you could say that "Empty Tomb" was the name of the first Christian church that people visited! The Holy Spirit blessed those early worshippers with His presence. He continues to be present with us today so that we hear the message from God and believe, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:5b-6a)



In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer