

# CTK Communiqué

April 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 February 2026

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 143,409.27	\$ 300,308.83
Tuition	\$ 98,380.38	\$ 189,808.72
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 241,790.08</b>	<b>\$ 490,117.55</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 204,456.00</b>	<b>\$ 460,026.00</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 37,334.08</b>	<b>\$ 30,091.55</b>
	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$241,790.08</b>	<b>\$490,117.55</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$228,355.37</b>	<b>\$451,558.72</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 13,454.71</b>	<b>\$ 38,558.83</b>

Praise the Lord, as He has blessed our stewardship beginning this year! The offerings are sufficient to meeting expenses and supply the budget. Thank you, CTK members and worshippers, for your faithful giving, which enables our family in Christ to reach out with the good news of the Gospel. "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15) ~ Pastor Jay

## Church Office Hours



**Mon. – Friday: 8:30am to 3:00pm**  
**Holy Week Church office hours:**  
**Closes at Noon on Friday, April 3**  
**Closed Monday, April 6**

*In Memory of Kelly Brooks*

*To Scholarships, given by:*

Jerry Erdmann

Fred Bowers

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Beaudrie

*To General Fund, given by:*

Dorothy Reaume

*In Memory of Dallas Heine*

*To Food Pantry, given by:*

Gleason Heine

*In Memory of Janis Otto*

*To CTK Music Fund, given by:*

Robert Schumach

*In Memory of Jerry Snow*

*To Food Pantry, given by:*

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Thomas

*To Alms Fund, given by:*

Judy Bielby

**Birthday Blessings**

**In Honor of                  Birthday**

Felicity Jacobs          3/3

Braden Lindstrom 3/21



## 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	\$ 152.00	\$ 26,553.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,383.50	\$ 2,154.42	\$	\$ 59,173.12
Bottles	\$ 774.60	\$ 178.20	\$	\$ 45,413.04
Paper Recycle	\$ 28.25	\$ 11.56	\$ 11.28	\$ 821.48

(As of: 3/15/26)

# WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHE & GIFTS

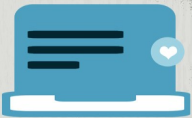
- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](#).
- **Online:** Members may visit [www.ctlk.me](http://www.ctlk.me) and click on “MyCTK” at the top of the homepage to log in. Select “Giving” then “Give Now” to set up a one time or recurring payment.
-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



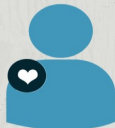
**ONLINE GIVING & TEXT GIVE OF TITHES/ CONTRIBUTIONS** We are grateful for the opportunity to accept contributions online via MyCTK and through text giving. Just as a reminder, if possible, please use your banking account information, rather than a card number, to save on processing fees, which start 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
April 2	Maundy Thursday Service	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Trinity, Wyan. TR
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Good Friday TreOre Service</b> Good Friday Tenebrae	<b>12:00 PM</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>PA</b> Trinity, Wyan. TR
<b>April 4</b>	Prayer Vigil <b>Prayer Vigil</b> <b>Family Connect Event</b> <b>The Passion of the Christ Movie</b>	8 PM to 12 AM <b>8 AM to Noon</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	TR <b>PA</b> <b>PA</b> <b>PA</b>
April 5	Easter Sunrise Service Easter Festival Services	7:00 AM 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM	TR TR
<b>April 13</b>	<b>CTK Sewing Circle</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>PA</b>
April 15	59+ Group	1:00 PM	TR
April 18	Euchre Night	7:00 PM	TR
April 27	Gather & Grow Book Club	6:30 PM	TR
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Five Two Workshop</b>	<b>9 AM to 3 PM</b>	<b>PA</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>CTK Sewing Circle</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>PA</b>
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
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Thursday Night Worship</b> <b>Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>PA</b> <b>PA</b>
<b><u>Weekly Events:</u></b>			
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>Toolbelt Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PA</b>
Wednesday:	School Chapel	8:40 AM	TR
	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>PA</b>
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<b>Donation Station Open</b> <b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>12:00-2:00 PM</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>PA</b> <b>PA</b>
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PA</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>Pickleball (unless otherwise noted)</b> <b>Donation Station Open</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM-12:00 PM</b>	<b>PA</b> <b>PA</b>



## 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—March 15th = 406**

# HOLY WEEK

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

3.29

## PALM SUNDAY

9am+11am

Trenton Rd.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

12:10pm

Trenton Rd. Gym

4.2

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

5pm

Trinity Wyandotte  
(Communion)

7pm

Trenton Rd.  
(Communion)

4.3

## GOOD FRIDAY

Tre Ore: 12pm, 12:30, 1pm

Penn. campus  
(Communion)

Tenebrae: 5pm

Trinity Wyandotte

Tenebrae: 7pm

Trenton Rd.

4.3

+ 4.4

## PRAYER VIGIL

Friday 8pm-12am

Trenton Rd.

Saturday 8am-12pm

Penn. Campus

4.4

## FAMILY CONNECTION EVENT

1:30pm

(lunch, prayer,  
praise event)

Penn. Campus

## PASSION OF THE CHRIST

5:30pm

(Movie event)

Penn. Campus

4.5

## EASTER

Sunrise: 7am

Trenton Rd. (Communion)

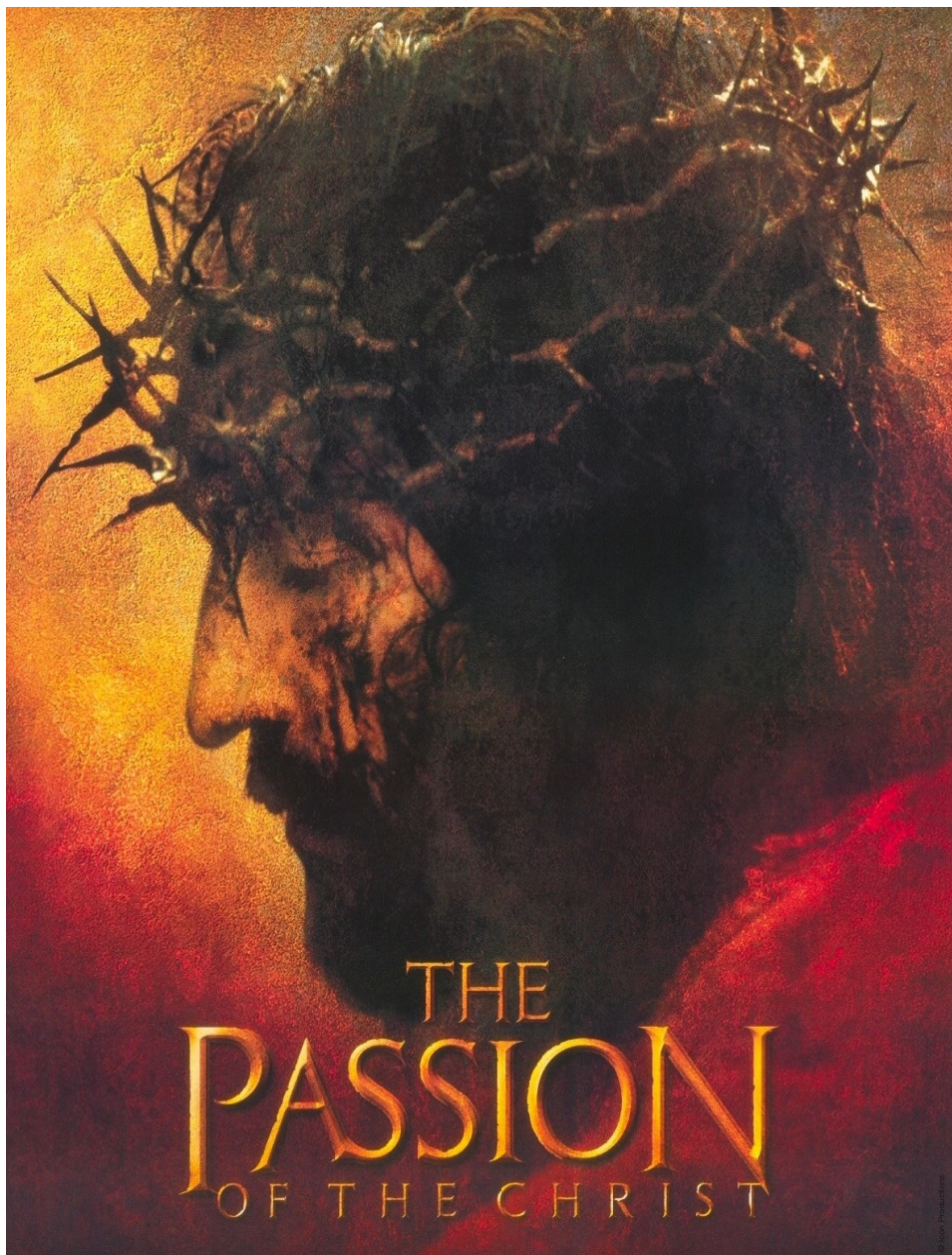
Festival: 8:30, 9:45, 11am

Trenton Rd.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

7:30am-11am

Trenton Rd.



**Saturday, April 4th, 5:30-7:30p**  
**Christ The King Lutheran Church PA Rd**

*Doors open at 4:45. Free Tickets and free concessions.*

## Fun.Love.Create



# HE IS RISEN

## WORD SEARCH



- REJOICE
- RESURRECTION
- CALVARY
- ROLLED AWAY
- CRUCIFIXION
- CROWN OF THORNS
- NAILS
- ANGEL
- ALIVE
- LAMB OF GOD
- RISEN INDEED
- NEW LIFE
- JESUS
- FAITH
- GARDEN
- HOPE
- JOY
- MESSIAH
- HE IS RISEN
- EASTER
- CROSS
- TOMB
- STONE
- REDEEMER



## FiveTwo Strategic Growth *Clarify Our Calling*

COC Workshop is Saturday, May 2, from 9am – 3pm  
CTK Event Center, 16700 Pennsylvania Rd. Southgate

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are kicking off a 9-month journey. We, the Pastors and staff at CTK, are asking every one of our church family leaders to be a part of this journey. If you want to shape where the congregation is going, this is the day. ***This is your chance. You need to be there!*** Plan to join us and our staff at a 1-day ***Clarify Our Calling*** workshop on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the PA Rd. Campus. Teenagers on up are invited. Tina Jasion will be leading us in a time of understanding God's individual calling on your life and God's calling for Christ The King. Your presence will help us be a growing congregation, faithfully reaching our community, while honoring its past. Plan now to attend. Beverages, refreshments and lunch provided. For planning purposes, please sign up by Monday, April 27th. <https://ctk.me/event/fivetwo-workshop---clarify-your-calling>. For more information about FiveTwo, check out their website.



STRATEGIC GROWTH PROCESS



# Day School News—April 2026

*Behold, I am making all things new.* Revelation 21:5

As we step into April, we are reminded that this season is one of renewal, hope, and new life. The beauty of spring reflects the promise God continually gives us—that even after the coldest and darkest seasons, new life will emerge. It is a powerful reminder of the hope we have through Christ.

With Easter approaching, our hearts turn toward the incredible gift of Jesus' resurrection. His victory over the grave is the foundation of our faith and the reason we live with joy and confidence each day. As it says in Matthew 28:6, *"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."* What an amazing truth for us to celebrate together as a church and school community.

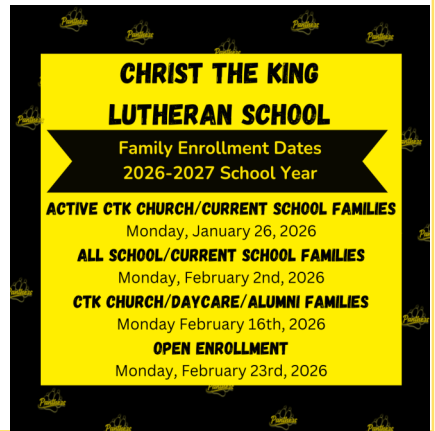
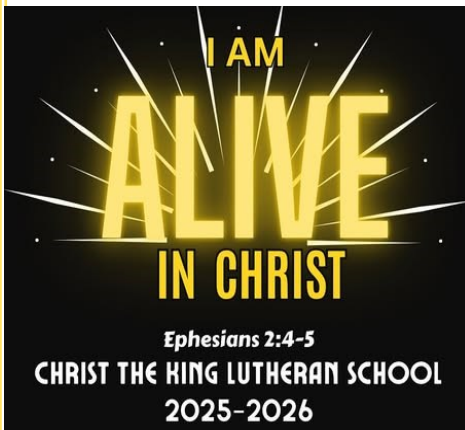
Here at our school, we continue to see God at work in the lives of our students. Each day our classrooms are filled, not only with learning, but with prayer, kindness, and moments where students grow in their understanding of God's love. It is a blessing to watch young hearts develop a foundation of faith that will guide them throughout their lives.

April also gives us opportunities to reflect on service and gratitude. We are grateful for the support, prayers, and encouragement from our church congregation. Thank you for celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week with us last month. Your partnership allows our school ministry to thrive and helps us continue the mission of nurturing both the minds and hearts of our students.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school and church family. Your prayers and support mean more than words can express.

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Easter season.

With gratitude and blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp-Heifner



I just finished studying Jonah with a men's bible study group. (This is an open invitation, by the way, if you are available at 8am on Fridays!) We had quite an adventure in this tiny little book of the bible.

There are only 48 verses in the entire story, and yet it is packed with enough to contemplate may-

be for an entire lifetime. Jonah is the worst prophet in the Bible. And second place isn't close. Jonah never listens to God – he always tries to run away from God's presence. He's the opposite of what a prophet is supposed to do and to be. That's why it is so interesting that Jesus compares himself to Jonah. He tells a group of Pharisees who want him to perform a sign for them that they will receive no sign from Him except the sign of Jonah. On the surface it seems like Jesus is not like Jonah at all – Jonah runs from God's presence and Jesus is God's very presence. But Jesus is like Jonah in a few very important ways. Jonah's three days in the belly of the fish point us to Jesus' three days in the tomb. But maybe even more importantly Jonah spends his entire life as a prophet running from God's presence. And many years later Jesus becomes the prophet who really does leave God's presence when God the Father turns His back on Jesus and leaves Him to die on the cross. The Bible is so amazing – Jonah is written hundreds of years before Jesus was born and yet the entire story of Jonah, and the entire story of scripture, is all about our Savior.

God's Blessings, Pastor Brooks



### **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 April 27 at 6:30pm in the Cana Room for our next meeting. We will be starting a new fiction book. Call

the church office or email [jessica@ctk.me](mailto:jessica@ctk.me) to learn more about the book or to get on our email list.

# 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 questions about upcoming events. All resources—bulletins, inserts, and event posters—will be available to support you. This ministry will launch the week after Easter. If you'd like to be part of this team, please reach out to [Lisa@ctk.me](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me) or call the church office.

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There will be no Spring session of GriefShare due to lack of interest. Please visit [www.griefshare.org](http://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.

THANK YOU



## Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you for the many donations and for those who volunteered to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. The kids love all the surprises they received!

## Easter Breakfast



**Easter Breakfast** (Sunday, April 5th) will once again be catered by Szegedi's Catering and will consist of scrambled eggs, bacon, ham slices, breakfast potatoes, Hungarian Coffee Cake, French toast & syrup, orange juice and coffee. The cost to the church per person is \$12.95, but we will be accepting a freewill

offering. Breakfast will be available from 7:30 to 11:00 am.

## PHONE MINISTRY

Did you know the Phone Ministry has been in existence for over 30 years? Throughout those years, callers have come and gone. We just want to say THANK YOU to all that have given their time and talents to this ministry. The current callers are Joyce Shoup, Carl Joyce, Cindy Turgeon, Diane Jettie, Claudia Landberg, Bev Thompson, Diane Joyce, Karen Scesney, Bob Rehahn, Harriet Cole, Carol Karwowski and Lisa Demou.



If you would like to be a phone ministry caller or would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact [Lisa@ctk.me](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me) or call the church office. As a Phone Ministry Caller, you call members from a list of names and read a prayer and message from the Pastors. It is such a rewarding ministry.

Also, if you RECEIVE calls and wish NOT to anymore, that's OK, just let us know. If you do not receive a call but WOULD like one, let us know that, too.

Calling all gamers! It's spring cleaning time, and the church office has several computer monitors that use a VGA connection (1 View Sonic VA2406m-LED, 1 Dell, 2 Hp's, 1 LG 22LF4520) that we want to give away for free. First come, first served. If interested, contact [Lisa@ctk.me](mailto:Lisa@ctk.me) or call the church office to speak with Lisa.



ALTAR FLOWERS

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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."



## 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

**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** 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](mailto:blueknight007@hotmail.com) or 734.624.4350 with any questions. You need to be at least 16 yrs. of age to play.



## CTK SEWING CIRCLE

We meet the 2nd Monday of every month from 10am to 2pm in the PA Rd Fellowship Center. Join us Monday, April 13th. 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.



**59+ Group** Join us April 15<sup>th</sup> for Bunco from 1:00-2:15 pm in the Cana Room at TR Rd.! No need to know how to play, as we will teach you. It's all in the wrist!



## **This Month in CTK History**

The planning has begun for CTK's 75th anniversary!! If 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 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](mailto:landberg@umich.edu) or Randi Hermann at [randihermann@mac.com](mailto:randihermann@mac.com) or 734-673-1183 with names, stories, and items, or leave memorabilia items in the church office marked "History."

History fact for this month: Easter Sunday, April 18, 1957, the 6am Sunrise Service was held at the Fort George Drive-in Theater (where the Meijer store in Southgate is located) with Trinity Lutheran and Peace Evangelical Lutheran Churches! Happy Easter to all!

## **Psalms & Proverbs Bookstore**

Have you ever thought about the apostles and their experience or yours *after* Easter? The bookstore recommends two books. These books span the forty days from Easter to Pentecost. "Easter Changes Everything" is a 6-week family devotion that looks at Jesus' friends after His resurrection on Easter and is available in the store. Another book, by Hawkins, "The Apostles' Code" is a 40-day journey to discover the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the apostles and in your life!! You can purchase this e-book through [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com).



And don't forget, to shop early for your Mother's Day, Teacher appreciation, and Confirmation gifts and cards!

**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.

November, 2025 - 258 households representing 674 people

December, 2025 - 192 households representing 549 people

January, 2026 - 232 households representing 668 people

February, 2026 - 288 households representing 803 people



# Rooted In Christ Youth Group

## M&M Tube Fundraiser

1. Pick up some mini M&Ms from the basket, Eat the sweet treat of mini M&M's in the container.
2. With your pocket change from everyone in the house fill the container with quarters/change
3. Each time you put a quarter/change in the tube, or eat some M&M's, say a prayer for our trip to Mackinac Island for the Michigan Youth Gathering.
4. Return your filled tube by May 3rd



ROOTED IN CHRIST YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

**LIGHT**  
**UP** *the Night*  
**GLOW DANCE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 , 2026 • 6-8:30 PM

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN  
16700 PENNSYLVANIA ROAD, SOUTHGATE

*Kids can bring the adult of their choice!!*

\$30 PER COUPLE • \$10 EACH ADDITIONAL  
FAMILY MEMBER

Ticket Price includes: DJ, Glow Sticks, Snacks,  
Cupcakes, Refreshments

CONTACT GINA GMD.LWML@GMAIL.COM  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKET

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**



*April*

5	EASTER - NO YOUTH
12	DRYC @ CTK 5-7 PM
18	GLOW Dance - Set up 4:00 Dance 6-8:30 pm
18-19	lockin @ Penn Campus
26	Youth Group 6-8 PM



**FUNDRAISING**

- April—M&M Tube Sale
- April 18—Glow Dance
- May—Envelope Wall
- May 2—Spring Scrapbooking
- May 17—Pancake Breakfast
- June 13—Spring Craft Show
- June 14—Pancake Breakfast

# M&M Tube Fundraiser

During April (after Easter), pick up a tube of Mini M&M's. 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.



The Glow Dance  
is coming  
April 18th!



Please see the  
Youth Group at the  
Ministry Desk to purchase your tickets.  
Tickets will also be available at the door.

**thrivent**<sup>®</sup>

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.

# 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 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.





## 7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF APRIL—2026

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|--|---------------|
| 1. Don't allow Satan's lies to fool you!                       | Acts 26:17-18 |
| 2. Celebrate communion today, remember Jesus' redemptive work. | Titus 2:14    |
| 3. Were you there when they crucified Christ?                  | Rom. 6:8      |
| 4. Celebrate Christ giving His body and blood.                 | Acts 10:40-43 |
| 5. When trouble comes, three day Magic's possible!             | I Thess. 5:10 |
| 6. Share the comfort God has given you.                        | II Cor. 1:3-4 |
| 7. Keep your steps aligned with the Lord.                      | Ps. 37:23     |
| 8. God, please send strength in life's challenges.             | Ps. 31:24     |
| 9. Worried? Focus on eternity – it changes everything.         | Rev. 21:1-7   |
| 10. Walk in obedience to God's perfect will.                   | Matt. 7:21    |
| 11. Be grateful; God's mercy reaches beyond disobedience.      | Jonah 2:1-10  |
| 12. Don't see how? Still God will supply.                      | Gen. 22:7-13  |
| 13. Show faith: take action in God's plan.                     | Ruth 2:11-13  |
| 14. Our dark world needs our peaceful presence.                | Isa. 9:2      |
| 15. The mouth speaks what's filling the heart.                 | Ps. 141:3     |
| 16. Prayer/Bible reading connects us with Jesus.               | Matt. 6:33    |
| 17. Ask God, He'll gladly give you wisdom.                     | Prov. 2:6     |
| 18. You can trust God with deepest hurts.                      | Ps. 9:9-10    |
| 19. God even provides for our unexpected needs.                | Phil. 4:19    |
| 20. "Sifting" eliminates what doesn't serve God.               | Luke 22:31-32 |
| 21. Being right isn't most important --- God is!               | Phil. 2:9-11  |
| 22. For a healthy planet, throw away less.                     | Matt. 14:20   |
| 23. How do you hold everything together daily?                 | Col.1:16-17   |
| 24. God grew trees for beauty and food.                        | Gen. 2:9      |
| 25. Praise God for His acts of power.                          | Ps. 150:2     |
| 26. God uses small beginnings accomplishing His work.          | Zech. 4:10    |
| 27. Using our weak moments, shows God's strength.              | II Cor.12:9   |
| 28. You didn't choose Me, I chose you!                         | I Peter 2:9   |
| 29. Life's brevity helps us savor each day.                    | Ps. 118:24    |
| 30. Jesus provides for body, mind and spirit.                  | I Thess. 5:23 |

~ 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.

### **JEWELRY!**

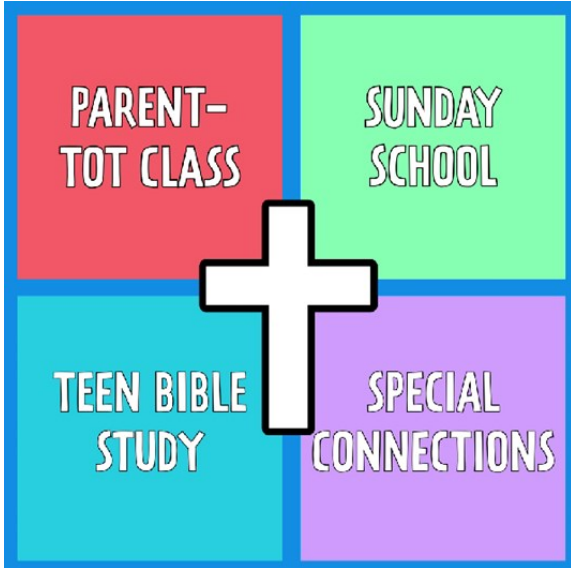
Jewelry is a big seller at the Donation Station. If you have any old jewelry, please donate now! Bring any jewelry donations to Trenton Rd. Do NOT put under Bldg. 9 overhang. Thank you!



# THE 411 NEWSLETTER APRIL 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.



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# THANK YOU!

Thank you to the upper grade families for your donations and beautiful notes to the Downriver Foster Closet foster kids. We were able to put 31 welcome kits together for teens and 52 for the younger kids!

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# ANOTHER GREAT BIBLE BUCKS!



A Great Big THANK YOU to our Bible Buck Dears, Mrs. Zanley and Mrs. Krzyske. They brought back the Bible Bucks store on March 22! Every time your child attends Sunday School, they earn two Bible Bucks and they get to spend their Bucks on awesome prizes!

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# Happy Easter - He Is Risen!

There is no Sunday School on Easter Morning.  
We wish you a Blessed and Happy Easter!

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# COMING UP!

Easter Sunday - No Sunday School  
Lesson 8 - An Ascending Truth  
Lesson 9 - A Telling Truth  
Lesson 10 - A Servant Speaks - Stephen



# Pastor's Message

1 Corinthians 15:1-2, *“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.”*

Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of our faith! The Christian Church isn't built on a set of doctrines or wise teachings, but rather Jesus' victory over death and the grave. This event, that changed the course of history, is good news that must be shared. Jesus' followers could not but share the message, “He is not in the tomb! He has risen!” They were called to be witnesses to His resurrection, and so are we. I want to encourage you to answer that call and attend the “Clarify Our Calling” workshop on Saturday, May 2 at The Event Center on the Penn. Rd. Campus from 9 am to 3 pm. (Read the article in this newsletter for more details.) CTK is partnering with the FiveTwo Network. This workshop is the first step in the “Strategic Growth Process” in which we define a 5-year vision for CTK in our Downriver community. There will be much more information on this process in the coming weeks, but for now save that date. Pray that the Holy Spirit empowers us to bring the same joy to our community as the first Easter, “He is risen! He is risen, indeed!”

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HE IS RISEN

In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer

