



**Christ  
The King  
Lutheran  
Church**

Missouri Synod



**Our Mission**

*The purpose of  
Christ the King is to  
bring the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ to  
people and make  
them disciples  
of Jesus.*



May  
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**OFFICE  
HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday**

8:00am - 11:00am

1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Friday**

8:00am - 12:00pm

# THE KING'S WORD

## Christ the King Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter

**WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**

Worship Service  
8:00 a.m.

Sunday School Opening  
9:15-9:25 a.m.

Christian Education Hour  
9:15 a.m.

Worship Service — Live Stream  
10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
of each month at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod**

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**Pastor Aaron Wagner**



# Pastor's Corner

## THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE

Hello there! Pastor here.

As we are gearing up once again for confirmation, I want to take a moment to speak to this really amazing thing we focus on in our church. Do you remember your confirmation? I bet you might remember a bit of the day of, but do you remember everything you learned in class? If you were given the same test today that you were given back then (if you were given a test), how would you do? Would you pass? Would you just barely skate by? Would you be embarrassed if you, like our confirmands, were given that test in front of others?

It is an often reiterated point that confirmation is not a graduation from church. This is a point I have tried to make for 12 years now, and it is one of the most ignored points that I teach (and to be honest that is really, really frustrating). But it isn't ignored because we have a ceremony, or because it is in May, or because all your family shows up. I honestly believe that it is ignored because people do not see the importance of being in God's Word in the first place. So many people want to do the bare minimum, and don't realize the importance of this task until way later. At that point, many people are intimidated or feel foolish or silly. This isn't just a young people problem, this is a multi-generational human problem.

So going back to the question I asked earlier, how would you feel if someone came up to you and asked you what you believe? Not as a confirmation event, but simply as a conversation with someone you know. Maybe even somebody you love. Perhaps a child or a grandchild. Would you impress upon them how important your faith is? Or would you be noncommittal about it?

Christian education is something I find to be more and more important each day, as the world grows further and further away from Christ. Christian education isn't just tests and questions and classes. It is a way of life. Our way of life. And yet so often we push it off as something for kids, or something that we tell ourselves we are too far away from to start now. But it is never too early or too late to start. *(continued next page)*

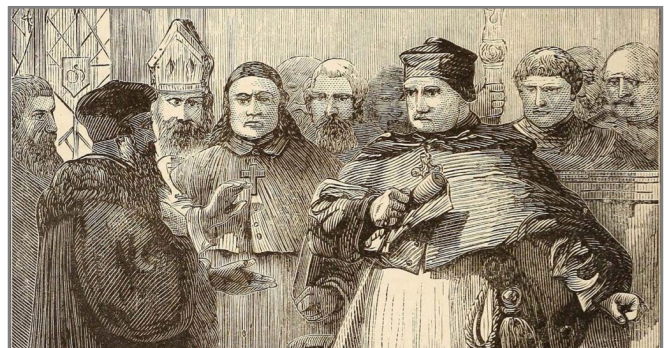
### RESOURCE FROM THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

["ROBERT BARNES: EVEN DEATH"](#) *(active link)*

Who gives much thought before answering "I do, by the grace of God" to those questions during the Confirmation Rite?

This sermon by Rev. J. Hemmer—published in the LW, July 2022— focuses on three questions, or so-called vows, that you too answered on your Confirmation Day.

TIP: The three questions are on page 273 in the hymnal.



# Pastor's Corner

**The fear of the Lord is  
the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Proverbs 1:7

*(continued—The Beginning of Knowledge)*

Christian education and the growth of faith can begin at any age, and is something to be treasured from the very youngest to the very oldest. It's not just for confirmation students, but their parents and grandparents. It is something that is worth seeing as important, and worth taking the time for. And that importance is seen not in what you say, but in what you do. The younger generations are watching what you do.

So make time for devotions, every day. Go to Bible study. Go to multiple Bible studies. Listen in church. Pray with your family. Pray with your Church family. Make Christian education a priority and you will never be foolish. Not in God's eyes. Be nourished by the Holy Spirit in God's Word, and He will grow faith in you abundantly. It is important!

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Aaron

**You shall love the LORD your God**

**with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

**And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.**

**You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,  
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.**

**You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Deuteronomy 6:5-9



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Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!

LSB 556 "*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice,*" St. 1.  
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From  
the desk  
of...  
the DCE

## GREETINGS CTK MEMBERS!

This year continues to be a busy and productive one. I just had a meeting with the Education Committee and we have planned some fun things out for the next few months!

Coming up first we have **Confirmation Sunday** on May 12th! There are 5 confirmands this year. Please plan to come worship and celebrate with the confirmands during the late service on May 12th! Questioning will take place on Wednesday, May 8th. The time for this will be announced soon! Please consider coming out that evening to support our confirmands.

Beginning this week the congregation will be asked to contribute toward **gifts for our 3 high school graduates**. The graduates are: Amelia Lawrenz, Logan Rook, and Kamden Phalen. Amelia will receive a gift basket and the two boys will receive a card and gift card. If you would like to contribute, please give your donation to Bruce Opheim, Amanda Hitchens, Beth Parry, or Samantha Wagner by May 19th.

I had the privilege of taking 5 girls to the **Kansas District Middle School Huddle** on April 19th and 20th. We had a great time! We participated in Bible studies, games, and a campfire. I am including pictures from this event in my article for you to enjoy. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to share this experience with our middle schoolers. I pray that this event had a positive impact on each of their lives and their relationship with Christ.

I have exciting news about **VBS!** We have 21 kids registered to attend! And this was just pre-registration! Let's pack the halls for VBS this year! It will be June 3rd-6th from 9am to 11:30am. Come join us for some under the sea fun and learning about the love of our Savior. Kids ages 3-10 are invited to join us! If you would like to volunteer for VBS please contact me. I will never turn down a happy volunteer!

**Summer Sunday School** will begin on June 16th. This will last up until August 4th. We will have all of the children together during the summer. Each Sunday we will be doing something fun and different. So be on the lookout for more information about this!

While I am on the topic of Sunday School I ask that you would prayerfully consider becoming a teacher for our next school year. You won't regret this opportunity to learn and grow alongside our youngest members.

Looking into the future, we will be bringing back **Summer Movie Nights!** There will be one in July and one in August. Please watch for the dates coming soon and add them to your calendar! You don't want to miss out on the fun!

I pray that this article finds you well. As always it is a joy and blessing to serve as your DCE!

In Christ, Samantha

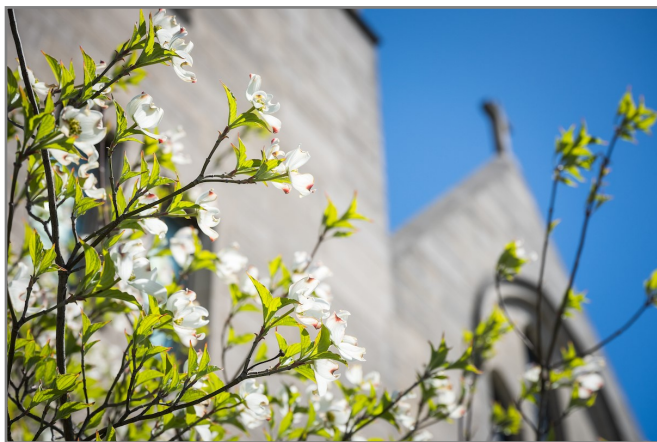


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### Blessed is the man

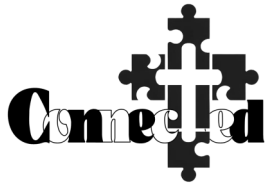
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

### He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3



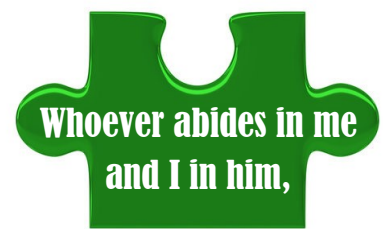
2024  
Middle School Huddle



**I am the true vine, and  
my Father is the vinedresser.**



**Abide in me, and I in you.  
As the branch  
cannot bear fruit by itself,  
unless it abides in the vine,  
neither can you,  
unless you abide in me.  
I am the vine;  
you are the branches.**



**Whoever abides in me  
and I in him,**

**he it is that bears much  
fruit, for apart from me  
you can do nothing.**

2024 Theme: John 15:1-5



## **DIVINE CALLS RECEIVED BY ASHLEY & NATHAN!**

Ashley Nelson, daughter of Rev. Timothy and Melanie Wangerin, received her divine call into the deaconess ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on May 23, 2024, at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Ashley will be serving at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Leavenworth, KS. In addition to Ashley's call, her husband Nathan received his call into the holy ministry to serve as associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, also in Leavenworth, KS. Both Ashley and Nathan are very excited to begin their ministries proclaiming the beautiful Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is planned that following their graduation from the seminary, they will be starting their calls in July.

Ashley will be serving both the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church and their School. She will be teaching Bible study and making member visits. She will also be teaching religious classes at the School. Nathan will share pastoral responsibilities with the senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.



ASHLEY NELSON



NATHAN NELSON

Rev. Timothy and Melanie are looking forward to attending their graduations in St. Louis, followed by their installations at Leavenworth, KS. It will be nice to have the Nelsons just a couple of hours from Salina.

## 2024 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$35,393.56	\$128,050.16	\$374,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$33,847.13)	(\$142,555.54)	(\$374,500.00)
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$1,546.43	(\$14,505.38)	

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### Building Loan Principal Balance

\$22,508.85 (as of 4/30/2024)

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### CTKLC Endowments at Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1  
\$274,812.81

CTKLC Endowment #2  
\$34,058.40

## OFFICIAL ACTS 2024

### April

#### Deaths

3-30-24      Karen Adams

#### MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 4/30/2024):

Baptized Souls:            550  
 Communicants:            380





## WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

By transfer on March 7, 2024

**Judy Scott**

WELCOME to CTK, **Judy!**



## LWML SPRING WRAP UP

LWML held their annual Spring wrap up on Monday, April 29, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Harmony Hideaway.

Harmony Hideaway is a spacious home in the country offering lodging, house concerts and event hosting. The Salina Area Chamber of Commerce says this is one of Salina's hidden gems offering a very relaxing atmosphere.

16 LWML Ladies gathered at Harmony Hideaway, received a tour of the facilities by the gracious host Milt Allen, enjoyed a large Charcuterie Board and were entertained by Mr. Milt on the keyboard and singing.

LWML will not meet again until August 26, 2024, with their annual Salad Supper with a guest speaker and Trinity as guests.



Left—Mr. Milt Allen



Top—CTK ladies at the retreat



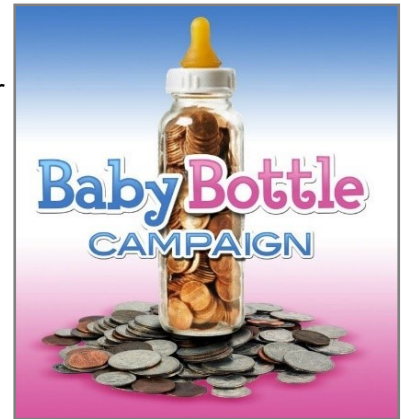
Bottom—The Charcuterie Board

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Mother's Day to Father's Day marks the Baby Bottle campaign to help support the Pregnancy Service Center who encourage life and healing by sharing the love of Christ through words and actions to young women and families. You can help make a difference.

Simply pick up a bottle from the basket, fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it (baby bottle) in the basket by June 16th. The returned bottles are collected regularly or can be dropped off in the church office.

Thank you for your support.  
Julia Opheim, Member of the CTK Cares Committee.



## REMINDER FOR THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent members can apply for a \$250 grant to help fill our Blessing Box.

If you would like to donate money or purchase food items for the Blessing Box using Thrivent Action Team grant funds, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

There are several months open for the remainder for 2024.

Sign-up for the month of your choice. If you need help to apply online or need help shopping, a member of CTK Cares will be happy to assist.

This process is working very well in keeping a good selection of food items in stock for the Blessing Box. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Ascher.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR BLESSING BOX

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>❶ Macaroni and cheese</b><br><i>(Small containers or boxes, instant)</i>   | <b>❺ Individual serving boxes of cereal</b>                                     |
| <b>❷ Pouches of tuna and chicken</b>  | <b>❻ Individual serving contains of fruit or applesauce</b>                     |
| <b>❸ Cans of SpaghettiOs®, ravioli, etc.</b><br><i>(Cans with tab on top)</i> | <b>❼ Mini muffins</b><br><i>(Packaged individually)</i>                         |
| <b>❹ Pork and beans</b><br><i>(Cans with tab on top)</i>                      | <b>Questions:</b> Contact Brenda Smith<br>CTK Cares Blessing Box Project Leader |



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING



**“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”  
with Dr. Michael Zeigler**

*Tune in Sunday mornings to KSAL on 1150AM at 10:30 a.m.  
or go to [LutheranHour.org](http://LutheranHour.org)*

May 5

**Rejoicing on the Way**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes  
God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way.  
(Acts 8:28-39)

May 12

**Unforecastable**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
It’s been said that God’s call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31)

May 19

**Waiting, but Not Alone**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge  
Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. (Acts 2:1-21)

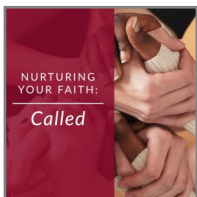
May 26

**Penultimate Sacrifice**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Memorial Day honors those who made “the ultimate sacrifice” in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater. (Acts 10:1-2)

**RESOURCE FROM LHM**

**CALLED: A NURTURING YOUR FAITH STUDY** is a video-based Bible study inspired by the book of Ephesians. Its four sessions explore how we are called by God to faith and, in turn, called to others in lives of outreach and service. To preview each session, click the corresponding links below. To access the free videos and discussion guide, use or create a free user account (see gray box below).



SESSION	THE LUTHERAN LAYMAN	PAGE
1—Called by God.....	<a href="#">May / June 2019</a> .....	7, 9-10
2—Called to Faith .....	<a href="#">Summer 2019</a> .....	9-10
3—Called to Others .....	<a href="#">Fall 2019</a> .....	9-10
4—Called to Share.....	<a href="#">Winter 2020</a> .....	9-10

To create a free user account for the video-based Bible studies from LHM, go to [lhm.org/studies](http://lhm.org/studies). Under the study you wish to download click on the “**DOWNLOAD**” button - a page will open with all the files associated with the study- click on anyone of the “**LOGIN TO DOWNLOAD FILE**” buttons, **and a pop-up “Login” window will open**, above the email box click on or “**Not signed up yet? Click here to sign up**” then enter name, your email address, and password—the password doesn’t have to be long or difficult - just easy to remember - **then submit**. LHM is available to walk people through the sign-up process Mon thru Fri 8am to 5pm - 800-876-9880.

## RESOURCES FROM THE LCMS

### LUTHERANS ENGAGE THE WORLD

A quarterly publication of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that engages the Church in the work of witness and mercy across the globe in our life together.

Access [current and past issues](#) here.

Sign up to receive [email notifications](#) with new issues and web-exclusive stories from Lutherans Engage the World magazine.



**CALL DAY 2024**—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, celebrated future pastors and deaconesses on April 23–24.



[View photo gallery](#) (*Do you see Ashley?*)

To learn about Call Day 2024 and who's coming to the Kansas District, check here:

[Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne](#)  
[Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#)

## RESOURCES FROM THE LCMS KANSAS DISTRICT

### 2024 SAINTS ALIVE AFTER 55 CONFERENCE

July 21-22, 2024

Christ the King Lutheran Church (Salina)

**Theme:** "What's Love Got to Do with It" based on Matthew 22:36-39

**Keynote Speaker:** Rev. Cliff Winter

**Bible Study Leader:** Rev. Mark Boxman

**Registration:** Open April 15 - July 8 ([click image to register](#))

**Cost:** \$50

**For questions:** Contact Barb Geuy at [jobageuy@gmail.com](mailto:jobageuy@gmail.com)



COMING THIS SUMMER/FALL TO  
AN LCMS CHURCH NEAR YOU:



*Single, engaged, married, or widowed, we are all members of Christ's Bride, the Church. But how does that affect how we think about and live in marriage?*

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINARS

This summer / fall, join fellow Lutherans and other Christians as we meditate upon God's gift of marriage and how we can build each other up in a world where marriage and family are under constant assault. Dates, locations, and speakers will be announced soon!

For more information, talk to Pastor Wagner or email Rev. Philip Hoppe at [pastor@ihoppe.com](mailto:pastor@ihoppe.com) (KS-LCMS Parish Education Committee Chair).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SCUBA**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*An underwater adventure  
 and the opportunity to share God's love!*

**JUNE 3-6**

**9:00 TO 11:30 A.M.**

*More information to come soon! Questions?  
 Want to help out? Contact Samantha!*



**GOLDEN OLDIES** will be meeting for the last time for a couple of months this coming Thursday, May 9, 2024. We will have our usual communion service followed by a salad lunch.



**Thursday, May 9  
 11:30 a.m.**

*Worship Service w/Communion  
 With lunch immediately afterward*

The committee would like to thank all those who have attended these services and luncheons over the Fall, Winter, and Spring months. It is time for everyone to take a couple of months off and then we will reconvene again in August.

Remember this is for all retired members of CTK to attend for a special communion service and some fellowship with fellow IRA's (Irresistible Retired Associates).

**RESOURCE FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS  
 PROF INSIGHTS: FACULTY-LED WORKSHOP SERIES 2024**

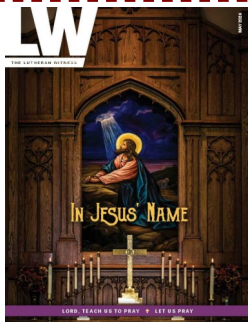
**The Beginnings of Genesis and the Genesis of Beginnings**—Learn about the structure and layout of the book of Genesis, as well as other Biblical books.

**June 3-5** at Trinity Lutheran Church (Salina)  
 Registration. Cost is \$150. Deadline is May 20.  
 Presenter: **Rev. Paul Landgraf**  
 Contact: Rev. Dennis Kootz at 785-823-7151



Click icon for details & to register

**RESOURCES FROM THE LUTHERAN WITNESS**



**LUTHERAN WITNESS: MAY 2024** issue explores the topic of prayer: how we ought to pray, what prayer is, and guidance for both individual and family prayer. Free online articles include:

- [In Jesus' Name](#), a letter from the editor
- [The Diptych: A Guide for Prayer](#), a letter from LCMS President Matthew Harrison
- [Collects: A Simple Way to Pray in Every Situation](#), print feature

**THANK YOU!** It is with great joy we announce the newest addition to our family to make us grandparents! Elsie Grace Blek was born 04/04/2024 at 3:45 AM, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Elsie took her time in arriving. Maybe it was to share the same birthday as Dave's mom on 4/4/1920 or the heavenly birthday of Kayla's father on 4/4/2006. As we know God has a plan for each of us and his plan is always good and perfect. We cannot begin to thank our CTK family enough for all your prayers, texts, phone calls, and words of encouragement while we waited for Elsie to arrive. We are so thankful and blessed for each and every one of you. **Kayla and Dave Ascher**

**THANK YOU!** To my Christian friends at Christ the King, I want to extend my sincere thanks for all the cards and phone calls expressing concern for my recent hospitalization. Also, a special thanks to Pastor Wagner who paid me a visit after Maundy Thursday service. Although things have leveled off, I still look forward to more testing. **Mark Hassman**

## RESOURCE FROM THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Are you a Champion for Religious Liberty? You are invited to join with fellow Champions and form a Champions for Religious Liberty group. For more information see

<https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/champions>



## OBSERVANCES OF FEASTS AND FESTIVALS

See Lutheran Service book, page xi

### MAY 31—THE VISITATION (3-Year Lectionary)



Today Zechariah's house is prepared to sing: "The Lord God of Israel ... has visited and redeemed his people" (Luke 1:68). For the Scriptures are being fulfilled: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit" (Is. 11:1). What could raise a king from a dead line? Only the Lord Himself! This is no son of man's will, but the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15). The Word of the Lord has done this, and so all are blessed in Him.

The "greeting" of blessed Mary causes John to leap in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41). Both are delighted at what the Word has wrought: "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Luke 1:45).

Likewise we, too, "rejoice with those who rejoice" (Rom. 12:12–15), for our joyful hope is in the Lord who has visited us to redeem us — not just a town in Judah but our entire fallen world.

The Holy Spirit discloses where salvation is to be found: in the most blessed fruit of Mary's blessed womb. And the whole Church rejoices, saying, "My beloved! Behold, he comes" (Song of Songs 2:8).

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## LIFE QUOTES—Quotations on Life Issues

**May 5** “The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ’s goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven.” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**May 12** “Now we get to receive and enjoy our times and our lives as blessings. And we get to do the same with the gifts and privileges that each of our neighbors embodies, from unborn to elderly and from fertilization to forever. The Lord our God has blessed us for the purpose of life, and He has blessed us for the duration of life. So, let’s partake in the blessing of proclaiming God’s truth and putting Christ’s love into practice, even as the Psalmist himself does!” *Pastor Michael Saleminck – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**May 19** “Go to church together and get God’s message into your ears, into your life, into your relationships. And the Spirit who created you and recreates you into the best version of yourself, that self that God has in mind for you, will work in your relationship and make it into one that is life-giving. But married or single, divorced or twice-divorced, wid-owed, brokenhearted, or thriving, we all live in the echo of Easter: Christ is risen. Indeed. Alleluia. We walk in the power of Pentecost. Alleluia.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



**May 26** “May God send an army of angels to protect the babies in the womb from the laws being enacted in some states that are taking away protections for God’s smallest, most vulnerable humans. May hearts be changed with the truths found in Scripture. And may the influence the devil has on our society, with his culture of death, be deposed.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## RESOURCE FROM ISSUES, ETC.

### PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY

You're invited to attend the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include:

**Riley Gaines**, 12-Time All-American Swimmer

**Mollie Hemingway** of Fox News

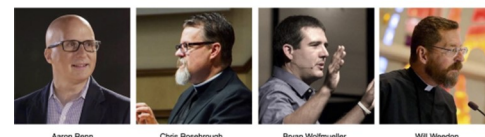
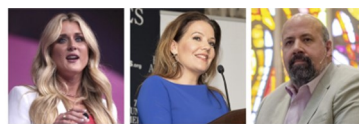
**Mark Hemingway** of RealClear Investigations

**Pastor Chris Rosebrough** of “Fighting for the Faith”

**Aaron Renn** of The American Conservative

**Pastor Bryan Wolmueller** of “Has American Christianity Failed?”

**Pastor Will Weedon** of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever



The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available.

For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](https://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.



## CALENDAR OF COMMEMORATIONS

See Lutheran Service book, page xiii

### MAY 24—ESTHER

Esther is the heroine of the biblical book that bears her name. Her Jewish name was Hadassah, which means "myrtle." Her beauty, charm, and courage served her well as queen to King Ahasuerus. In that role she was able to save her people from the mass extermination that Haman, the king's chief advisor, had planned (2:19--4:17). Esther's efforts to uncover the plot resulted in the hanging of Haman on the very same gallows that he had built for Mordecai, her uncle and guardian. Then the king named Mordecai minister of state in Haman's place.



This story is an example of how God intervenes on behalf of his people to deliver them from evil, as here through Esther he preserved the Old Testament people through whom the Messiah would come

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**WRITING A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?** If you have an item for the June 2024 issue of *The King's Word*, please send it to the Secretary by Friday, May 31, 2024.

“But when the **Helper** comes, whom I will send to you from the **Father**, the **Spirit of truth**, who proceeds from the **Father**, he will bear witness about **me**.” John 15:26

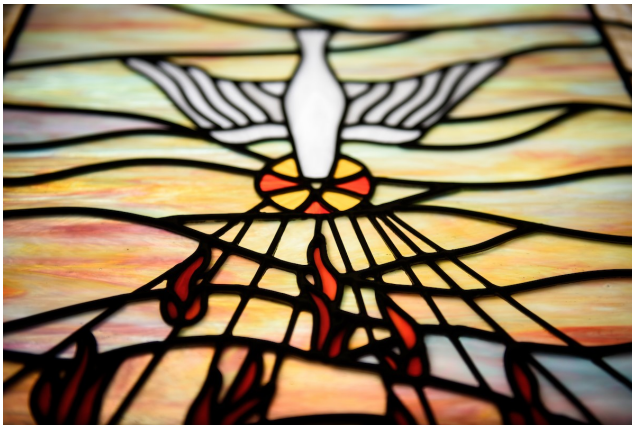
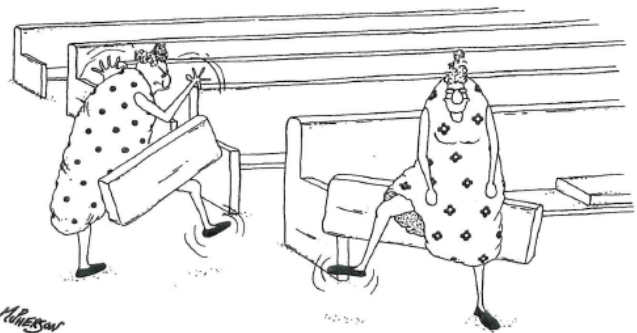


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# Orphan Grain Train

This is a picture of Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk. OGT is building a new Servant Center addition to the Norfolk warehouse so they are able to serve many more in need worldwide. At this time, they are planning for a portion of the upcoming OGT Convention in September to be held in the new Servant Center. The supporters of OGT are making this addition possible.



Here in Salina, and almost everywhere, Spring is here. We enjoy the wonders of God's creation and, if you are like me, pray for rain. Rain for our lawns, gardens and outdoor plants. Little or no rain means high fire danger.

This is the case not only here in Kansas, but in Texas, & Oklahoma. OGT is on top of the needs of others, and known as an organization which helps in disasters.

Recently OGT purchased and delivered 1,900 wooden fence posts for Texas ranchers whose fences were destroyed in recent wild-fires. They desperately needed these posts to corral livestock that survived the fire (pictured).



The livestock also need feed.

OGT has funded three loads of hay bales for ranchers in the Texas & Oklahoma area. During the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup>, six loads of hay went out to either Oklahoma or the Texas panhandle. This could not be possible without OGT supporters to make these hay deliveries possible. If you would like to give toward the Texas Fire Relief, please click on the link [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) and write Texas Fires in the comment box.

**One person can make a difference.** Please keep this ministry in your prayers as the Lord hears all prayers. If you are able to contribute the information is below, and please continue to bring items to church the first Sunday of each month. Feel free to contact Shirley Lehman at 785-827-5785 or [delsal67@live.com](mailto:delsal67@live.com) if you have questions, or have larger amounts.

## CASH DONATIONS

Checks / money orders: Orphan Grain Train  
P.O. Box 1466 . Norfolk, NE 68702-1466

By credit card: click red "Donate" button at  
[www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org)

## WISH LIST

To print a copy, [click here](#)

Please put material aid donations in hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall.

## CTK DONATION STATION

Do you like knowing where to bring your extra note pads, cards, calendars, and eyeglasses?

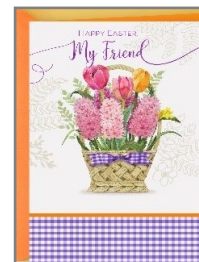
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting the Portals of Prayer devotional books, note pads, or cards for their residents to use or send to a friend.

CTK, in connection with our LWML, has become a faithful contact for the many organizations we support.



The **Portals of Prayer** for Apr-June 2024 are here. As you pick up a new copy, put your past issues in the marked bin.

Getting too many **cards, note pads, calendars?** Drop-off any that are unwanted in the Donation Station. Carol Boldenow will take them to local nursing homes for residents to use. What may seem small to us — a birthday or holiday card to give another resident, a note pad for jotting down items needed or writing a note (if able) — may mean the world to others.



Carol will also take along the **motel items** from your recent trip.

Did you just get new glasses? Or find a pair in a drawer that you forgot you had? Drop them off and Tammy Taylor will make sure they reach MOST Ministries. Once there, used glasses are cleaned, sorted, tested and repacked for “recycling” on one of their short-term mission trips. MOST Ministries accepts **gently-used adult and child-sized glasses, readers** and **non-prescription sunglasses**. Unfortunately, more than 158 million people worldwide suffer uncorrected vision, a number that has



increased by 5 million since January 2023. Many of these people cannot afford to buy glasses. The pair of glasses received through MOST Ministries may be the only glasses some will ever have.

Another bin is marked for **pop tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House takes them to recycling and the monies received are used for general operating expenses. Save them from soda, soup and other cans and Mary Nelson will take care of them for you.



All the bins are marked, so please continue bringing in note pads, greeting cards, card fronts, eyeglasses, pop tabs and Portals of Prayer.

Please keep these ministries in your prayers also as well as the hard working ladies who take care of them:

### THANK YOU

Carol, Tammy and Mary!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!** For many years, you have helped us collect **used or recycled stamps** to help support Lutheran World Relief Quilt / Kits Shipping Fund. We are no longer collecting stamps and want to thank everyone who has participated in this activity in the past.

## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

HIECHEL, David & Vicki  
BRACE, Jim & Bonita  
BOLDENOW, Garry & Carol  
DREYER, Dillon & Shannon  
HAWKES, Gary & Nancy  
BLASE, Ron & Mary  
DREYER, Jerry & Shari

KOOP, Ryan & Janaina  
JESKE, Lance & Amber  
CROUSE, Chelseana & Raven  
HARPER, Gary & Becky  
WARREN, J.D. & Bree  
TRARBACH, Terry & Nancy

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

SMITH, Laurie  
WARREN, Kaylee  
XAYSONGKHAM, Maddox  
KERCHAL, Joel  
WARREN, Kim  
BROWN, Katie (Katherina)  
KOHART, Crystal  
SCHMIDT, Karen  
LAWRENZ, Amelia  
FRITZ, Ryan  
PHELPS, Jenna  
BOYER, Hank  
CHRISTIANCY, Lindsy  
CLEVELAND, Mike  
PFEIFER, Owen  
HEATH, Danielle  
FAIRCHILD, Paula  
BLOYD, Judee  
CLEMMER, Sandy

PRUITT, Kelly  
APPLEBY, Aaron  
COLE, Steven  
BRACE, Jim  
HEAD, Swayze  
COUP, Deb  
PIERCE, Russell  
BELL, Ryan  
CAMPBELL, Ashley  
MORRIS, Marissa  
HOLLANDER, Alicia  
HARPER, Marissa  
ASCHER, David  
DREYER, Shari  
FISCHER, Nancy  
ASCHER, Mike  
KOOP, Janaina  
MILLER, Kelsey

# ODDS + ENDS



You can help support CTK while shopping at your local Dillons store with the **Dillons Community Rewards Program!**

Just register your Dillons Plus Shopping Card in the program & designate "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Then every time you swipe your card, they give money to CTK!

There are two ways to register your card:

1. Call 1-800-576-4377 (CTK code is DK282)
2. Go to: [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards).



## MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE A RESOURCE FROM LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

[Click here - May 2024 article](#)

*Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes.*

## ELECTRONIC GIVING: FAST, EASY & SECURE

You have several options to support the work of our church. If you are going to be gone on vacation or work related activities and not able to place your offering in the collection plate on Sundays you can use the electronic giving options available and listed below.

You can have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically –

- a. Pick up an authorization form today – copies are available in the narthex OR you can print the form from the CTK website – the pdf file is available at: [http://www.ctksalina.org/Electronic\\_Giving\\_Authorization\\_form\\_2017.pdf](http://www.ctksalina.org/Electronic_Giving_Authorization_form_2017.pdf)
- b. Or you can go to <http://www.ctksalina.org/> and click on the **Donations** button on the right hand side of the home page. This will take to you to a link that you can either donate through your checking/savings account or you can use your credit card.
- c. You may also use your cell phone by downloading the VANCO Mobile Application and then you may use your credit card or also make an automatic donation from your checking/savings account.

Thank you for your continued support of CTK.



## YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

### NEW ADDRESS, EMAIL OR PHONE NO.?

If you have changed your address, email or phone number please let the church office know.

Call 827-7492 ext. 10 or email  
[ctklcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ctklcsecretary@gmail.com)

Thanks for helping us keep our records up to date!



Teach us to know  
The Father, Son,

And You, from both,  
as Three in One

That we Your name  
may ever bless

And in our lives  
the truth confess.

LSB 498 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator  
Blest," St. 6. Text: Public domain

### BELIEF

With the universal Christian Church, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod teaches and responds to the love of the Triune God:

**the Father**, creator of all that exists;

**Jesus Christ, the Son**, who became human to suffer and die for the sins of all human beings and to rise to life again in the ultimate victory over death and Satan; and

**the Holy Spirit**, who creates faith through God's Word and Sacraments.

The three persons of the Trinity are coequal and coeternal, one God.

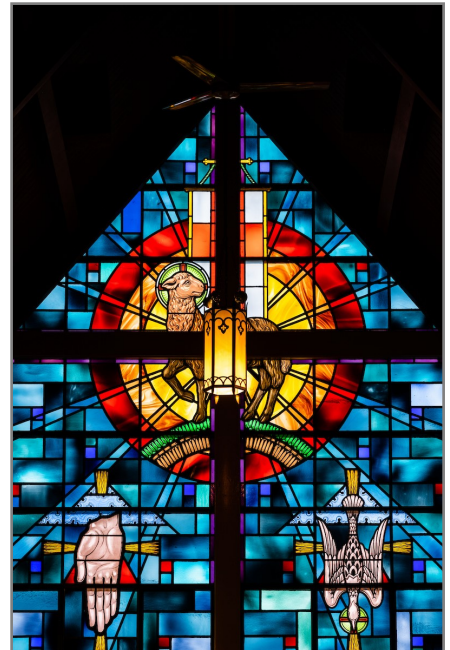
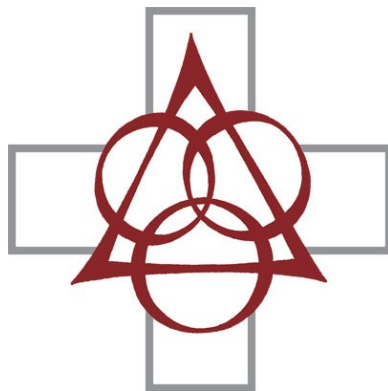


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**“ . . . And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the person nor dividing the substance . . . ”**

Source: Athanasian Creed