



**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.*



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**OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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 a.m.

Christian Education Hour
9:15 a.m.

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

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

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Pastor Aaron Wagner

Associate Pastor Timothy Wangerin

Pastor's Corner



HOLY WEEK

The Master of Virtue

Hello there! Pastor here.

This years Lenten topic on the Seven Deadly Sins has been a bit of a challenge for me. I have never much enjoyed focusing in on sin while preaching. While it is definitely an important part of our walk of faith, I have never much enjoyed talking about it. So going in depth has been a unique challenge for me. Particularly because each sermon has left me wishing I had more time to talk. And not just because I like to preach.

One thing that I really wish I could dive into more are the heavenly virtues that serve as direct foils to each deadly sin. As Peter says in the verses below, these virtues “keep us from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” It is this sanctified living that I truly love to meditate on. How can we, as forgiven children of God, learn and grow? What habits can I develop that are better than the old sin-stained ones I run back to so quickly when bored, stressed, or hurting? What is the route that better brings me to being able to echo the sacrificial love my Lord has for me? Which we will see so beautifully this month on Good Friday.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control, are goal posts that are worth training in, for they are the original acts we were created to exercise before sin brought its mucky net to ensnare us in what we should not do.

So while we may not have time to dive deep into these virtuous fruits of the Spirit on Wednesdays, we will get a wonderful opportunity to watch them in action during Holy Week. For the best way that we can learn is by watching the Master in action. For Jesus, the very embodiment of virtue and true master of all that is good, shows us these virtue’s ultimate strength as He suffers and dies for us, without succumbing to the sin we so quickly run to.

So as we celebrate Holy Week this month, let us look to Jesus and His passion for us, and learn to love better.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Aaron

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8

A MESSAGE FROM

PASTOR TIM



As I sit in front of my computer preparing this article it seems like it was just the other day that I was writing the article for March. Individuals have told me that time flies by when you get older, they were not kidding! I find it more so when it comes to the Church Year.

We are already in the month of Easter, the glorious resurrection. Even though Easter is late this year it comes as Pastor Wagner and I find ourselves needing to quickly pull things together to prepare for this wonderful day. We are two thousand years past that first Easter and every year since that first Easter the Church has been preparing for this joy. But, what about before the first Easter.

Since Adam and Eve first sinned in the Garden of Eden and were cursed with death, God's people have looked forward to God's promise in the saving of their souls and the restoring of the decaying bodies. God proclaims that Satan would strike at the heel of Jesus, but Jesus would crush Satan's head (Gen 3:15). Throughout the Old Testament God established the sacrifice system for Israel's sins. In the New Testament Jesus is born leading a life that would take him to the cross where he would perfectly take our sins upon the cross and die with the wonderful words, "It is finished!" (John 19:30) It is on the cross that Jesus crushes the head of Satan as our sins are forever forgiven and our sins are remembered no more (Hebrews 8:12). Yet death would not be the end as Jesus rises from the dead three days later to destroy even death and give to us also the promise of the resurrection to eternal life! The last enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Corinthians 15:26). It is our Easter celebration!

We will be gathering this month for the glory and glory of Jesus' death on Good Friday. We then gather for the beauty of Easter morning as we celebrate that Jesus is alive. As Jesus lives, we too shall live eternally with him in heaven. The joy of all Scripture culminates in these two events as we witness once again the Father's love for us. The green of nature as we see it sprouting around us also reminds us of the new life we have in Jesus. We celebrate with a breakfast and Easter egg hunt. The events at our church on Easter are to bring into mind and remember how God is faithful to his Word. Yet, Easter is not just one celebration a year.

Every Sunday we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ meeting on Sunday of every week, the first day of the week. Sunday is the day of the resurrection and we gather 52 times a year for that joy. Sunday becomes for us a remembrance of our new life through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Celebrate with us on Good Friday and Easter to strengthen our life and souls in the joy of what Jesus has given. Remember every Sunday is the comfort in the resurrection. Start every day in the certainty of your Baptism as we remember that we were buried with Christ in his death and raised to new life in his resurrection (Romans 6:4-7). We even are privileged to gather for the Lord's Supper twice a month as we receive the crucified Jesus, his body and blood, for the forgiveness of sins. Always a joy to gather!

In Jesus Love,
Pastor Tim

From
the desk
of...
the DCE



Easter Greetings!

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year!

Easter is April 20th and it will be a big day of fun, fellowship, and worship of Our Risen Lord and Savior. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at 9:15am on Easter morning! Rain or shine we are going to have lots of fun goodies for the kids to find. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated candy or money toward this event. We very much appreciate it.

The Middle School Huddle is this month on the 4th and 5th and there are 8 kids going! This is so exciting! We will be at Rock Springs Ranch in Junction City. The theme for this year is The Armor of God. The kids will enjoy Bible study led by Pastor Quentin Nuttman, games, a campfire, and worship.

I had the opportunity to be on the planning committee for this event and it is exciting to see our plans come to fruition. We pray for safe travels for all kids and adults who attend this event. We also pray that this event may bring each participant closer to Christ and that they learn and enjoy time in fellowship with other Lutheran kids in Kansas.

True North VBS will be June 2nd-5th from 9am to 11:30am! Kids ages 3-10 are invited to join us. There will be a registration table out in the narthex beginning on Palm Sunday. Let's work together to spread the love of Jesus to the kids in our church and community! If you would like to volunteer, please talk to me!

I pray that you and your loved ones have a joyous Easter celebration this year. As always it is both a joy and blessing to serve as your DCE.

In HIM,

Samantha

2025 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$36,679.31	\$96,635.98	\$314,523.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$25,872.44)	(\$85,631.03)	(\$314,523.00)
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$10,806.87	\$11,004.95	



CTKLC Endowments at

Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1

CTKLC Endowment #2

\$319,940.27

\$42,312.03

OFFICIAL ACTS MARCH 2025

Baptism:

03-02-25 Stella Marcy Ann Larson

Affirmation of Faith:

3-20-25 Ross, Erin, Allison & Eloise
Armstrong

Death:

03-04-25 Wayne Krug

3-20-25 Reid & Addison Flower

Released:

03-11-25 Kam, Lindsey,
Kamren, Maddox & Sadie
Xaysongkham

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 3/31/2025)

Baptized Souls: 560
Communicants: 383

WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

By Baptism on March 2, 2025

Stella Marcy Ann Larson

infant daughter of Braden & Shyanne Larson

Welcome to CTK, Stella!





April's Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 1

6:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 2

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

12:15pm Lenten Service

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Lenten Service-Live Stream

7:15pm Midweek Classes

Thursday, April 3

1:30pm Lydia Circle

Tuesday, April 8

7:00pm CTK Board of Elders Mtg

7:00pm Parry Family (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 9

12:15pm Lenten Service

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Lenten Service-Live Stream

7:00pm Graduation Reception

7:15pm Midweek Classes

Thursday, April 10

11:30am Golden Oldies

Saturday, April 12

2:00pm Couch Family (Kitchen/Shelter)

Monday, April 14

3:00pm Unsung Hero Banquet

Tuesday, April 15

7:00pm CTK Board of Directors Mtg

Wednesday, April 16

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, April 17

1:30pm Lydia Circle

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service w/
communion-Live Stream

Friday, April 18

7:00pm Good Friday Service-Live Stream

Monday, April 21

CTK Office Closed

Wednesday, April 23

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Midweek Classes

Monday, April 28

6:00pm LWML End of Year Wrap-Up at
Tammy Taylor's House

Wednesday, April 30

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Midweek Classes

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Jody Heath (31).....	04/02	Scott & Lisa Will (25).....	04/15
Dean & Shirley Lehman (58).....	04/09	Doug & Linda Beneke (29).....	04/20
Bill & Ann Powell (59)	04/10	Dennis & Mary Nelson (35).....	04/21
Scott & Donatta McClain (39)	04/12	Paul & Holly Wentz (25)	04/29

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Forrest Dreyer.....	04/01	Amanda Norwood.....	04/15
Emerson Dryer.....	04/02	Kay Beck	04/17
Peggy Fritz	04/02	Drax Holmes.....	04/17
Edith Skarky.....	04/03	Vicki Hiechel	04/18
Elsie Ascher.....	04/04	Tynnlee Christiancy	04/19
Wadyn Caswell	04/05	Thelma Rectenwald	04/19
Larry Grillo	04/05	Mac Sheforgen.....	04/19
Christopher Nelson	04/05	Angie Johnson.....	04/21
Bobby Ray Pace	04/06	Jodi Milleson.....	04/21
Isaac Savery.....	04/06	Cindy Abrams	04/22
Traven Fairchild.....	04/07	Brandon Norwood	04/22
Nolan Gardiner	04/08	Brynn Parry	04/22
Kylie Appleby.....	04/09	Peter Meier	04/24
Lanie Brown.....	04/09	Carolynn Phalen	04/25
Brian Hitchens	04/09	Caden Parry	04/26
Carly Raker	04/09	Molly McAllister	04/27
Jerry Dreyer	04/10	McKenna Minneman.....	04/27
Jacy McAllister	04/10	Chelsie Andrews.....	04/28
David Coffman	04/11	Josiah McAllister	04/29
Michelle Dryer.....	04/12	Lawson Greif.....	04/30
Tami Miller.....	04/12	Jessa Herra	04/30
Jewel Berg	04/15		



This year the CTK congregation ended up collecting enough money and cans to be able to donate a total of 2,034 cans. While we did not make our goal of 3,000 cans, we are still very thankful for those that donated to this worthy cause.

With Thanks, The CTK Cares Committee

CTK Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 9th
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Our families would like to invite our CTK congregation to a dessert reception to celebrate the upcoming high school graduation of...



Caden Logan Tristen Kendall



Thursday, April 10th
11:30 a.m.

Worship Service w/Communion
With lunch immediately afterward

GOLDEN OLDIES

As I came home from today's Lenten Service I looked around and saw the trees in bloom, daffodils in bloom, and warm temperatures. While I was in church my lawn service came and cleaned up my yard and mowed it. It smelled like Spring and looked so green getting all the Winter dead grass and left over leaves off. It is that time of year when everything begins to grow and blossom, and we all feel better because the cold temperatures of Winter are behind us.

So that must mean we are going to have a nice Spring Day for our April Golden Oldies lunch on Thursday April 10 beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a short communion service and then lunch and fellowship.

Lunch this month is pizza, combination salad and brownies. Doesn't that sound like a great lunch to have to celebrate Spring and a new beginning. Looking forward to having everyone join us to celebrate the coming of Spring!

EASTER FLOWERS

It is our tradition to fill our sanctuary on Easter Sunday with beautiful Easter lilies and blooming garden flowers. If you would like to help with this you can sign up for the number of flowers you would like to provide by April 13th. They will be ordered from Dillons and the surrounding garden centers and may be taken home following the late service on Easter Sunday. Sorry no choices on the blooming plants as it depends on availability. Cost is \$10 for each plant. You may place your money in the offering plate or lock box and clearly mark it FLOWERS. Questions may be directed to Cindy Mueller. Thank you.



Easter Sunday

April 20th

9:15 a.m.



YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be prepared and served by the CTK youth group between the 7:00am & 10:30am services on Easter Sunday. Please come and bring a big appetite! The youth will be serving biscuits and sausage gravy, "special recipe" fruit salad, pastries, and ham & egg breakfast casserole. Breakfast is offered for a free will donation. There is a sign up sheet for members to donate pastries on the sign up table.

We look forward to seeing you at our Easter breakfast!



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Godly Men and Godly Women

Sunday, April 27th

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

We hope you can join Dustin, Jessa, Andrew and Karen!

This will be the last meeting until August.



LWML WRAP-UP CELEBRATION

It seems like it has been a long cold Winter, but the calendar says the end of March and we are moving into April, Spring, blooming flowers, green grass and warmer weather.

LWML has had a busy Fall and Winter but now it is time to sit back, relax and enjoy each other's company with food, drink, and fellowship before we start preparing for the next year of activities.

This year's wrap up will be on Monday, April 28th at Tammy Taylor's house, 521 Sunset Drive. The fun will start at 6 p.m. and be hosted by Tammy and Hank. There will be plenty of food and drink and something for everyone. It has also been rumoured there will be a Bible Trivia contest to see how well everyone knows their bible. Sorry Pastor no men invited!

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Invitations will be coming out soon. They do ask that you RSVP, so they have an idea of how much food and drink to prepare.

Come enjoy an evening of the 3 F's. Fun, Food, and Fellowship!



VBS - SAVE THE DATE

True North Vacation Bible School
June 2nd-5th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am here at CTK

Registration dates and details will be coming soon.
If you know that you would like to help out,
please contact DCE Samantha.



CTK LENTEN TRACTS

During this Lenten season stop by the signup table in the Narthex and pick up our two featured tracts:

Regrets, Reality, Restoration A tract that ties in with Pastor Wagner's theme this Lent on the 7 deadly sins.

How to Meditate on the Passion of Christ by Martin Luther.

Contact Shirley Lehman or the church office if more tracts needed.



Orphan Grain Train †

God Has A Plan

Have you ever missed your turnoff? I am the queen of driving around the block because I missed my turn and this is exactly what happened to Orphan Grain Train staff and Pastor Ray Wilke when the GPS directive sent them to the wrong address in N.C. As it turned out, the address was of a house that was a total loss from floods. The owner of the house was a single mom and needed cancer treatments. A complete stranger had drove her to prior appointments but because of the flooding she had not seen him since. After learning of her struggles, Pastor Wikle, on behalf of OGT, gave her a check for \$1,000. The OGT crew went back later and Pastor Wilke gave Tina (the owner) an additional check for \$10,000 to help with expenses she was facing with the loss of her home, medical bills, and a car that was needing some TLC too. God always has a plan.

Also recently, OGT was able to send Texas thousands of pounds of various foods. As you can assume, they were very grateful. OGT provides food for kids meals, school furnishings and supplies, medical equipment and other aid. They help feed those living in poverty or who were part of a disaster by shipping Manna Meals or Mercy Meals. They don't forget items like formula, diapers, hygiene products, or a special motorized wheelchair for that child in need.

Yes, God has a plan. On the first Sunday of each month, we encourage you to bring in gently used clothes, shoes, household items, and unwanted medical equipment. There is a new detailed Wishlist by the LWML table. We also can donate directly.

Most importantly, OGT needs your prayers to help with this ministry. Your contributions make a big difference to someone who has lost everything.

Shirley A. Lehman

CASH DONATIONS

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

Credit card: click red "Donate" button at
www.ogt.org



Dear Christ the King,

This spring semester I am taking four different courses: Church & World, Pastoral Care & the Word, Reading & Preaching the Word of God, and The Reformation & the Lutheran Church. I have really enjoyed all of my classes because they all have had practical implications even though it might not seem like it. For example, The Reformation & the Lutheran Church has solidified a lot of the LCMS' theological beliefs for me because we have been reading a lot of Luther's own sermons and other works.

Elise has also returned to work this semester. Although we have found a routine, it is a little different to have someone else watch Annette during the day. Annette, however, has really enjoyed spending her day at the Elowsky's house (a family on campus). Elsie loves getting photo updates of Annette throughout the day. Overall, we feel abundantly blessed by God from Elise being able to continue with her work and Annette being able to stay with family friends.

Annette is currently seven and a half months old. She is able to sit up on her own and has even begun eating some solid foods. Her favorite so far appears to be fruit popsicles that Elsie makes. In particular, strawberry, pear, and mango are her favorites. Our favorite activity has been taking rides in the wagon on our walk after Elise gets off work. Overall, she is a very happy baby with a smile that melts the room.

The workload of this semester feels heavier than other semesters. The hardest assignment that I have coming up is working on writing sermons for marriages and funerals. When writing a sermon for a particular occasion, there is a lot more going on than just the text that the pastor is going to preach on. I am looking forward to talking with my professors about how they approached these kinds of sermons while they were parish pastors.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Elsie and I have been abundantly blessed by your support, and we pray that the Lord may bless you as well.

Blessings in Christ,

Daniel Christensen

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

NEW ADDRESS, PHONE # OR EMAIL?

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

Call 827-7492 ext. 10
or email ctklcsecretary@gmail.com

Thanks for helping us keep our records up to date!



ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR BLESSING BOX

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



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.

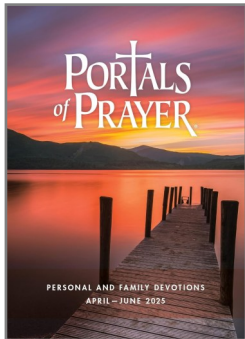


CTK DONATION STATION

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

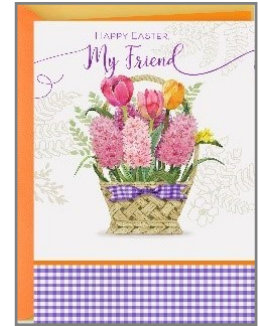
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting 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-Jun 2025 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!