



**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's Corner



What Are You Waiting For?

Hello there! Pastor here. I hope you had a wonderful time of Thanksgiving this year! As we turn from the time of Thanksgiving, I have a very important question for you that will frame our worship for this next month:

What are you waiting for?

In this season of Christmas, we often think of waiting to unwrap presents, waiting to see family, waiting to have a break from work or school, or maybe even waiting for the stress of it all to be over and done. But this is a deeper question than just all the festivities of December. What *are* you waiting for? Or maybe a better way of asking the question: What are you hoping for? Where do you put your thoughts for a better future?

Are you hoping for a leader like the olden days? Are you looking for a time when your country is like it used to be? Are you waiting for someone who can really remind the people of God's will like the prophets of old did? Maybe a hero, who can fix all the things that are going wrong. Maybe you are hoping for some miracle of modern medicine, to fix what is broken inside you or someone you love?

If you are, you are in good company. From the beginning of time till the Christ child lay in that manger, God's people were in waiting. Waiting for a better day. I love how the Christmas hymn "O Holy Night" says it:

"Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth."

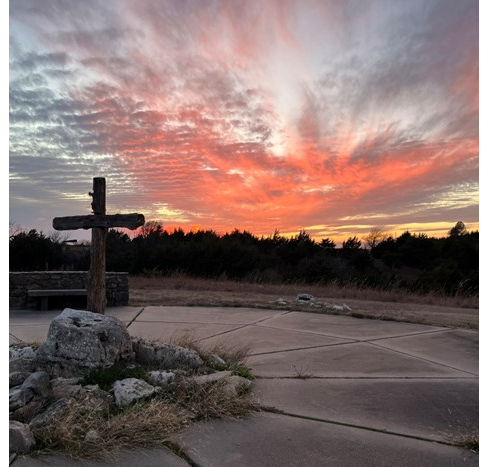
As we sit, in our own sin and error, pining for a better day, it is so important for us to look back to the one who came to fulfill all of God's promises, and to remember that our future is always in God's hands. As it was for all God's people from Adam to Simeon. This month, as we draw closer and closer to Christmas, may we remember that Jesus is more than a story from thousands of years ago. He is here, to bring fulfillment to our hope for a better tomorrow as well.

As we celebrate God's greatest gift this December, may we echo the joy and elation of all God's people of old: this is He who was promised to save us. God kept His Word!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Aaron

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:22-25

From
the desk
of...
the DCE



Christmas Greetings, CTK!

I pray that each of you had a joyous and blessed celebration of Thanksgiving last month.

Last month I had the pleasure of helping to chaperone our youth to the Kansas District Youth Gathering at Rock Springs in Junction City! We had seven kids attend. During the weekend we enjoyed Bible study led by a special Speaker, worship, games, and a campfire sing a long. The theme was Run! We also enjoyed a 2 mile run/walk with glow sticks at night! I have included pictures with my article for you to enjoy! I am so thankful for the time I got to spend with our youth. We had a great time!

There are a lot of things happening with our Children's Ministry right now! Our Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 8th at 10:30am! Cookies will be available during the Sunday school hour that day and the youth will be serving lunch immediately following the service. Come join us as our children lead us in worship of our newborn Savior!

Our last night of Midweek will be on Wed, December 18th! Immediately following the Advent service we will have treats and games for our Midweek kids! We will end at 8pm that night.

On December 22nd our Sunday school kids will come together that morning to watch a movie and have popcorn! This will be during the Sunday school hour.

Looking forward to next year the Kansas District Middle School Huddle will be at the beginning of April! Registration will open in January. Please contact me if your middle schooler wants to attend! I am looking forward to this event.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas celebration this year. I pray that it is filled with peace and joy.

As always it is a joy and blessing to serve as your DCE.

In HIM,
Samantha





2024 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,324.73	\$348,396.08	\$374,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$32,226.04)	(\$359,493.80)	(\$374,500.00)
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(\$6,901.31)	(\$11,097.72)	



CTKLC Endowments at Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1
\$314,121.90

CTKLC Endowment #2
\$40,217.03

OFFICIAL ACTS NOVEMBER 2024

Death:

11-11-24 Leslie Opheim

Adult Confirmation:

11-25-24 Moyn & Marcy Keim

Transfer in:

11-14-24 Lee Reinert

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 11/30/2024):

Baptized Souls: 563
Communicants: 389

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



By Transfer on
Nov 14, 2024
Lee Reinert



By Adult Confirmation on
Nov 25, 2024
Moyn and Marcy Keim



December's Calendar of Events

Monday, December 2

6:00pm LWML Decorate Narthex &
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 3

6:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

12:15pm Advent Service

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Advent Service

7:15pm Decorate Sanctuary Tree

7:15pm Midweek Classes

Saturday, December 7

1:00pm Nelson Family
Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Nursery Room

Tuesday, December 10

7:00pm CTK Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

12:15pm Advent Service

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Advent Service

7:15pm Midweek Classes

Thursday, December 12

11:30am Golden Oldies

Sunday, December 15

4:30pm Christiancy Family
Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Tuesday, December 17

7:00pm CTK Board of Directors
Meeting

Wednesday, December 18

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

12:15pm Advent Service

5:45pm Midweek Meal-Potluck

6:30pm Advent Service

7:15pm Midweek Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm Christmas Eve Service
w/communion

7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service

Wednesday, December 25

CTK Office Closed
9:00am Christmas Day Service
w/communion

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Mary Hassman (38)	12/06	Todd & Denise Miller (35).....	12/28
Lauren & Lauren Humprey (5).....	12/07	Matt & Heather Rook (23).....	12/29
Scott & Sherry Krous (14)	12/11	Dallas & Christina Richardson (29)..	12/31
Layne & Beth Parry (20).....	12/18		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Caitlyn Walter	12/01	Steve Howe	12/16
Roz Anderson.....	12/02	Brady Mitchell	12/16
Ashley Hassman	12/02	Marc Sheforngen	12/16
Cooper Wolters	12/03	Kassandra Stone	12/16
Doug Beneke	12/06	Tim Pace.....	12/17
Mark Boyle	12/07	Jamie Bigler	12/18
Mary Hassman.....	12/07	Robert Berg.....	12/19
Ryan Koop	12/07	Nancy Trarbach	12/19
Tracie Walter	12/07	Moyn Keim	12/20
Jamie Minneman	12/08	Doris Eilrich	12/22
Hannah Allen	12/09	Thalia McClain	12/23
Dean Lehman	12/09	Scarlet Holmes.....	12/24
Dick McCourtney.....	12/10	Colby Ritter	12/28
Alan Mueller.....	12/10	Esme Grillo.....	12/30
Scott McClain	12/14		
Casey Wheeldon	12/14		
Corey Wheeldon.....	12/14		



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Do you need more
Offering Envelopes?

If so, please sign the list located on
the table in the Narthex.

The list will come down on
December 9th.

All new Offering Envelope boxes can be
picked up outside of Fellowship Hall on
December 13th or after.

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART IN NOW POSTED

Please consider sharing altar flowers
with the congregation for any special
occasion or just because. The cost is
\$45 for the two arrangements. Please
see Cindy Mueller with any questions.



CTK'S BLESSINGS BOX

CTK's Blessings Box is a blessing to our community for those that need food and can't afford it. Over the winter months it seems to be even more of a need. As you know, we have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those of you who have Thrivent Funds. We have been truly blessed to have Thrivent help us in our many different fundraisers that we participate in.

If you have Thrivent funds and if you need someone to help you fill out the form on the computer just contact me, Carla and I'll be happy to do it for you. It doesn't cost you anything and it helps to feed the hungry. I will also help or do the shopping for you. For those of you who don't have Thrivent funds and wish to donate please bring your non-perishable items and put them on the table by the Fellowship Hall entrance.

We do still need another person to sign up for the month of December. During the winter months we found out that we really could use two people instead of one. So if you can help us feed our neighbors please sign up. Thanks & God Bless You!

Carla Lamb, CTK Cares Member



Golden Oldies will meet on **Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.**
to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

The committee will provide ham and scalloped potatoes for the lunch, and they ask that everyone bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone.

This will be our last meeting before we turn the calendar over to a new year. It hardly seems possible that another year has gone before us. I don't remember the years going by as quickly as they do now that I am older. It always seemed like my birthday or Christmas would never come and now I hardly get things cleaned up from one Christmas until it is time to do it again.

Looking forward to seeing everyone to celebrate the birth of Jesus!



Christ the King (CTK) Lutheran Women in Mission, held their Annual Fall Fundraiser in October. They sold delicious homemade cinnamon rolls and bierocks. The proceeds from this fundraiser help fund the LWML general budget. Items include kitchen appliance repairs, funeral dinners, sponsoring a seminary student, and providing Portals of Prayer for the congregation. **If you helped make/bake or purchased bierocks or cinnamon rolls, THANK YOU for making this fundraiser a success!**



Hutchinson Zone LWML held their Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran, Salina. There were forty-six members, pastors, and guests attending. *Gifts From The Heart* for The Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank were collected. Pastor Kootz led the opening devotions, and Pastor Wagner led the Bible study on "Getting Ready to Serve" based on recent LWML Sunday material. Julie Hatesohl, VP of Gospel Outreach, was our District Representative. A delicious lunch was served by Trinity LWML, followed by our business meeting. The Hutchinson Zone will be co-hosting the 2026 Convention in Manhattan. Due to generous zone members, Darla Abbott, Convention Co-chair filled open positions on the Convention Planning Committee.

We collected \$354 in Mite Offerings to go toward missions. Members of the Executive Committee participated in a skit "**BREAKING NEWS From downtown Omaha, Nebraska**" promoting the 2025 National LWML Convention in Omaha.

Pastor Wagner led closing devotions.

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Linda Kootz
Trinity LWML President
Giving the Welcome



Darla Abbott
2026 Convention Co-chair



Julie Hatesohl
District Representative
VP Gospel Outreach



Pastor Wagner
Leading Closing Devotions

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Salina Braves organization (Salina softball teams) gathered on November 17 for great food, team bonding and games. At the heart of this gathering was the goal to give back to the community and that they did. They collected food and distributed to the different Blessings boxes throughout the community.

Christ the King's Blessing box was one they placed food in. A Big Shout Out goes to the Salina Braves Organization and all the young ladies who participate on their teams. If you would like more information about their organization, you can visit with Brian Hitchens.

Here is a picture of the girls who placed the food in the CTK Blessings Box!



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.

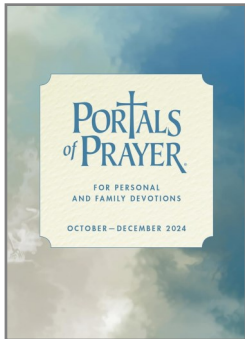


CTK DONATION STATION

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

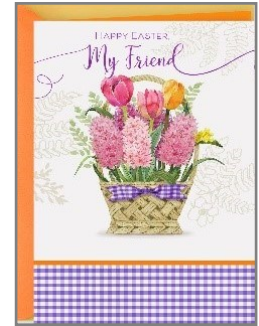
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting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