



**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.*



February  
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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 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**

**Associate Pastor Timothy Wangerin**



# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



February the month of Valentine's Day is always seen as the month of love. We focus on giving a gift to our significant other(s) that expresses our love for that person or persons. However, Scripture gives us a little different idea of what *true* love is. We find in 1 John (3:16), "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." Scriptural love is defined by the death of Jesus on the cross for us and through faith we *love* our neighbors. Love for our neighbors is first the love that is expressed in the married love of a husband and wife and secondly it is our love for each other. It is a love that is different than the love that the world sees.

The world shows love in how it relates back to us. The world loves out of a selfishness goal in bringing honor, praise, and glory to us. The Bible identifies love as how it brings honor, praise, and glory to others. It is not self-seeking but rather the lifting-up of our brothers and sisters. Dr. Martin Luther wonderfully and masterfully describes it as:

Man, however, needs none of these things for righteousness and salvation. Therefore, he should be guided in all his works by this thought and contemplate this one thing alone, that he may serve and benefit others in all that he does, considering nothing except the need and the advantage of his neighbor. Accordingly, the Apostle commands us to work with our hands so that we may give to the needy, although, he might have said that we should work to support ourselves. He, [the Apostle] says, however, "that he may be able to give to those in need [Eph 4:28]. This is what makes caring for the body a Christian work, to acquire, and lay by funds with which may serve the weaker, and we may be sons of God, each caring for and working for the other, bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ [Gal 6:2]. This is a truly Christian life. Here faith is truly active through love [Gal 5:6], that is, it finds expression in works of the freest service, cheerfully and lovingly done, with which a man willingly serves another without hope of reward; and for himself he is satisfied with the fullness and wealth of his faith. (*The Freedom of a Christian*, Luther 1520)

As those who are redeemed by the blood of Christ on the cross, we work to love each other not out of a sense of reward but rather because all righteousness has already been granted to us. Let us strive to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Pastor Tim

From  
the desk  
of...  
the DCE



Happy February! It is birthday month for 75 percent of our household! So if you see Pastor on the 11th, wish him a happy birthday!

It has been a busy year so far!

We began with an outing to The Alley for Midweek! I have included pictures for you to enjoy! We had 30 kids in attendance this year. We got to enjoy arcade games, laser tag, and bowling! Thank you to my education committee for helping out with this event.

Registration for the Kansas District Middle School Huddle is open! There are 3 of us signed up to go so far! Grades 5 through 8 are invited to join us. We spend one night at Rock Springs Ranch in Junction City and will enjoy a campfire, good food, Bible study, and games! Registration is open through the beginning of March and the event is April 4th and 5th. Our theme for this year is "The Armor of God."

Pastor, myself, and the girls are looking forward to participating in the youth virtual 5k in March! Pastor and I are also very excited about attending the youth gathering in New Orleans! It is going to be a busy, fun summer.

Speaking of summer... VBS dates have been (tentatively) set!! June 2nd-5th from 9am to 11:30am at Christ the King! This year the theme is True North. It is an Alaska theme! So while it may be 95 degrees outside, we will be nice and cool inside learning about God's love for us! Please contact me if you want to help out! This is without a doubt my favorite ministry that I get to be a part of! This week is a great blessing in my life every year. Come get to know our amazing kids and learn with them!

It is my goal to have another Mock Sleepover for our kids sometime soon! Please be on the lookout for more details on this.

With February being the month of Valentines, we like to reflect on all of those that we love in our lives. God has blessed us all with many friends and family members to care for and love. But let us not forget the greatest love, which was demonstrated on the Cross for us when Christ gave His life for us so that we may spend eternity in Heaven with Him and our fellow believers.

It is my prayer that you have a blessed and healthy month of February!

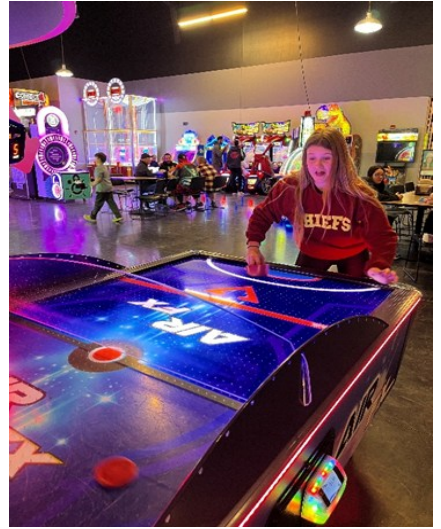
As always it is a joy and privilege to serve as your DCE!  
In HIM,  
Samantha











## 2025 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$33,561.78	\$33,561.78	\$314,523.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$31,461.94)	(\$31,461.94)	(\$314,523.00)
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$2,099.84	\$2,099.84	



### CTKLC Endowments at Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1

\$313,558.29

CTKLC Endowment #2

\$40,144.92

#### Transfer Outs:

01-16-25 Ashley Nelson

#### Deaths:

01-25-25 Pat Turner

### OFFICIAL ACTS JANUARY 2025

#### MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 1/31/2025)

Baptized Souls: 559

Communicants: 385



To My Friends in Christ,

I want to thank those who offered prayers for my healing and paid visits to me in the hospital. Special thanks to Pastor Wagner for visits and checking up on me. I am home but have a ways to go in the recovery process.

Mark Hassman

### PASTOR TIM'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:00am to 12:00pm  
or anytime by appointment







## February's Calendar of Events

### Saturday, February 1

**10:00am** Mueller Family  
(Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)

### Tuesday, February 4

**6:00pm** Worship Team Meeting

### Wednesday, February 5

**9:00am** Ladies Bible Study  
**5:45pm** Midweek Meal  
**6:30pm** Midweek Classes

### Thursday, February 6

**1:30pm** Lydia Circle

### Saturday, February 8

**9:00am** Wagner Family (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, February 11

**7:00pm** CTK Board of Elders Mtg

### Wednesday, February 12

**5:45pm** Midweek Meal  
**6:30pm** Midweek Classes

### Thursday, February 13

**11:30am** Golden Oldies

### Saturday, February 15

**1:30pm** Grillo Family  
(Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Church Yard/Shelter)

### Tuesday, February 18

**7:00pm** CTK Board of Directors Mtg

### Wednesday, February 19

**9:00am** Ladies Bible Study  
**5:45pm** Midweek Meal  
**6:30pm** Midweek Classes

### Thursday, February 20

**1:30pm** Lydia Circle

### Saturday, February 22

**8:00am** LWML Set up Fundraiser  
**10:00am** Christiancy Girl Scout Cookie Booth  
**4:00pm** LWML Chicken Noodle Dinner  
**7:00pm** LWML Clean up Fundraiser

### Monday, February 24

**7:00pm** LWML Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 26

**5:45pm** Midweek Meal  
**6:30pm** Midweek Classes

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Kenneth & Jody Jeske (55) ..... 02/02      Andy & Roz Anderson (53)..... 02/26  
Bruce & Julia Opheim (40) ..... 02/02

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Dale Perez.....	02/01	Ashlyn Jeske.....	02/12
Andrew Couch.....	02/02	Rocky Mendenhall .....	02/13
Sarah Krous.....	02/02	Holly Wentz .....	02/13
Brenda Smith.....	02/02	Dorothy Boyle .....	02/14
Linda Smith .....	02/02	Stephen Fairbanks .....	02/14
Lydia Wagner .....	02/02	Kyle Garman .....	02/14
Layne Parry .....	02/03	Archie Lewis .....	02/14
Amanda Ellis .....	02/04	Andrew Harper.....	02/15
Stephanie Hutchinson .....	02/04	Tyler Heath.....	02/16
Alexys Beebe.....	02/05	Evan Walter .....	02/16
Ruth Worman .....	02/05	Nathan Fritz.....	02/17
Tammy Cadman .....	02/06	Matthew Coffman.....	02/20
Amanda Burnett .....	02/07	Mike Meyer .....	02/20
William Howe.....	02/07	Kim Coffman .....	02/21
Glenda Minneman .....	02/07	Mark Dryer.....	02/21
Melanie Wangerin.....	02/08	Kyler Hartman .....	02/24
Shirley Lehman .....	02/09	Payton Koop .....	02/24
Tyler Schulze.....	02/09	Dawn Sheforgen .....	02/25
Lucille Farrar .....	02/10	Lynette Abbott .....	02/27
Samantha Wagner.....	02/10	Denise Miller .....	02/27
Karen Legore.....	02/11	Cindy Brown .....	02/28
Rev. Aaron Wagner.....	02/11		



## VOTE FOR OUR 2025 LENTEN THEME

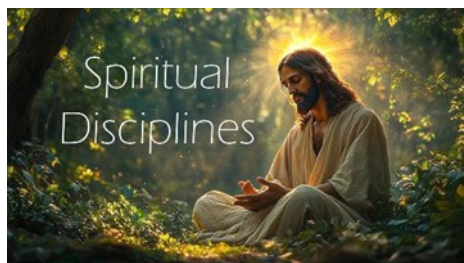
As the Lenten season is now just a little over a month away, we wanted to give you the opportunity to decide what theme we will meditate on. This year, we have three options:



**Modern Sin.** The 7 deadly sins have always been the enemy and struggle of God's people, but how do they rear their ugly heads in our modern world? How can we better combat the constant pressure of these evils?



**Endure.** Based on the LCMS National Youth Gathering's theme for this summer, we will look at how to endure the race marked out for us. There are lots of trials we encounter in our walk of faith. How do we learn the endurance to bear on?



**Spiritual Disciplines.** In this theme, we go to the Teacher to learn better how to master the disciplines of faith. How do we pray? Forgive? Meditate? Endure temptation? Jesus' teachings are more than just words to make us feel better. They are Spiritual Disciplines we can put into action.



## **SANCTUARY NEW SEATING AND FLOORING**

The new seating/flooring committee has met and will be making a presentation at the February 2, 2025, Voter's meeting.

We have proposals on materials and installation of flooring and seating. We will be discussing what type of seating we want and will present a proposal for flooring so we can move forward with getting firm proposals and installation dates.

We have 2 options for seating – individual locking chairs or conventional pews. Because of the discussion on the chairs, we will have a sample of the chairs we would purchase locally from Design Central in the Fellowship Hall for a few days prior to the meeting and will keep them for another week so everyone has an opportunity to see what we are proposing. The conventional pews are like what we currently have with padded seats and backs made of solid oak.

All the proposals that we have require 50% down at time of order with remainder being paid at time of installation. This would mean we have all our fund raising completed before we enter into any agreement with these companies.



## **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**



Save the Date

**Godly Men and Godly Women**

Sunday, February 9th

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

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



**Thursday, February 13th**  
**11:30 a.m.**

Worship Service w/Communion  
With lunch immediately afterward

## GOLDEN OLDIES

Here is hoping everyone survived the Snowmagedon of 2025. That was a lot of snow at one time and more than we have had total the last couple of years. As a child I remember snows like this every winter. Climate change is a real thing.

We will gather in February on Thursday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. for a short communion service, a meal and some fellowship. Our menu for that day will be chicken tetrazzini, dinner salad, dinner rolls and a surprise dessert.

We are privileged to have Pastor Tim in our group, and he will start leading our communion service beginning in February. So, let's have a good turn out to welcome him and celebrate Valentine's Day!

## CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

Put Saturday, February 22, 2025, on your calendar! It is time for the annual chicken noodle dinner organized by the LWML.

More information will be coming out as we move forward with the preparation for this annual event. Watch for information on the date we will make the noodles, signup sheets for cooks, dishwashers, servers, and cleanup people to help on the day of the event. We will also be looking for donations of home baked cakes and pies.

Keep watching the announcements for more information!



LWML will have a busy February with the preparations for the Chicken Noodle dinner on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

The regular meeting of the LWML will be on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7 p.m. This meeting will be a short business meeting with a bible study.

The bible study will be taken from the Winter Quarterly which is on the LWML table.

Please read the story of the "Biker Chick" on page 16 and then do the bible study on page 20 entitled "God's Story for You!"

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars to direct? If so, now is a great time to do that. If you don't designate them to the church or a charity, they go back in the pot and you will lose the ability to direct them. You will be able to direct 2024 dollars up until March 31, 2025.

To direct Choice Dollars, simply scan the QR code or go to [thrivent.com/directnow](https://thrivent.com/directnow) or Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.



## Orphan Grain Train

February is here and in Salina we have had snow, ice, and the Kansas winds that accompanies them. As we know it is a much different story in Los Angeles, CA. Currently, OGT is working with Retired Pastor, Ken Frese. He is familiar with the area that has and continues to burn and knows many families. OGT has given Pastor Frese \$50,000.00 to share. \$1,000.00 checks are being given to families that have lost everything. The Survival Money is for use on immediate needs such as hotel, food, toiletries, etc. Please pray for these families that have lost so much and are living in uncertainty.



In the past weeks we have seen many pictures like this as we watch our televisions. Many homes and businesses were destroyed and as I am writing this article the fire is not completely under control. Thrivent again wants to help, so they will be offering a Match in support of OGT's disaster relief effort in California. If you would like to help support these families, please consider having your impact increased with a match by donating to OGT Fire Relief Efforts on Thrivent's Giving platform; for every \$2 donated Thrivent will match \$1, up to \$500,000. Thrivent will pay all transaction fees so 100% of your donation

goes to CA fire relief efforts. This Thrivent Match can ONLY be made through the Thrivent online giving platform. OGT cannot accept checks for donation for the Thrivent Match. To give go to: <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/1091098/detail> Thank you for your support.

If you remember, it wasn't that long ago, Orphan Grain Train was working with a congregation in Ashville, NC to help with the relief they needed from Hurricane Helene. OGT continues to provide hurricane relief supplies, pallets of various foods, bottled water & hygiene supplies. OGT is currently working with Lansing's Bridge to Recovery in Lansing, NC. This non-profit helps with rebuilding and repairing private bridges, culvers & driveways damaged by Hurricane Helene in that area.

I will ask you to keep California, North Carolina and other areas in your prayers. Pray for Orphan Grain Train and the work they do, and that they are there to help when we are unable. I would ask you to support their work, and with your donations of either clothing, shoes, misc. items, or a monetary donation the many in need will find help. Thank You.

There is a new wish list by the LWML table.



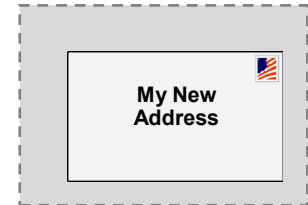
## YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards).

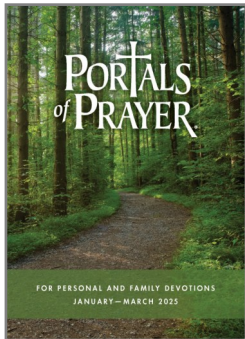


## CTK DONATION STATION

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

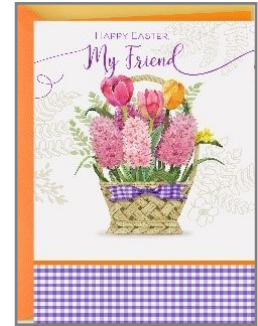
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting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