



**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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Associate Pastor Timothy Wangerin



Pastor's Corner

I Believe I Can Fly

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31

Hello there! Pastor here. Fresh out of the crazy fun holiday season. A time I truly love to be a pastor. I'm so very grateful that we were able to have such a wonderful year together as a family in Christ! I also wanted to say a very special thank you on behalf of my family for all the well wishes and gifts given this past Christmas season. We are truly blessed to have you as our church family.

Weariness seems to be a mark of this time of year. Post Christmas slump. Flus and colds running rampant. Seasonal depression. Cold weather. Struggles with sleep. Stresses at work and home. There are lots of things that can just run down even the most energetic among us.

As we begin a new year in God's creation, Isaiah's words are a wonderful foundation for a new start. Being weary isn't a mark of failure. Nor is it something experienced only by the old. Weariness is a part of being human. No matter if you are young or old, you are going to have hard days. There are just going to be mornings it is going to be hard to get out of bed. There are going to be times where we are not as patient as we should be with one another. There are seasons where it just seems like we can't go any further. And that is okay. It is alright to acknowledge that we don't have it all together. That we can't do it by ourselves. That we need help.

Because, while being weary is a part of being human, it is not a part of being God. God is tireless in His care for us. When we don't have anything left, He has much to give. Isaiah 40 reminds us that Christians have a wonderful source of strength when every other source goes out. God renews us. He doesn't just give us a new year, He gives us a new strength. A new power, that doesn't just pick us up off the floor and help us walk. He gives us the strength to fly. He gives us hope to meet each new day, each new year. That doesn't mean that all weariness and stress and problems stop. It means that we have fortitude to meet them head on. Knowing that it isn't all on us.

God is the Creator and sustainer of the world. It isn't on our shoulders. He gives us forgiveness that makes us new every morning. So may we do the same each morning for one another. And start every day fresh in God's love. Happy new year!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Aaron

From
the desk
of...
the DCE



Happy New Year! I hope that you had a joyous Christmas celebration and blessed beginning of the new year.

December was a busy month at church. We had the Children's Christmas Program "Silent Night." There were 33 children who participated in this service! I have included some pictures from this for you to enjoy.

Our first semester of midweek went out with a bang! We had a best Christmas outfit contest and our winners were Esme Grillo and Eli Howe! The kids got to wrap their teachers in wrapping paper, play tic tac bow, and decorate graham crackers with delicious toppings. Thank you to the members of my education committee for helping to make this night a success. I have included pictures from this night for you to enjoy as well!

Speaking of Midweek, we begin again on January 8th! The menu will be bbq meatballs. Our annual winter outing for Midweek will be on Wednesday, January 29th at the Alley in Salina! Look for more details on that coming soon.

Registration for the Kansas District Middle School Huddle opens on January 15th! Kids in grades 5-8 are invited to join! It will be in Junction City at Rock Springs Ranch again on April 4th and 5th. Please contact me if your child would like to attend. I am looking forward to this event!

As we enter this brand new year I am looking forward to filling it with great times of fellowship and learning with our kids!

Dear Heavenly Father,
We ask that you would keep all of us healthy and safe as we go throughout this year. We also ask that you would bless our kids and help them to grow in their faith and knowledge of You. Thank you for our many blessings that you so graciously bestow on us. Amen

It is a joy and privilege to serve as your DCE.

IN HIM,
Samantha









WELCOME PASTOR TIM!

Rev. Timothy Wangren was installed as Associate Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 15, 2024. He and his wife have been members of Christ the King since 2019 when he left the ministry to battle cancer. God has graciously blessed him with health; he wanted to give thanks for his health by serving the Lord in a ministerial capacity again. He has most recently been teaching one of the adult Sunday School classes at Christ the King. If you have not met him or enjoyed his Sunday School class, please take the opportunity to do so soon.

Welcome Pastor Tim and Melanie!



Installation
December 15th



2024 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$77,826.00	\$426,222.08	\$374,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$32,545.16)	(\$392,038.96)	(\$374,500.00)
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$45,280.84	\$34,183.12	



CTKLC Endowments at Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1
\$314,121.90

CTKLC Endowment #2
\$40,217.03

OFFICIAL ACTS DECEMBER 2024

Deaths:

12-17-24 Robert Pace
12-25-24 Russell Pierce

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 12/31/2024)

Baptized Souls: 561
Communicants: 387



Dear Christ the King,

Thank you for your in-kind donation of 548 hygiene items in November 2024. Your contribution makes a big impact on our ability to serve this community. Without your support, we could not meet the demand for food assistance and other essential requests!

From all of us at the Food Bank,

Thank you!

Karen Couch & Staff



Christ the King Congregation,

We are sincerely thankful for the monetary gifts we received at Christmas.

Thank you for thinking of us,

The Staff of CTK



January's Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 1

All day CTK Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

10:30am Bob Pace's Funeral

1:30pm Lydia Circle

Saturday, January 4

10:30am Russell Pierce's Funeral

Monday, January 6

6:00pm LWML Take Down Christmas
Decorations

Tuesday, January 7

6:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Midweek Classes

6:30pm Take down Christmas Tree

Thursday, January 9

11:30am Golden Oldies

Sunday, January 12

1:30pm Grillo Family

Tuesday, January 14

6:00pm CTK Cares Committee Mtg

7:00pm CTK Board of Elders Mtg

Wednesday, January 15

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Midweek Classes

Thursday, January 16

1:30pm Lydia Circle

Tuesday, January 21

7:00pm CTK Board of Directors Mtg

Wednesday, January 22

5:45pm Midweek Meal

6:30pm Midweek Classes

Monday, January 27

7:00pm CTK LWML Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 29

6:30pm Midweek - Bowling Alley

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Libby Clark (43).....	01/04	Roger & Pat Turner (62)	01/20
Gregg & Tammy Taylor (41)	01/07	Randall & Amanda Ellis (15).....	01/31
John & Sandra Skytte (29).....	01/20		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Opheim	01/01	Oliver Wolters	01/15
Cameron Hysong	01/02	Cynthia Cleveland	01/16
Spencer Holmes	01/03	Logan Rook.....	01/17
Veronica Nelson	01/04	Clarissa Wheeldon	01/18
Julia Opheim	01/04	C.L. Lagroon	01/20
Becky Harper.....	01/05	Larry Miller	01/20
Becky O'Rorke	01/05	Evan Taylor	01/21
Judy Scott.....	01/06	Breanna Hysong	01/22
Nicole Ascher	01/07	Deb Mendenhall	01/23
Traceyanna Nelson	01/07	Benjamin Lawrenz	01/24
Brandon Hysong	01/08	Justin Christiancy	01/25
Lakyn Parry	01/08	Gregg Taylor	01/26
Dillon Dreyer.....	01/09	Ramona Ellis.....	01/27
Trish Homeier.....	01/11	Nancy McElderry	01/27
Morgan Queen.....	01/12	Felicity McClain	01/29
Jerry Wiese.....	01/12	Julie Ascher	01/30
Carla Lamb	01/15	Karen Couch	01/31
Todd Miller.....	01/15	Ashley Nelson.....	01/31
Christina Richardson.....	01/15		



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Save the Date

Godly Men and Godly Women

Sunday, January 12th

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

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

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.



**SALINA
SOUPER
BOWL OF HOPE**

IT'S SOUPER BOWL TIME!!!

Once again it is Souper Bowl time. This year we will **begin** collecting cans of soup on **Sunday, January 12th**. We will have a designated table for you to place them on.

Our goal again this year will be 3,000 cans.

If you would rather give a cash donation you can do that by placing it in the lockbox on the wall on the south side of the Narthex. Clearly mark it "Souper Bowl" and

MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO SOUPER BOWL OF HOPE.

After the Super Bowl on **February 9th**, we will be delivering to local nonprofits.

Soup is donated to: Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank, Salina Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas aka DVACK.

If you have questions, contact any CTK Cares Committee Member.

Virtual 5K: Help the Youth get to New Orleans for NYG!

ENDURE
HEBREWS 12:1-3

Christ the King Salina, Kansas
Virtual 5K 2025



It takes 291 people to walk from Salina, KS to New Orleans, LA.

We hope you will join us and spread the word about this fundraiser.

Registration opens in January and Virtual 5K is in March.
More details coming soon.



GOLDEN OLDIES

Hope everyone had happy holidays and are getting ready to take on a new year. It just seems like we said Happy New Year and here we are again.

Golden Oldies will meet on **Thursday, January 9** with our communion service and lunch.

This is the month that we have soup since everyone has been eating themselves silly over the past month.

If you know of someone who you think would enjoy our group, please invite them to join us.

The pictures are those Samantha took at our December Christmas celebration.



LWML will be meeting for their monthly meeting on **January 27, 2025**, beginning at 7 p.m. in David's Room. This meeting will be a regular business meeting with no Bible study. Bible studies will start again in February. The January meeting will focus on the preparation of the annual chicken noodle dinner which is held in February every year.

The picture included is from the LWML Christmas tree decorating party.

Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church,

This semester has been a blast at Concordia Seminary. I am just now finishing up my Old Testament Prophets class, which has been an absolute blast. I have enjoyed going deeper in the Old Testament and seeing how it all connects back to Christ. In this class, we have a pretty cool assignment where we are reading about ten chapters a week in the Old Testament minor prophets on our own and making notes in our own Bibles as we read. This has been a new exercise for me that has helped me keep my own thoughts straight when it comes to the different connections that I am making when I read the text.

During this half of the semester, I have also had three different preaching opportunities. Two of them have been at my field education church at King of Kings in Chesterfield, MO. The other opportunity was as Trinity Lutheran in Atchison, KS. These opportunities have helped give me a glimpse of what it is like to be a pastor during the busy seasons (advent and lent). In particular, I had two sermons back-to-back and just trying to keep them separated was difficult! Overall, I would consider this one of the most important moments in my time here at the seminary because it was a good practical exercise for me.

Annette and Elise are doing well. Elise will return to work on December 16, 2024. That is right after classes, so that I am able to take over watching Annette during the day. I am very excited to be able to spend some time with Annette, but I know that Elise is a little stressed out with her return to work. Please pray for her, that she may have strength and endurance in this time. I have been so thoroughly blessed by Elise and her ability to continue working while I am at the seminary. Her job has been an absolute blessing to our family.

Annette is now four months old and she just learned how to roll over onto her tummy. She doesn't know how to roll back over yet, so we have to be extra vigilant with watching her. Right now, her biggest fascination has to be with putting her hands (and other things) into her mouth. A friend of ours said that this was only normal because Annette hadn't had a cheeseburger yet! Haha. I guess a lot of things change once you begin to eat some good food. That same friend has offered to watch Annette for us next semester, which will be an absolute blessing considering that vicarage starts next summer.

One of the things that I have been thinking about this semester is Romans 6:11, "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (ESV). For a long time, I have been trying to figure out what this means in my Christian life. I think that this passage can connect us to our daily cycle of confession and absolution. We consider ourselves dead to our sin as we confess because we already know who we are as sinners. Yet, St Paul doesn't stop there. We also consider ourselves as alive to God in Christ Jesus. This points us to trusting the promises of God that are made clear to us in absolution, that we are forgiven and redeemed children of God. And this is the cycle of Christian life, a cycle of confession and absolution. And this also brings us to our paradoxical state as simultaneously sinners and saints, but I will let your pastor explain that one to you!

Blessings in Christ,

Danniel 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.

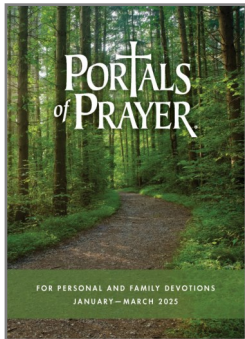


CTK DONATION STATION

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

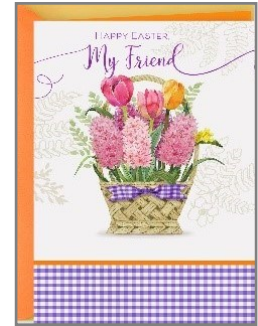
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting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