



**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 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.

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# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Pastor's Corner

*Surely my God  
is the strength  
of my soul.*

Hello there! Pastor here.

Have you ever had a lot on your mind? It's kind of like you have 30 tabs open on your computer, and each one is demanding your attention at once. (And one of them is playing an obnoxious video, and you're not sure which one it is). Well, my mind has been working on overdrive for a while now. Several months, in fact. Lots of things going on at work, at home, up north with my family up there, in the world in general, and honestly just with me in my own self. It is easy in such cases to get overpowered. To lose your focus. To even lose track of what is important.

The mind is a powerful gift from God. It is capable of amazing feats that we see more and more in our world today, as gifted individuals push our knowledge of the created world to new heights almost on a daily basis. Yet with all of that knowledge, we still have so much we do not know. With all the technology in the world, there is still a realm that is untouched, that no amount of tech advances will break into: the realm of the soul & spirit. This is part of that invisible part of creation that we talk about when we speak the creed. This is what the Holy Spirit comforts, builds, strengthens, and helps. This is where faith dwells, which grows when we hear God's Word.

For the soul is an even more powerful gift from God. We know that we are supposed to exercise & eat right to take care of our body. We understand that we use it, or we lose it when it comes to our mind and try to keep our thoughts organized. But our soul is a massively important part of who we are. And how we use both our mind and our body also affect the health of our soul as well. We acknowledge this when we confess our sins: "we sinned against you in thought, word, and deed." Our soul's health is vitally important to us and is hurt in our sin.

I was recently asked if personal devotion/reading the Bible was important. Well, yes. The study of God (theology) in the Christian life: through prayer, meditation, and testing, is not just important, it is necessary. For life is more than just the things I do or the things I think. We are all theologians, students who daily have the opportunity to learn from God. This study helps not just to grow in faith and intelligence, but also to bring order to the chaos our lives are filled with. For Jesus, came to bring healing to our souls in the forgiveness that we receive from Him. It is through this forgiveness we can hear His law (God's teaching) and put it into practice. It is something precious, something to be desired. It is life to us. So let us treasure our soul and take care of it.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Aaron

The teaching of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Psalm 19:7-10

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



### It's May!

This month is filled with the start of summer activities and celebrations throughout every week. Just to name a few that come to mind: May Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, graduations, reunions, picnics, beautiful weather, and (my favorite) motorcycle riding. (If someone wants to donate a motorcycle to me, I won't turn it down) 😊

It seems like there is always something. The joy of Passion Week and Easter are over. Just when you think that things are going to slow down; bam, NO, it's just starting to get busy! This Summer will bring a plethora of individual and family functions. Even nature is in the new life of abundance. The name May comes from the Roman goddess Maia. She was the goddess of fertility, flowers, vegetation, and renewal of life. She was celebrated with festivals dedicated to earth and nature. This is the origin of May Day. Maia was celebrated with dances, feasting, merrymaking, and courtly love; all of this, Maia stuff, a bunch of Hooey! We know, post Easter, where our true renewal of life originates; our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is in the joy filled death and resurrection of Jesus where we find new life and new meaning of life. As Jesus chooses us and we do not choose him, we have been appointed to bear fruit—fruit that will last (John 15:16). We are, through Jesus, grafted into the vine that brings true life. We are overwhelmed to participate in the festivities of Passion Week and Easter. We do not gather in the celebrations of this world. Scripture tells us that in this world people will turn to what their itchy ears want to hear and in what they want to participate (2Timothy 4:4). However, we remain faithful to the sound teachings of our Lord found in his Word.

In the comfort of the words “He is risen,” we desire to be fed and nourished individually and corporately with God's sweet Word of life. Our desire is to join with our brothers and sisters in Divine Worship, Bible Study, and Christian Fellowship. The Bible tells us: “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...” (Hebrews 10:25). It does stagnate our growth when we remove ourselves from God and his people. This does not mean that we cannot involve ourselves in God's creation and recreation, but we do examine ourselves as to what is our priority. We never want to see or understand the Gospel of Jesus as the law. Our salvation is never a product of our going to church or Bible Study. I am reminded of one of our hymns: “Today Your Mercy Calls Us.” The third verse states: Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits; His blessed angels gather Around the heavenly gates. No question will be asked us How often we have come; Although we have oft wandered, It is our Father's home.

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## A MESSAGE FROM

### PASTOR TIM

We participate with our brothers and sisters as we grow in the knowledge of Christ's salvation and are strengthened in our faith, the assurance of the Gospel. As a family of faith, we are to be together. We come together to hear the Word of God for Scripture tells us that faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ (Rom. 10:17). So, set aside time during the busy times ahead and hear the message of your salvation!

God grants us the beauty of being part of his wonderful creation. He gives us opportunity to be with family and friends. Of more importance God gives us the many different times to gather around his Word; therefore, we set aside these times to gather and grow in the peace that "He is risen!"

In the peace of Jesus,  
Pastor Tim

From  
the desk  
of...  
**the DCE**

Christ has risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!  
Greetings, CTK members!



We just had our Midweek end of the year party! The kids got to enjoy a bounce house, bingo, play doh, and more games. I have included pictures from the event for you to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who cooked and cleaned up for all of our meals during the year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of our teachers: Mary Nelson, Skylar Holmes, Arica Jackson, Lindsy Christiancy, Julie Glenn, and Haley Krous. Midweek is a big ministry at our church and without all of these awesome volunteers it would not be possible. It is my prayer that our Midweek ministry positively impacts the faith and lives of everyone who is a part of it.

True North VBS is coming soon! June 2nd-5th from 9am to 11:30am. Kids ages 3-10 are invited to join us! Registration forms are available in the Narthex at church.

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## From the desk of... the DCE



Thank you to everyone who donated candy and eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. The kids had a great time, even though we had to have it inside. I have included pictures of this as well for you to enjoy!

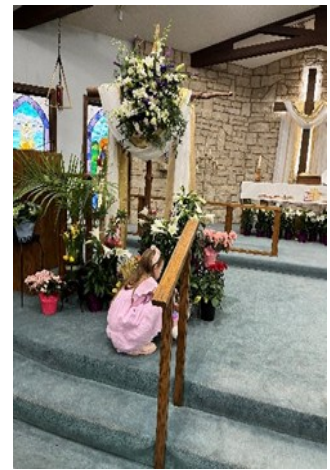
We are still collecting gift items for the High School graduates in our congregation. If you would like to drop off a gift, please give it to myself or Beth Parry, Amanda Hitchens, or Bruce Opheim by May 18th.

Looking ahead to the future, Summer Sunday school will begin on June 15th! All of the kids will be together in one class and each Sunday we will do something different.

In July Pastor and I will be going with the youth to the LCMS National Gathering in New Orleans! We are so excited for this opportunity to get to know the kids and to grow our faith alongside many other fellow Lutherans!

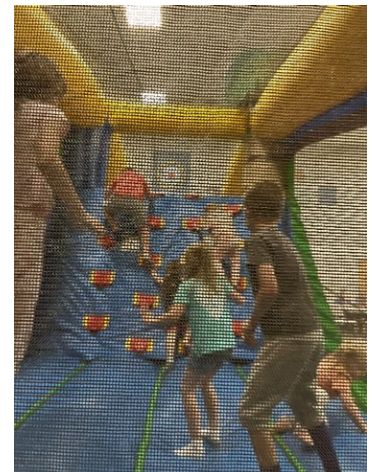
I pray that you and your families are doing well and enjoying the Spring season. It is a joy and privilege to serve as your DCE!

Blessings,  
Samantha



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## 2025 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,846.39	\$125,482.37	\$314,523.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>(\$29,634.54)</u>	<u>(\$115,265.57)</u>	<u>(\$314,523.00)</u>
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	<u>(\$788.15)</u>	\$10,216.80	

## CTKLC Endowments at

### Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1

\$319,940.27

CTKLC Endowment #2

\$42,312.03

## OFFICIAL ACTS APRIL 2025

### Death:

04-02-25 Mark Hassman

### MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 4/30/2025)

Baptized Souls: 559

Communicants: 382





## May's Calendar of Events

### Thursday, May 1

**1:30pm** Lydia Circle

### Wednesday, May 7

**9:00am** Ladies Bible Study

### Thursday, May 8

**11:30am** Golden Oldies

### Tuesday, May 13

**6:00pm** CTK Cares Committee Mtg

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

### Thursday, May 15

**1:30pm** Lydia Circle

### Friday, May 16

**12:00pm** Fairclough Family (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, May 17

**8:00am** Fairclough Family (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, May 20

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

### Wednesday, May 21

**9:00am** Ladies Bible Study

### Monday, May 26

**CTK Office Closed**

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

David & Vicki Hiechel (21) ..... 05/02  
 Ross & Erin Armstrong (9) ..... 05/07  
 Jim & Bonita Brace (59)..... 05/07  
 Garry & Carol Boldenow (49) ..... 05/08  
 Dillon & Shannon Dreyer (4) ..... 05/08  
 Gary & Nancy Hawkes (45)..... 05/10  
 Ron & Mary Blasé (63) ..... 05/13  
 Jerry & Shari Dreyer (34) ..... 05/18

Ryan & Janaina Koop (11)..... 05/18  
 Lance & Amber Jeske (18) ..... 05/21  
 Mitchell & Jocelyn Kufahl (6) ..... 05/25  
 Raven & Chelseana Crouse (7) ..... 05/26  
 Gary & Becky Harper (47)..... 05/27  
 J.D. & Bree Warren (4) ..... 05/29  
 Terry & Nancy Trarbach (39) ..... 05/31

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Laurie Smith ..... 05/01  
 Kaylee Warren ..... 05/02  
 Joel Kerchal..... 05/03  
 Kim Warren..... 05/03  
 Katie Brown ..... 05/05  
 Crystal Kohart ..... 05/06  
 Ellie Raker..... 05/07  
 Karen Schmidt..... 05/08  
 Amelia Lawrenz..... 05/09  
 Ryan Fritz..... 05/10  
 Jenna Phelps..... 05/10  
 Hank Boyer ..... 05/11  
 Lindsi Christiancy..... 05/12  
 Mike Cleveland ..... 05/12  
 Owen Pfeifer ..... 05/12  
 Marcy Keim..... 05/13  
 Danielle Heath ..... 05/14  
 Paula Fairchild ..... 05/15

Judee Bloyd..... 05/16  
 Sandy Clemmer ..... 05/16  
 Kelly Pruitt ..... 05/16  
 Aaron Appleby ..... 05/18  
 Steven Cole ..... 05/18  
 Jim Brace..... 05/21  
 Swayze Head ..... 05/21  
 Deb Coup ..... 05/22  
 Ryan Bell..... 05/23  
 Ashley Campbell ..... 05/23  
 Marissa Morris..... 05/23  
 Alicia Hollander ..... 05/25  
 Marissa Harper ..... 05/26  
 David Ascher ..... 05/27  
 Shari Dreyer..... 05/28  
 Nancy Fischer ..... 05/28  
 Mike Ascher ..... 05/29  
 Janaina Koop ..... 05/29  
 Kelsey Miller ..... 05/30



**Thursday, May 8th**

**11:30 a.m.**

Worship Service w/communion.

Lunch immediately afterward.

## **GOLDEN OLDIES**

Golden Oldies will meet on May 8, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. for a short communion service, lunch, and fellowship.

Lunch will be pulled pork sandwiches, garden salad and dessert.

This will be the last Golden Oldies until August 14 when they will start meeting again for the Fall and Winter.

If you are retired and would like to enjoy some fellowship with a short church service and communion you are welcome to come.

If you know someone who isn't coming, and you think they would enjoy the service, food and fellowship invite them to join us.



## **LWML**

LWML held their Spring Fling on Monday evening, April 28 at Tammy Taylor's house. They had munchies and played Bible Trivia. This was the last meeting for LWML until August 25 when they will have their Annual Salad Supper, with a speaker and invite Trinity ladies to join them. More on this to follow.

On June 23, the LWML Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. to plan the next year's activities.

On July 28, all the LWML ladies are encouraged to meet at CTK at 9 a.m. to clean the kitchen for the next year.

The LWML would like to thank the congregation for all of their support during the past year and to look forward to more opportunities in the coming year.



## **VBS - SAVE THE DATE**

True North Vacation Bible School

June 2nd-5th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am here at CTK

**Please Register By May 11th.**

If you know that you would like to help out, please contact DCE Samantha.



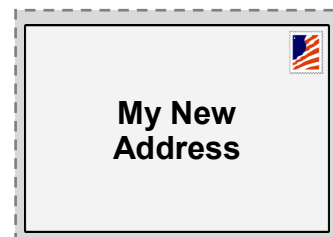
## YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

### 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

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

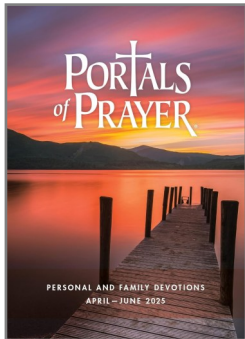


## CTK DONATION STATION

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

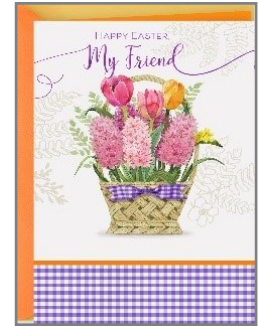
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting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