



**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

He Remains

Hello there! Pastor here.

It sure has been a weird fall, hasn't it? October just never felt like October. It was truly crazy how hot it was, and how that took away from "autumnous" of the month. I sure hope November feels a bit more like November.

Isn't it amazing how much stock we put into our "feeling" of days and times? Especially holidays. How often do you remember fondly Thanksgivings of the past? Do you remember the feeling of it being Thanksgiving? I know I struggle with this. I can still remember going to my Uncle Bill's for Thanksgiving. While it was only for a couple of years, it came to be what I considered the standard for Thanksgiving, and it was always weird when the present holiday just never quite felt the same. That time just felt more like Thanksgiving.

What about you? Do you struggle with wanting to regain an old time or feeling? Do the holidays just not quite feel the same without a certain family member? Sometimes it feels emptier. Sometimes it feels more alien. Sometimes, it just doesn't feel quite complete. And it's not just because the weather is different. But the feeling is off, and we long for the days when it just "felt" like Thanksgiving or Christmas.

While it sure would be nice to get the feelings of the past back, time, like the weather, is constantly changing. As are, honestly, our feelings. While all these things move on and change, one constant promise we have from God is that He is always there. He is always at hand. Though we may see Him differently than we did as a child, He has always been there for you. He has always been at hand, waiting to hear your prayers. Even if it doesn't always "feel" like it. The one sure thing we have is the promises of God, and He has promised to always be there for you. No matter the weather, the season of life, or the amount of people from the past, God remains at hand. Now that is something to be thankful for.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Aaron

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:5-7

From
the desk
of...
the DCE



Greetings! I hope this letter finds you well and warm!

We just had a very fun and successful Reformation Festival! I want to give a big thank you to our cooks who made us a delicious meal. I also want to thank the members of the Education Committee who helped to make the night a success!

The kids got to decorate pumpkins and go through the Reformation Walk.

The important figures of the Reformation that we got to meet were:

Hans and Margaret Luther (Gregg and Tammy Taylor)

John Tetzel (Bruce Opheim)

A school teacher (Hank Boyer)

Martin and Katie Luther (Pastor and Samantha)

Thank you so much to all of our actors! We had so much fun. I have included pictures from the night for you to enjoy!

Looking ahead, we have our Children's Christmas Program practice beginning on November 3rd at 9:15!

We will practice every Sunday leading up to it except for the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving.

Costume checkout will be on November 6th from 5:45-6:45pm. Please make plans to be there.

The program for this year is "Silent Night." It will be on Sunday, December 8th at 10:30am. You won't want to miss it.

Looking further down the road please make sure to save the date for the Kansas District Middle School Huddle! Kids in grades 5-8 are eligible to attend. It is April 4th and 5th. Let's fill Samantha's car again!

It is hard to believe that it is already November!

In this season of thankfulness, I like to stop and think about all of the blessings that God has richly provided myself and my family with.

-We are blessed with two healthy and happy children who bring us joy.

- I have a job that I love!

- We have a wonderful church family.

- We have a God who loves us and sent us a Savior so that we may live with Him forever in Paradise.

It is my prayer that you have a blessed Thanksgiving this year.

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

In HIM,
Samantha

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2024 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$26,240.56	\$323,071.35	\$374,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	(<u>\$33,413.59</u>)	(<u>\$327,267.76</u>)	(<u>\$374,500.00</u>)
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(<u>\$7,173.03</u>)	(<u>\$4,196.41</u>)	



CTKLC Endowments at Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1
\$314,121.90

CTKLC Endowment #2
\$40,217.03

OFFICIAL ACTS 2024 October

Baptism:

10-10-24 Felicity Teal McClain

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 10/31/2024):

Baptized Souls:	561
Communicants:	387

WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

By Baptism on October 10, 2024

Felicity Teal McClain

infant daughter of Nolan McClain and Hanna Canfield

Welcome to CTK, Felicity!





Dean and I would like to thank our CTK church family for all of your prayers, cards, phone calls, texts and your overall support while I was in the hospital. They all were very appreciated.

Thank you,
Dean & Shirley Lehman

Samantha and I would like to thank everyone for showing their love and appreciation this last month for Pastor Appreciation Month! It was truly a nice surprise to receive so many thanks. We are very blessed!

-Pastor



**HAVE YOU
NOTICED
ANYTHING
DIFFERENT?**

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Saturday's of Service Group for spending their entire Saturday, October 19th removing trees from the property.





November's Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 6

9:00am

Ladies Bible Study

5:45pm

Children's Christmas Program Costume
Check out

5:45pm

Midweek Meal

6:30pm

Midweek Classes

Thursday, November 7

1:30pm

Lydia Circle

Tuesday, November 12

6:00pm

CTK Cares Committee Meeting

7:00pm

CTK Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

5:45pm

Midweek Meal

6:30pm

Midweek Classes

Thursday, November 14

11:30am

Golden Oldies

Tuesday, November 19

7:00pm

CTK Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

9:00am

Ladies Bible Study

5:45pm

Midweek Meal

6:30pm

Midweek Classes

Thursday, November 21

1:30pm

Lydia Circle

Monday, November 25

7:00pm

LWML Bible Study

Thursday, November 28

CTK Office Closed

Friday, November 29

CTK Office Closed



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd

Remember to set your clocks back
one hour on Saturday night.

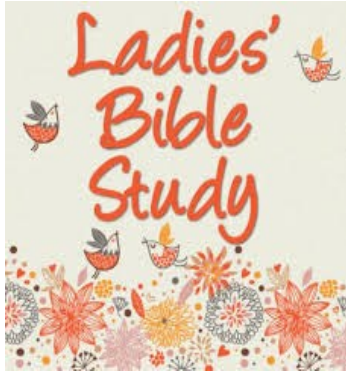
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gordon & Trish Homeier (12)	11/10	Leon & Rose Krous (54).....	11/28
Randy & Karla Jones (42).....	11/20	Scott & Kim Pruitt (38)	11/28

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Clemmer	11/03	Eli Howe	11/14
Holly Johnson	11/04	Arica Jackson	11/14
Nolan McClain	11/04	Charlie Miller.....	11/14
Lucas Davis	11/05	Shane Stone.....	11/14
Shirley Ridens	11/05	Kim Fairbanks.....	11/15
Tammy Taylor.....	11/06	Jim Fairchild	11/15
Dylan Williams.....	11/06	J.D. Warren.....	11/15
Pat Turner	11/07	Garry Boldenow	11/17
Kenny Holmes	11/08	Verona Obermueller	11/17
Oscar Sheforgen	11/08	Heather Rook	11/18
Ethan Herpich.....	11/09	Amelia Tripp.....	11/18
Raylee Humphrey.....	11/09	Justin Case	11/21
Lauren Humphrey	11/09	Parker Mitchell.....	11/21
Chelsey Mueller.....	11/09	Todd McElderry	11/25
Chris Abbott	11/10	Raven Stroda	11/26
Karen Karber	11/10	Mitchell Kufahl.....	11/28
Leon Krous	11/12	Cindy Mueller	11/29
Steven Will.....	11/12	Kye Rael	11/29
Garrett Greif.....	11/13		

LADIES BIBLE STUDY



A reminder there is a Ladies Bible Study that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 9 a.m. in the conference room.

There is no age restriction – all ladies of CTK are invited. Currently the group is studying the book “Growing Older & Wiser” by Dale and Sandy Larsen.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, November 5 at 9 a.m. We invite all ladies of CTK to attend!

GOLDEN OLDIES

2024 is quickly moving to a close! Just seems like yesterday this writer was saying ‘Happy New Year!’ to everyone and now it is almost time to say, “Happy Thanksgiving.”

Golden Oldies for November will be held on Thursday, November 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m. with our usual communion service followed by a Thanksgiving feast. The committee again will provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and stuffing and encourage everyone who attends to bring one dish to share with everyone. This could be something to go with the meal or a dessert.

We encourage all retirees to join us for a fun time to get together to worship our Savior, partake of Holy Communion, and enjoy a meal with everyone. We are usually done by 1:30 p.m. in time for your afternoon nap after a delicious filling meal.

Come celebrate Thanksgiving with fellow IRA’s (Irresistible Retired Associates).

Golden
OLDIES

**Thursday, November
14th**

11:30 a.m.

Worship Service w/Communion



LWML CHRISTMAS DECORATING

LWML would like to encourage all the ladies of CTK to join them on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6 p.m. to enjoy a dinner of pizza and dessert (?) followed by decorating the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex for the Christmas season.

Many hands make this a quick project and the food and fellowship make memories.

You will need to put this on your calendars as it is going out early since the December newsletter might not be out prior to December 2.

We will remind everyone through the weekly announcements.



POINSETTIAS

This Christmas season we will once again support the Smoky Hill Museum by ordering our poinsettia plants from them.

The plants are \$13 each and you may choose red or white. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Deadline to sign up is Nov 15th. Questions can be directed to Cindy Mueller.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

It is that time of year when you need to look at your Offering Envelopes. If you need another box, please sign the Offering Envelopes list located on the table in the Narthex.

Don't forget you can also set up a weekly or monthly withdrawal from your checking or savings account or use the Vanco Mobile App. Please see Amy in the office with any questions.



THE 2025 FLOWER CHART IS NOW POSTED

Please consider sharing altar flowers with the congregation throughout the year for any special occasion or just because.

The cost is \$45 for the two arrangements. Please see Cindy Mueller with any questions.

November is our month that we collect needed items for our local Salina Food Bank. This year I spoke with Karen Couch, director of the Food Bank. I asked her if there was one item that they needed more than anything else. She assured me that they need and appreciate anything people find it in their hearts to help those less fortunate. During our visit I realized that there is a need that many of us might not of thought of to donate to the Food Bank. Can you guess what that is? Well I'll make it easy for you and just tell you. This year we are going to be collecting "toilet paper". Starting on Nov 3rd we will have a barrel put up by the Fellowship Hall entrance. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask me. Thanks for reading this and hopefully you'll be able to help with this need.

Carla Lamb

CTK Cares Member



Orphan Grain Train †

Orphan Grain Train has been busy since my last article.

During mid-September, OGT held their convention in Norfolk, NE and dedicated their new Servants Center on the same weekend. This additional space will give them more room to store donations, a room to make Mercy Meals, a training/media room, as well as increase the parking for volunteers, and make it easier to bring in donations and ship. With the Servants Center's additional space, OGT feels they will be able to increase the amount of shipping of food, clothing, and other needed items more efficiently.



Then came Hurricane Helene. OGT is working with a LCMS congregation at Ashville, NC to bring in water and supplies. On Oct. 4th the first load of supplies was sent to Ashville. Ashville also requested OGT's portable kitchen, their shower, and bedroom units, included in this are some laundry units. These units will assure the workers and those in distress will have some food, water and showers. Ashville is requesting Hygiene Kits and disaster clean up buckets. These 5-gallon buckets hold cleaning items as well as a N-95 mask. At this time, I am aware of 2 tankers, that hold 5,300 gallons, that have been sent to help with showers and flushing. I would encourage you to follow Orphan Grain Train on Facebook to keep up to date.

Thrivent is also matching funds to help with the hurricane effort. For every \$2.00 you contribute online, they will match and give a \$1.00. Just go to the Orphan Grain Train website, scroll down and click on the box that says Thrivent Match for Hurricane Helene.



The Hygiene Kits

Christ the King LWML, with help of our youth and donations from the congregation, were able to put together about 75 Hygiene Kits. They will be delivered to Wichita in the near future.



Please continue to bring your items on the first Sunday of each month. If you have larger amounts, contact Shirley Lehman at 785-827-5785 or 785-766-0706. You can also email me at delsal67@live.com. Last of all, and most importantly, keep this ministry and all the people affected by the hurricanes in your prayers.



Christ the King Lutheran Church,

This semester has been a blast at the seminary. Currently, I am in four different classes: Torah, Systematics 1, Worship and the Word, and Teaching the Faith. All of these classes have been so impactful for my faith life.

If I had to pick one, I would say that Torah has been my favorite class so far. One of the things that has been emphasized in that class is that the commands that God gives us will be realized in the new creation. When God says that we ought to love Him with all our heart, mind, and strength, He is also saying that in the new creation we will love Him with all our heart, mind and strength. This has provided me with a new lens to read the Old Testament through.

The biggest change this semester has been the addition of my daughter Annette Lynn Christensen to my family. I like to joke that I always knew in my head how hard it is to have a baby, but I never knew in my heart how hard it is to have a baby. Annette was born on August 1st at 4:20 am. My wife and I have been blessed greatly by God because she gets to have maternity leave through this entire semester.

Lately, I have been really pondering Philippians 2:3 - "3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (ESV). Paul is suggesting something that radically departs from our traditional way of thinking. What does it mean to count others as more significant than ourselves? I think Paul is telling us that we should be willing to help others even if it is to our own detriment. Our example of this can be found in Jesus Christ, who, as Paul writes a couple of verses later, made Himself servant of all even though He had the power to be the Lord of all. This passage has caused me to think about how I ought to view others in every relationship - friends, family, coworkers, and strangers.

Lastly, I want to thank you for all of your support. It has been a blessing to be able to attend the seminary this fall. This second year has provided me with a lot of food for thought, and I appreciate the opportunity to learn what it means to proclaim the Gospel.

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.

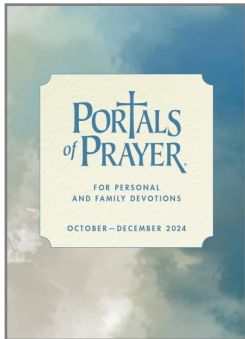


CTK DONATION STATION

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

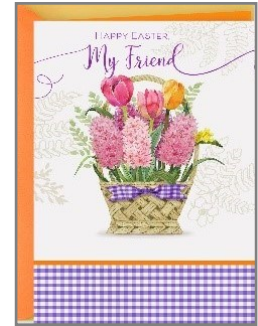
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting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