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Our Mission:
As God's forgiven family,
we grow in faith through
Word and Sacrament to
share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

Check out the back of this bulletin for information on Bible Classes, upcoming events, how to get involved and more!

Holy Communion: CTK practices "close" communion. This expression means that all who receive the Sacrament believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, and embrace the teachings of the Lutheran faith according to the Scriptures. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please contact one of the pastors prior to receiving the Sacrament. You are welcome to approach the altar with folded arms to receive a blessing.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

AS WE GATHER We humans aren't the only ones celebrating Epiphany! Though the whole earth shall be covered with darkness, "nations shall come to Your light" (Isaiah 60:3). Isaiah mentions the wealth of all nations, and we are reminded of the Magi bearing gifts. We have gifts, too, of a spiritual nature, connecting other people with our gracious God, "in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith" (Ephesians 3:12). "Singing camels"? Well, who really carried the gold and silver so far? The camels, Isaiah writes, "shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD" (Isaiah 60:6). If the camels are praising God, so must we. Get ready to celebrate!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" *LSB* 395 vv.1-4

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!

You shine with God's own truth and light,

Aglow with grace and mercy!

Of Jacob's race, King David's son,

Our Lord and master, You have won

Our hearts to serve You only!

Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,

All victorious, Rich in blessing!

Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,

And deep within our hearts now shine;

There light a flame undying!

In Your one body let us be

As living branches of a tree,

Your life our lives supplying.

Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness

May perplex us And distress us,

Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

Lord, when You look on us in love,

At once there falls from God above

A ray of purest pleasure.

Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood

Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

**Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.**

**Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living,
To us giving Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for self-examination

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your
present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in
Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 395 v.6

**What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!**

**He will one day, oh, glorious grace, Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!**

**Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!**

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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord of all creation, You announced the birth of Your Son by arranging a new star to appear. As all who saw it and believed were included in His saving work, lead us and people around the world to receive the light of Your grace with joy, becoming lights ourselves, that many others may join us to praise Your gracious love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6 (*The Lord's coming will be good news for everyone.*)

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 3:1-12 (*Everyone is welcome to partake in the promises of Christ Jesus.*)

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE LSB 401 vv. 1,6

**From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.**

**To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 (*Gentiles bring gifts for the baby.*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired

of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “As with Gladness Men of Old” *LSB 397*

**As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav’n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King.**

**Holy Jesus, ev’ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**In the heav’nly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.**

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come. We pray for the church here and around the world. For as the Magi saw the star, many people will see the glory of the Lord and come to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the leaders of this nation and the nations of the world, that they use their many resources for the poor, remember the disadvantaged, provide for lawful order within their borders, and seek peace with their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lift up your eyes all around and see. We pray for the lonely—those alone at home; those separated from loved ones, including armed forces deployed; and all those forgotten by the rest of society—that God would move caring people to surround them with His love. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: The Magi brought gold and frankincense. We pray for charitable organizations in our parish and community, that by the grace of God, we all may experience growth in faith as the Gospel moves from ears to heart, and from conviction to serving God and loving one another. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those near and dear to us, especially... , that God would alleviate suffering and pain, sadness and grief in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, gracious God, who sent Your Son to be light in this dark world, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

OFFERING + Duet “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”

OFFERTORY *LSB 409 vv.1,3*

**Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.**

**Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.**

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your only-begotten Son to take our place on the cross and be our Savior. We receive the salvation He accomplished for us by that sacrifice. Gather us together from near and far to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-11*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

+ Flute Solo

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” LSB 359

**Lo, how a rose e’er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow’ret bright, Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.**

**Isaiah ’twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright, She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.**

**This flow’r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev’rywhere.
True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev’ry load.**

**O Savior, child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory, Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.**

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“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” LSB 400

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**

**Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

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“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” *LSB* 398

**Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.**

**He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.**

**He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

**O’er ev’ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.**

**The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever— That name to us is Love.**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Thanks be to You, heavenly Father, for refreshing our minds, bodies, and spirits with this Sacrament. Rule us always by Your Holy Spirit that we may serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ~~+~~ give you peace.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Joy to the World” *LSB 387*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;

Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room

And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing,

And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

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POSTLUDE

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Marsha & Norman Munding, Noah Rhoden, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Sally Hornish Malmi, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Leigh Wilson, Chuck Fields, Zane Brooks, Tamara Scott, Sarah Gaddie, Liz Kiley, Diane Conry, Lisa Chapman & family, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Judy Jacquez, Ross & Jackie Butler, Norma & Tom Moore, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Howard Troyer, Lorna Schmidt, Sophie Baker, Jan Mathis, Brandy White, Rebekah Andrews, Eloise Gaia, Glenda Wade, Wesley Summers, Sr., Pat Boysen. Bless and guide our Call Committee.

If you are a first-time visitor with us today, welcome! Please stop by the Information Desk in the narthex after the service so we can greet you with a gift of thanks for being with us today. May God bless your worship.

TODAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY! PLEASE POUR YOUR MITES AND COINS INTO THE OVER-SIZED MITE BOX IN THE NARTHEX.

Those Who Serve

Proclaimer Rev. Mark Goble
Liturgist Rev. Matthew Lynch
Organist Michella Novy
Offering: Duet: Kitty Kosman, Michella Novy
Distribution: Flute: Kitty Kosman
Acolytes Evan Brown, Jack Bennett
Crucifers Cooper Smith, Elayna Smith
Elders Kyle Brown (L), Jim Devan
Steven Andrews (L), Chris Hugo
Greeters Patti Willard, Maurice Troyer
Mike & Orma Simpson
Ushers Jonathan Frey, Stephen Owens, Wes
Boston, Salar Rafieetary, Nick Tie-
man, Randy Lusk
Matt Adler, Kyle Byrum, Brandon
McNeill, Mike Burton, Matt Davis,
Tommy Smith
Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim
Goble, Peter Cothron, Aaron
Winter
LiveStreaming Lisa Salzgeber

CALENDAR

Today

Monday, January 5

- Room in the Inn, Host: Colonial Park
- Board of Elders, 6:00pm, Room 201

Tuesday, January 6

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00am, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00am
- Altar Guild, 11:45am
- Griefshare, 2:00pm, Room 201
- Room in the Inn, Host: CTK

Wednesday, January 7

- Adult Bible Study, 10:00am, Room 201
- Room in the Inn, Host: St. Louis Catholic
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

Thursday, January 8

- Woodworking Small Group, 7:00pm

Friday, January 9 No scheduled events

Saturday, January 10

- Men's Breakfast, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Future Comfort Dog, 10:00am, Parlour

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children PK4 - 6th grade are invited to join us at 9:45 in the room next to the gym for our CPH Enduring Faith "Jesus Comes to Us" Students will be studying the New Testament and how Jesus' birth, His journey to the cross, His sacrifice, His resurrection and beyond, is for all humanity... including each child.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Meets in Room 203 at 9:45am

YOUTH (7th-12th Grade)

Join Mr. Kevin Baskette for Sunday School in the Youth Room. We are examining how God's Word and our faith helps us endure in the world today.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

9:50am

Adult Bible Class Join Vicar Steven Andrews in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study.

The Book of Joshua Led by Ernie Rakow in the Library.

Adult Bible class led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown. New study "Kingdom Treasure" will begin today. This study will help participants understand the significance of Jesus' role as the

King, the fulfillment of Old Testament promises, and what it means to live as citizens of God's kingdom today.

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette in Room 201. We will study the Book of Ecclesiastes: Nothing new under the sun.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Pastor Chuck will resume his study on the Book of Revelation beginning January 7.

Men's Bible Study A study of St Paul's letter to the Romans continues led by Gary Osing. There is room for you at the table on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am in the Parlour.

Vicar Andrews invites you to the first meeting of the **Outreach Committee** on Saturday, January 24, at 10AM in the Church Parlor. Bring your ideas and be ready to share in which areas you may feel gifted to serve. Anyone interested in strengthening Christ the King's presence in our community is welcome! Contact Vicar Andrews at skandrews24@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

Voters Meeting

We will hold a Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00pm. At this meeting we will ask the Voters to approve the next two steps in completing campus upgrades for the Upper School building. These consist of: (1) approving the scope of work, with the understanding that the scope could change depending on code requirements;

and (2) approving the proposed contract with Hord for construction administration, upon which Hord will commence work on the construction documents and pursue permitting.

We will also seek the Voters' approval to utilize a portion of the Major Capital Improvements restricted account to fund the work described in the Hord contract.

There will be a final Q&A session regarding school renovations, led by Jim Devan on Sunday, January 11 between services.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25, is CTK's next **Quarterly Potluck** and you're invited! Enjoy the fellowship of both new and old friends while sharing some delicious home-cooking (or fried chicken from nearby). Sign up today in the rotunda or at bit.ly/CTKPotluck. We hope to see you there at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall! Thank you to Billy and Carol Kutteh for continuing to organize our wonderful potluck get-togethers.

GriefShare

GriefShare meets each Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm in Room 202. This support group offers a safe place to understand grief, learn healthy ways to cope, and receive support. Open to anyone in the community. For details, call the Church Office.

**Men's Breakfast
January 10 @ 9:00am**

Come for a hearty breakfast and more financial topics: Brief recap of Retirement 1; Selling your home; Will vs Trust; Annuities; Investment tips for younger guys; Reverse Mortgages. A sign up is in the Rotunda or email Gary at garyosing@gmail.com.

CONNECT CLASS Are you a new member or thinking about joining CTK? Or maybe you have been here for a while and still looking for your niche? A three-week Connect Class, tailor-made for you, will be offered on Sunday, Jan. 11, 18, and 25, at 10:00am in the Parlor. We'll touch on the history of CTK and then dive into how to get connected in worship, fellowship, and service activities. We'll meet ministry leaders and talk about the future of CTK and your place in it. RSVP to Genie Swan at gswan@ctkmemphis.com or text 901-827-9223 and let us know you are interested. We'd love to get you connected!

STEPPING STONES

Please join us Jan. 11 for the Stepping Stones Book Club. We meet at 12:15 in Room 202 and will be discussing the book: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. For years in Pottstown, Pa. Jews, Blacks and new European immigrants seeking the bounty of America had lived side by side on Chicken Hill sharing ambitions and disappointments. Chona, Jewish owner of the Heaven and Earth Grocery Store with the backing of her husband, Moshe, cared for all her neighbors. Then overpowering evil invaded. In a fast paced, humorous tone McBride shows that even in dark times, it is love and community - heaven and earth - that sustain us. Please bring a snack to share and join us for lively discussion.

Fellowship Hall **Sound Board Training** — You're invited to join us for Fellowship Hall Sound Board training on Saturday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for current volunteers and anyone interested in learning more about supporting our sound ministry. We hope you'll join us! For questions, please text Lisa at 513-919-7441

Small Group Ministry

Arlington Saints & Sinners Club - Join us—no dues required, just admit you're a saint *and* a sinner! Together we'll dive into the Old Testament, discovering that it's anything but boring—a wild, grace-filled story pointing to Jesus.

We will also have opportunities to practice your faith and serve your neighbors at Room in the Inn and the Memphis Union Mission. Please join us as we strive to Share the Light of Christ through lives transformed by the Gospel. Next meetings: **January 12 & 26 at 7:00pm.**

Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiahs
Woodworking: Meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Nehemiah workshop. Learn, teach, create!
Nehemiahs: Meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. Projects around campus. Devotion with lunch provided.

Billy & Carol Kutteh - "James: Genuine Faith" by Sam Allberry. For more info, contact Billy at wkutteh4@comcast.net. Next meeting: **January 24 at 6:30pm**

Salzgeber Small Group "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Next meetings: **January 27 at 7:00pm.**

Pastor Matt's Group for 20's and 30's. Stay tuned for the date of our next meeting in 2026!

Camp Trinity's summer camp registration opens January 1st! Summer campers hike, swim, shoot a bow, canoe, throw axes, rock climb, play all camp games, and learn and grow in their knowledge of the one true God. Register at lutherancamp.org.

Camp Trinity is looking for college-aged young people to serve on summer staff. For more

information email the camp office at director@lutherancamp.org.

Camp Trinity is looking for a full-time Associate Director. Interested applicants can contact Camp Director Aaron Davis by phone or text at 5 0 1 - 6 5 2 - 6 3 0 4 o r b y email:director@lutherancamp.org. For more information please visit our website at lutherancamp.org

Stay Informed and "in the know"

How can I stay up-to-date and get involved at CTK?

The Bulletin!

Each week, the back of the Sunday bulletin lists events, how to sign up, Bible studies & children's Sunday School class information, everything you need to know. Interested in serving during worship? Check out "Those Who Serve" and talk to them about how to get involved.

Friday Reminders

This weekly email gives you a brief overview of the upcoming week and includes links for sign-ups, live-streaming, Bible classes and more. **If you are not receiving these emails at 4:30pm each Friday, contact the Church Office to be added to the list.**

Monthly Newsletter

The newsletter is a more in-depth look at events and important information. It includes a calendar for the month, list of birthdays and much more. You may receive the newsletter via email or print or view it on the App.

CTK App

Download CTK's App from the app store and RSVP to events, receive push notifications, volunteer to serve, schedule a visit from Job Comfort Dog, and much more.

Social Media

Facebook (ctkmemphis): keep up with the latest in news, photos, and coming events. Invite your friends to find out more by sharing the page. Easy and effective evangelism!

Instagram: follow us and share your CTK pics with the hashtag #ctkmemphis. We find community in all kinds of ways!

On-Line Directory

The link to our secure on-line directory may be found on our website and the CTK App. If you have not registered an account yet, please call the Church Office.

Website: ctkmemphis.com

Check it out, browse around and see what's new. Here's a couple tips:

- On-line Directory - click the "person" icon in the upper right bar
- Live-streaming: Worship tab
- On-line Giving: Click 'Give' in the upper right bar



On-Line Giving

Download the "My Vanco" app, or click "Give" on CTK's website to securely donate to CTK.