



FEBRUARY 2025

# THE KING'S MESSENGER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH    MEMPHIS, TN

## *Dear Friends in Christ,*

I believe Christ the King is a special place and I hope you agree. We have been so blessed by God for so long. It's amazing and humbling to see His hand working in so many areas of ministry, and your support and service is a significant reason for the sustained level of goodness. For a church to remain healthy, she needs good pastors, yes, but she also must have what you are – faithful, committed, talented lay people. St. Paul writes, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel." In the same spirit, do I and Pastor Matt thank God for all of you.

A proper response to God's grace is to further commit oneself in service to Him. The catechism gets it right when it says, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

I want to position our ministry team such that it is well-equipped for the future. God brought to us a wonderful gift in Pastor Matt. He has embraced his Call with enthusiasm and professionalism and I pray he will be on our staff for a long time. I'm not sure things could have worked out better than they have – God's grace at work again! I will commit myself to serving as your Senior Pastor as best I can for these next years but time moves quickly and planning for Christ the King's future is important.

For a number of years, Mr. Steven Andrews has felt called to serve the Lord. Steven and his family have been members here for eleven years. He and Jennifer have four children: Rebekah, Rachel, Caleb, and Abigail. He and Jennifer are faithful in their worship and Steven serves as an Elder and regularly serves at Room in the Inn. He is retired from the US Navy and currently works at St. Jude. Steven has felt called to the "SMP" program. "SMP" stands for "Specific Ministry Pastor." This would be a part-time position. He would be under my and Pastor Matt's supervision. He would never be able to ascend beyond what is outlined in his duties as an SMP pastor. In other words, Steven could not be the Associate Pastor or Senior Pastor. He would always be in the role for which he will be trained. Training would be conducted online through one of our seminaries.

This is a Called position, and the congregation will need to properly agree to call Steven after he has successfully completed two years of course work. By the time you read this, the Board of Elders and the Church Council will have been informed of this as well as our district president, Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, who is working with us. To answer questions about this position, I held a Q & A meeting on Sunday, Jan 26, and hopefully provided some clarity. I will host another information session on Sunday, Feb. 2, after late service in the sanctuary. ***Be sure to attend the Voters Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9, 12:15PM, in the Fellowship Hall, in which we will discuss and vote on next moves for this position and the calling of a DCE.***

Having Steven Andrews as a ministry assistant will provide needed stability down the road, especially during pastoral transition. In addition, the position stands to expand and enhance our ministry in a couple of areas.

Thank you for your time and thank you for your important part in making Christ the King the special place that it is. May God bless you and your love ones.

***Pastor Mark***

*Please join us for a*  
**FATHER-DAUGHTER  
DANCE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 6:00-7:30pm IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**\$20 PER FAMILY, INCLUDES DINNER, DESSERT, DANCING**

**Contact [kim.britt@ctkschool.com](mailto:kim.britt@ctkschool.com) for more information**

From Joyce Howell, CTK's Financial Secretary —

Thank you to everyone who submitted and fulfilled their 2024 pledge. An additional thank you goes to everyone who stepped out in faith to make a pledge for 2025. The total pledged by our members is an important piece of budgeting for the new fiscal year, which begins each July 1. If you have not yet submitted a 2025 pledge and would like to do so, please contact the church office at 901-682-8404. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**VOTERS MEETING, FEB. 9, 12:15pm, FELLOWSHIP HALL — on the agenda, the position of "Specific Ministry Pastor" and the establishment of a Call Committee for a Director of Christian Education.**

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. We will offer the Imposition of Ashes at a Noon service, and again at 7PM in a Service of Holy Communion.

A light dinner will be served at 6PM, hosted by the LWML.

Thereafter, we will worship on Wednesday evenings, 7PM, through April 9, with a light supper preceding each service.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 13. Maundy Thursday Service will be on April 17, and Good Friday following on April 18. Easter Sunday will be celebrated with three services — 7AM, 8:30AM, and 11AM — on April 20.

We will ask the congregation to spread the word about our Holy Week and Easter services through invitation cards and social media outlets, sharing the good news of the Risen Lord!

# NEWS FROM LWML



Your *Lutheran Women in Missions League (LWML)* appreciates your support for our fundraising through the “Soup Sunday Sale!” We had an amazing turnout, and we brought in over \$800 in donations! We will be using this amount towards the Easter Baskets we put together for our congregation’s homebound in April, for Confirmation student gifts in May, and the Fall LWML Retreat. Your attendance and support have played an important role in our event’s success — thank you!

**SUNDAY, February 2 is Mite Box Sunday!** Please drop your Mighty Mites in the box located in the church Narthex! We can thank and praise God for the blessings of 2024, with a total of \$36,136.00 for mission grants paid through year-end. That is just within our Mid-South LCMS District! Our economy has been difficult for many, but this total reflects your faith and the faith of many others. These grants are so important in God’s mission field of winning souls for Jesus. For ongoing updates on grant payments, visit the website at [midsouth-lwml.org/mission-grants](http://midsouth-lwml.org/mission-grants).



**Our next LWML MEETING is Thursday, February 20, 5:30-7:00PM.** We look forward to having our new members join us. We have mission work to prepare for. See you then!



## **LET THERE BE (NEW) LIGHT!**

Recently, new lights were installed in the front of the sanctuary to give better light to the chancel area.

Jim Devan and David Joffre got “carried away” on the lift, installing lights, while Gary Carlson remained firmly planted on the ground repairing and updating wiring before installation. The three made a great team.

**Mark your calendar for the next Monthly Potluck — Sunday, Feb. 23! RSVP at [bit.ly/CTKPotluck](http://bit.ly/CTKPotluck).**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

# VALENTINE BAKE SALE

IN SUPPORT OF THE  
TANZANIA MISSION TEAM

Join us in the rotunda after each service

Sponsored by Thrivent "Action Team" projects



CTK's Small Group Ministry is taking root, blossoming, and growing! There is room for you!

Check out the Small Group schedule on CTK's App or in the bulletin. You'll find something for everyone.

We thank leaders Steven & Jennifer Andrews, Michael Salzgeber and Lisa Bough, Robyn Byrum, Billy & Carol Kutteh, and Pastor Matt!

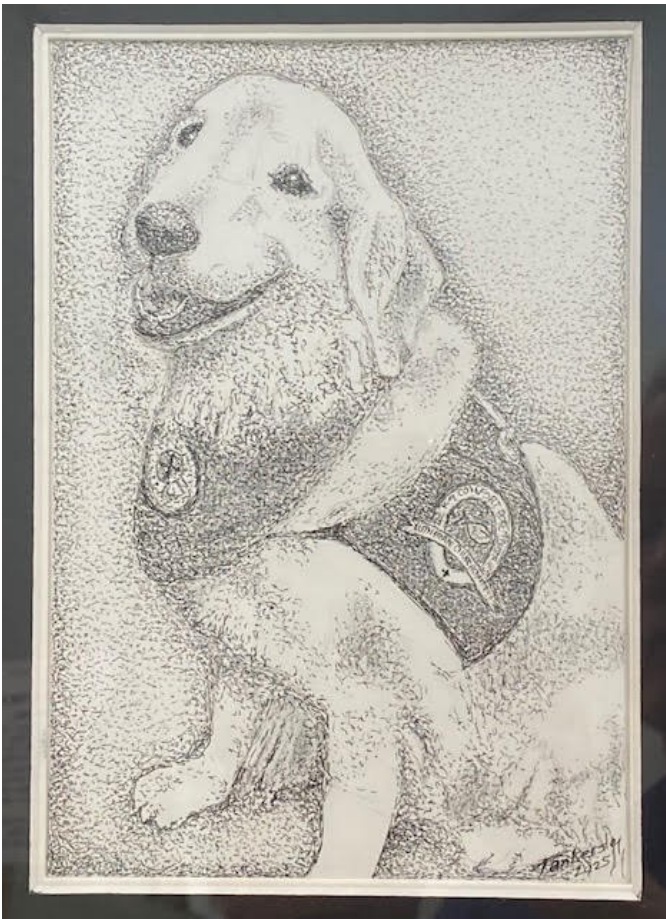


*Above: Robyn Byrum's Small Group "Crafting Moms" met to prepare Care Packages for 22+ CTK college-age kids. Many thanks to members who generously helped by donating supplies!*

*Right: Pastor Matt's 20's and 30's Small Group met at the home of Patrick and Ellen Denning to enjoy a meal and discuss the Christian's response to loved ones who don't know Jesus.*







Memphis artist David W. Tankersley, long-time fan of Job Comfort Dog, recently completed this commissioned pen-and-ink drawing of Job which perfectly captures his loving spirit, his twinkling eyes, and his warm smile. Upon close inspection, one can even read “Lutheran Church Charities” on Job’s vest and see the petals of the Luther Rose on his bandana, thanks to the artist’s meticulous detailing.

David became a fan of Job after Job and his handler visited David’s mother-in-law in hospice five years ago. His gentleness made such an impression on the family. Mr. Tankersley generously donated other pen-and-ink drawings to the fundraisers held for our Comfort Dog ministry in past years.

The drawing will be on display at the Information Desk while we determine the best place to permanently hang it. We hope you enjoy it. Please visit Mr. Tankersley’s Facebook page to view more drawings by this accomplished artist.



## JOB COMFORT DOG

Job enjoyed our recent snow days, running, leaping, and laying happily in the frozen stuff.

The cold weather was invigorating!



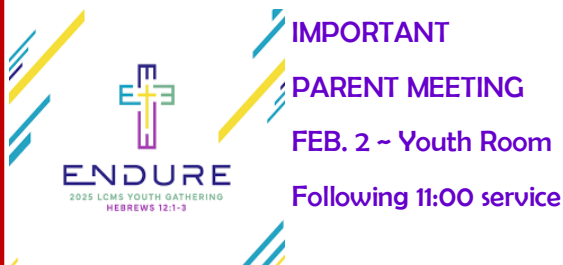
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## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

High Schoolers meet each Sunday at 9:45am in the youth room. We are currently exploring the book of John and discussing how it applies to our lives today as Christians in a world filled with an abundance of distractions! Join Mr. Nathan LeBoriorous for lively discussion and fellowship.

### LCMS YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE



Youth parents—we want you to know the what, when and where.... If you are not receiving emails and have questions or concerns, please email [Nathan.Leboriorous@ctkschool.com](mailto:Nathan.Leboriorous@ctkschool.com)

**PK4—6TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL** is taking a look at some of the Old Testament Prophets. They are learning that prophets are the people who proclaim the Word of God through many different ways. They are also learning all about God's mercy and grace! Even though the people continue to make bad choices, grumble, and disobey Him, God loves us so much He continues to forgive them (and us) over and over. The kids have memorized the Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning Prayer and will begin the 23rd Psalm soon.



## CTK IS TAKING A ROAD TRIP!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL aka VBS is on the calendar for June 16 through June 23. Curriculum is arriving and we need all helping hands to serve our youngest members. If seeing kids grow in their faith walk sounds like fun, please contact Kitty at [kkosman@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:kkosman@ctkmemphis.com).



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM is looking for a few new folks to add to crew! Contact Kitty if you have questions or would like to learn more!!  
[kkosman@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:kkosman@ctkmemphis.com)



# CTK SCHOOL NEWS



Every year we kick off with a school-wide service project of collecting money for LeBonheur Children's Hospital as part of the Go, Jim, Go and Channel 3 fundraiser. Our goal was \$1500 and we raised this through Jeans Days and Chapel Offerings in just five weeks! Great job, students, parents, and faculty!



*Top left: Our Kindergarten students treated each of our Nehemiahs to cards and cookies to show our appreciation.*

*Top middle and right: Our students excelled in presenting the Christmas message.*

*Bottom left: Family Chapel was once again a wonderful time to gather together for lunch and worship.*



# Christ the King's Faith in Action Upcoming Events



THURSDAY  
MAY 8, 2025



5:45PM - 7:30PM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH OUR UPCOMING DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF HOUSE-WARMING CROSSES FOR NEW GRADUATES OF THE HABITAT HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM WHO WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THEIR FIRST HOME, PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE!

DINNER AND CEREMONY AT HABITAT STORE ON WINCHESTER

## Sign Up in the Rotunda

CONTACT STACY DAVIS /FIA /CTK FOR MORE INFORMATION

**SAVE THE DATE!** Faith in Action invites you to help in the upcoming Dinner and Presentation of House-Warming Crosses for new graduates of the Habitat Home Ownership Program.

Please sign up to serve! This is a joyful celebration of accomplishments and Faith in Action is always pleased to make it even more meaningful with a Cross for each family. Contact Stacy Davis for more information.

**HELP US** create comfort kits for **ONE MORE CHILD**, an organization that provides help to victims of trafficking in Memphis. Faith in Action will purchase backpacks, Bibles, and blankets. You can add: *re-useable water bottles, hygiene items, travel-size hair products, toothpaste, notebooks, adult coloring books, devotionals, and other items.* A collection bin will be in the rotunda through February. For more information, contact Caroline Johnson or Patti Higginbotham.

**Next Faith in Action Meeting:  
Monday, Feb. 10, 5:45PM, at  
Panera Bread in Germantown.**

# ONE MORE CHILD COMFORT KITS



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Help us create comfort kits for **One More Child**, an organization that provides help to victims of trafficking here in Memphis. Or join us on **SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH, at 12 Noon**, for lunch, and hear our guest speakers talk about this mission while we create the kits. RSVP at [bit.ly/onemorechild25](https://bit.ly/onemorechild25) or in person in the rotunda.



COLLECTING  
NOW



- 1 or 2 re-useable water bottles
- a blank notebook or journal
- pens
- adult coloring book
- colored pencils or washable markers
- a devotional of some sort
- Hygiene items /New & Unused Travel Size
- hand sanitizer
- shampoo
- conditioner
- lotion
- vaseline
- wipes
- 2-3 travel toothpaste
- 2-3 toothbrushes

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# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship <b>12:15p YOUTH GATHERING PARENT MTG.</b> 5:00p Youth Night	<b>3</b> 6:30p Bd. of Elders	<b>4</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiah's 11:45a Altar Guild 5:00p RITI	<b>5</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 7:00p Sm.Grp. Woodworking	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00a Future Comfort Dog Mtg. 6:00p Father/Daughter Dance
<b>9 TANZ. BAKE SALE</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship <b>12:15p VOTER'S MEETING</b>	<b>10</b> 5:45p FIA Mtg.	<b>11</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiah's 5:00p RITI 7:00p Sm. Grp. Satzgeber/Bough	<b>12</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Sm.Grp. Andrews	<b>13</b> 7:00p Sm.Grp. Woodworking	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30a Job Comfort Dog Mtg.
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<b>23</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship 12:15p Congregation Potluck	<b>24</b> 6:00p Bd. of Ed	<b>25</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiah's	<b>26</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Sm.Grp. Andrews	<b>27</b> 7:00p Sm Grp. Woodworking	<b>28</b>	