



MARCH 2026

# THE KING'S MESSENGER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH    MEMPHIS, TN

Greetings, beloved family of saved by grace CTK Sinner/Saints! I have been retired from being your Senior Pastor for about a year and a half now. I guess I'm getting used to it. I am honored in my Emeritus status to be allowed to spend time, and when called upon to share ministry with our two wonderful Pastors Senior Mark and Associate Matthew. They very kindly allow me time and space in their busy schedules. We are truly blessed to have these two gifted faithful Shepherds leading our Flock. Our CTK future is Holy Spirit strong, built on the foundation and history of our amazing laity and leadership of those who came before us.

I miss some things and don't miss others about being retired. I miss seeing all of you on a regular basis. I miss scheduled preaching and teaching. I miss visiting in your homes and in the hospital. I don't miss meetings. I remember a Church Council meeting years ago that I couldn't attend because I was sick. I found out later that the Church Council had voted to pray for my recovery. I was thankful for that...until I found out that the vote was only seven for and five against! I don't miss meetings.

The Church season of Lent is upon us. Allow me to entangle a Lenten thought with my above retirement thoughts. My favorite Lenten hymn begins this way: "In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time..." That great hymn can be taken both universally and personally. I suppose it was written and inspired to encompass both considerations. Universally, towering over the wrecks of every time, every age, every life, every philosophy, every cynic...is the glorious cross of Christ. There has never been a time in history when there weren't wrecked lives due to sin and death, times of destruction due to war, famine, apathy and unbelief due to abundance and greed. Our high tech AI world today, and hell from the beginning, is filled with the debris of the lives of all the men and women who thought they knew better than the cross. Those who thought the cross was foolishness, those who were too wise for its premise of the need for forgiveness and reconciliation between our loving God and His sinful people.

On a personal level the cross of Jesus Christ towers over the wreckage of every individual wasted life, over every injustice, over every sin-scarred soul who feels that God can't possibly love them the way they had been in the past and are now. The Lenten Cross of glory is our only hope of salvation on a very personal level. It is the symbol of the sacrificial victory of God's love over the forces of evil which destroy human souls and devastate the world in which we live. When you get the cross right, you get the rest of life right, too. When you get the cross wrong, you finish life wrong.

The cross of atonement and forgiveness alone is the power of God to save us and the rest of the world. Time moves quickly, without mercy. Time can wreck you or bless you when you either live by faith under the cross each moment or stumble through time without it. Lent done well forces us back to the cross. Lent done well helps us confess our inner darkness which makes the contrast of Christ's light shine even brighter within us. That light emanating from Christ's cross is exactly what the third verse of this great hymn points to when it comes to living each day under the towering glorious cross of Jesus: "When the sun of bliss is beaming, light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming, adds more luster to each day."

Some retirement days have more luster in them than others. But Lent done well through worship, devotion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice brings light and love towering over any wrecks we are in time. My family and I are grateful for time with you. Do Lent well!

*Pastor Chuck*

# DYING HIS DEATH LIVING HIS LIFE

FEBRUARY 25 WEEK 1

DYING TO PRIDE, LIVING FOR OTHERS

MARCH 4 WEEK 2

DYING TO GREED, LIVING FOR THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN

MARCH 11 WEEK 3

DYING TO DOUBT, LIVING BY FAITH

MARCH 18 WEEK 4

DYING TO TURMOIL, LIVING IN PEACE

MARCH 25 WEEK 5

DYING TO JUDGMENT, LIVING IN GRACE



## HOLY WEEK

March 29 Palm Sunday

April 2 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

April 3 Good Friday 7:00pm

April 5 Easter Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am & 11:00am

Please join us for this special Lenten series. Services will be at Noon and 6:30pm each Wednesday and a Lenten Soup Supper will be served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

# Welcome, New Members



**Top Row: Garrett, Shari, and Ryker Webber; Paul & Barbie Nickel; Stacy & Charlotte Johnson  
Bottom Row: Caroline Sheely; Norm Rodriguez; Griffin & Maddie Clark**

*The following was written by Vicar Steven Andrews as part of his studies in the Specific Ministry Pastor program*

Dear family at Christ the King Lutheran Church,

As a student in the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program, I want to thank the congregation along with Pastor Mark and Matt for your support, trust, and prayers for me and my family. God is leading me into this new season of formation, and I am deeply grateful that I do not walk it alone. I am currently taking classes with a cohort of seven other SMP students, and together we are learning, asking questions, and encouraging one another as we prepare for pastoral ministry.

By the time you read this, I will have completed my second course in the program, which covered the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. Over these last few months, I have spent a great deal of time in Scripture reading more closely than I ever have before, struggling through tough questions, and learning how to handle God's Word with care and faithfulness. I wanted to share a few things that stood out to me from studying the Gospel of Luke.

Luke opens his Gospel (1:1–4) sounding like the “chosen” historian of God's Word. He investigated everything thoroughly and wrote an “orderly account” so that Theophilus and all of us who read his Gospel “may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.” That word “certainty” has become especially meaningful to me. My classmates and I talk about how faith often lives in a world filled with questions, competing voices, doubt, and suffering. And yet Luke doesn't encourage us to rely only on feelings; he gives us facts, eyewitness testimony, and the real events of Jesus' life and ministry.

The Christian faith is rooted in history: real people, real places, real events not spiritual folklore. Luke wants us to see that God acted decisively in time and space for our salvation. At the end of the Gospel (24:44–53), Jesus explains that everything written about Him in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms had to be fulfilled. Fulfillment has been a major theme in our class discussions. All the promises of the Old Testament find their “Yes” in Christ. His suffering, death, and resurrection were never accidental but part of the Father's saving plan from the beginning.

As we read Luke, my classmates and I repeatedly came back to the truth that God keeps His Word. And for me personally, one verse captures the heart of pastoral ministry: “Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations.” That calling is shaping me as an SMP student, but it also belongs to all of us at Christ the King. Everything in Luke points toward this proclamation. Jesus suffers and rises so that forgiveness may be preached. The disciples are witnesses. And now, through the Church—even through students like me—that witness continues.

This is Luke's purpose for us, too. He writes so that we may have certainty in Christ: certainty that our sins are forgiven, certainty that God keeps His promises, certainty that the risen Lord reigns. And from that certainty flows joy and praise.

My prayer is that we, as a congregation, would live as *certain joyful witnesses of Christ* here at Christ the King.

In Christ,

Vicar Andrews

Join Vicar Andrews at the first meeting of the new Outreach Committee on Saturday, March 7, 10AM, in the Parlor and learn more about how members of Christ the King can become “certain joyful witnesses of Christ” in our community.

# YOUTH MIN @ CTK

MARCH 2026

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Youth Room for Biblical Study led by various people.

We delve into topics that are forefront in the world today and how we as Christ followers are to show the world the hope and light we have been promised through Jesus Christ.

High School Youth have a bowling day planned for March 15. More details will be sent out as the plans are solidified. Bring a friend and join us!

## Dates to Remember

- March 15—High School Bowling – TBD—info coming soon
- March 20—Middle School Party 6:00—9:00 PM Youth Room

## SUNDAY SCHOOL—PK4—6TH GRADE

During the Season of Lent, CTK SS students will be walking through the final week of Jesus' life on earth. Each student buried an Alleluia the first Sunday in Lent and each Sunday we will have lessons, games, crafts and discussion about the events leading to the crucifixion. We gather at 9:45 in the room next to the gym for opening and then disperse to age appropriate classrooms, where the teacher delves more deeply into the lesson. Our teachers work hard to teach the children events from the Bible, and help them better understand why they are important, true and point to the amazing love God has for each and every one of us, His children.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

7th & 8th Confirmation Class each Sunday  
9:45 in Room 203 of the Admin Bldg.

6th Grade SS meets at 9:45 in the Upper School Bldg.

MS Party - March 20 in the Youth Room



SAVE THE DATE - VBS 2026

JUNE 15—JUNE 19

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

# CTK SCHOOL NEWS



## Congratulations!

We are thrilled that two of our teachers – Dr. Charlotte Johnson, fifth grade, and Mrs. Michella Novy, second grade – were nominated on two separate occasions to be awarded WREG Channel 3's Educator of the Week for Shelby County.

Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Novy will be treated to luncheon at the University Club in May, along with the other Shelby County honorees.

**Fun and fellowship on the court for our annual Middle School vs. Faculty basketball game!**



As part of our “Celebrate CTK School” week, our Preschool dressed up as characters from their favorite books. Our teachers had fun dressing up as well!

## **ENROLL NOW!**

Christ the King is enrolling for the 2026-2027 academic year! Contact Ann Laury for more information.

[ann.laury@ctkschool.com](mailto:ann.laury@ctkschool.com)

# LWML NEWS

Soup Sunday Sale was a VERY big success and the LWML members want to give the cooks and congregation a BIG Thank You for your participation! There were 84 soup containers collected with a variety of soups! The proceeds will go toward our annual Easter Baskets for our dear homebound members. Thank you again!



**BOOK SALE JUNE 7!** We will be accepting new and used books. The drop-off location will be in the Rotunda. We will use the proceeds to make Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. Look for more info to come!



**The first SUNDAY of every month is Mite Box Sunday!**  
**Please drop your Mighty Mites in the box located in the church narthex!**

## GRANT PAYMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Praise the Lord! We still have just three grants left to pay plus the final installment of the grant for financial aid for church workers. Now, let's get busy and fill some Mite Boxes and get to the finish line! Mission Grant information is available. You would be surprised to see how much those Mighty Mites can accomplish!



**Ladies, come join us! Our next LWML Meeting is Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 - 7:00PM. We will bring together our items for the Easter Basket construction on Saturday March 28, at 10AM. We have 25 recipients this year! Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!**

Mark Your Calendars –

LWML West Tennessee Zone Spring Rally, Saturday, April 18  
9:30AM-1:00PM Immanuel Lutheran Church, Memphis



The Tanzania  
Mission Team is  
collecting knitted  
hats and  
headbands

*Plus, new or slightly worn baseball  
caps and Safari-style hats*

*Collection basket located  
in the rotunda*

Sunglasses are also  
welcome! Adults  
and children sizes!



**Host Homes Needed!**

# MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND MARCH 15, 6:30pm

Christ the King has the pleasure of hosting the Martin Luther High School Symphonic Band from Greendale, Wisconsin, on Sunday, March 15, for a 6:30PM concert. Directed by Jessica Walter, daughter-in-law of CTK's Paula Walter, this award-winning instrumental group is renowned for its musical performances, playing a wide variety of traditional and sacred music.

Let's show some CTK hospitality! **We are seeking host homes for the remaining six girls for Sunday night.** If you can host two or four girls, please contact Genie Swan at [gswan@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:gswan@ctkmemphis.com) or 901-827-9223. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. **And please mark your calendar for the concert!**

**MARCH 7  
10:00AM**

**\* OUTREACH  
COMMITTEE MEETING**



# *Holy Week*

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**Procession of the Palms**

**March 28, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 am**



**Maundy Thursday  
Holy Communion  
April 2 7:00pm**



**Good Friday  
Tenebrae Service  
April 3 7:00pm**



## Let's get ready for Easter!

If you are interested in sharing your gift of hospitality by joining the **CONNECTIONS TEAM**, please email or text Genie Swan at [gswan@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:gswan@ctkmemphis.com) or 901-827-9223.

**You can serve in one or both ways:**

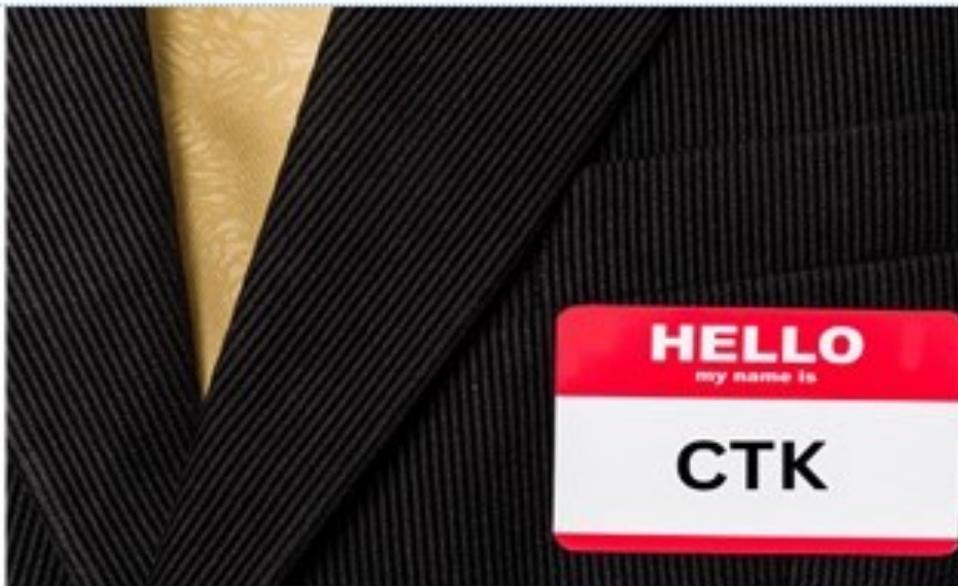
- 1. Meet visitors, introduce them to the Pastors, show them the coffee bar, the nursery, Job Comfort Dog! Offer to sit with them! Treat them as visitors to your home. A great opportunity to share your love for CTK and the Lord!**
- 2. Staff the Information Desk to answer questions and give new visitors a welcome gift. Share the joy of Easter!**



***From Our Principal Ann Laury —***

Christ the King teachers and staff have been working diligently for months to prepare for our Accreditation visit that will take place April 19-21, 2026. This occurs every five years by our accrediting agency, National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA). In the next few weeks, you will see information in the bulletin on ways you can help prepare for the visiting team! We will ask for cases of water, individually wrapped snacks, etc. for our visiting team of eight that will be on our campus for three days. Thank you in advance for your help. Please pray for our teachers and staff who have worked hard to prepare and plan for this important visit. Thank you.

*NLSA serves as the accrediting body for LCMS schools across the United States and the world. Accreditation decisions have always been based upon a school's compliance with national standards for Lutheran schools as well as the State Department of Education. The process reflects the essential qualities that are expected of Lutheran Schools.*



**MARCH is NAMETAG MONTH!** If you faithfully wear your CTK nametag every Sunday, thank you! If you have misplaced yours or simply need to retrieve it from your car or purse, now is the time to grab it and get in the habit of wearing it weekly. Studies have shown that visitors feel more comfortable when they can visually identify you by name. And it helps the Pastors, too! If you are a member in need of a replacement nametag, please add your name to the clipboard at the Information Desk.

## UPCOMING SMALL GROUP DATES

- \***Tuesday, March 10 & 24, 7PM** — Michael Salzgeber and Lisa Bough  
“Church History in Plain Language” michael.salzgeber@sylvamo.com
- \***Tuesday, March 10 & 24, 7PM** — Steven & Jennifer Andrews  
“Limping with God: Jacob and the Old Testament” drewcrewe@yahoo.com
- \***Saturday, March 28, 6:30PM** — Billy & Carol Kutteh cckutteh@yahoo.com  
“James and Genuine Faith”
- \***Every Thursday, 7PM** — Jim Devan “Woodworking” j\_devan@bellsouth.net
- \***Every Tuesday, 8AM**— Jim Devan — Nehemiahs j\_devan@bellsouth.net
- \***Pastor Matt’s Group** for 20’s and 30’s pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com

*It’s never too late to join a Small Group! Contact the leader for more information on time and location. “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” 1 Thess. 5:11*

## TANZANIA MISSION TEAM UPDATE

The Tanzania Mission Team greatly appreciates the support of our CTK church family – we can't thank you enough for your generous donations.

Thank you for your support of our Valentines' bake sale – it was a BIG success, and your response was overwhelming - we sold every, cake, cookie, dessert and treat!

Our team is asking for knitted or crocheted hats to distribute to infants and young children on the mission. After spreading the gospel and baptizing children, a knitted/crochet hat is placed on their heads. Oh, if you could only see the joy each child shows after receiving such a small item as a hat. If you are willing to knit or crochet a hat for these new little baptized lambs, it would be greatly appreciated! The brighter the yarn, the better!

Our goals are very simple: teach the word of God, witness to all those we encounter, baptize new Christians, and commune with our brothers and sisters in Christ. None of these goals are possible without God's help, your prayers and donations. If you would still like to donate to the Tanzania Mission Fund, you can use **CTK's On-Line Giving**: click "Give" tab in the upper right bar and locate Tanzania or drop off or mail a donation to Christ the King, memo "Tanzania Mission". Don't forget your donation is tax deductible.

Asante sana, (thank you very much, in Swahili)!

Your 2026 Tanzania Mission Team members:  
Sharon Hyde, Mark Novy, Mike & Cindy Jurgensen



# Job's Journal

Every month, Job's team of handlers and ministry partners meet to share updates on the visits they have made with Job and the people whose lives they have touched. The stories that are shared are heart-warming; some are sad but show opportunities for compassion; some are funny and full of glimpses of Job's winning personality.

At the February meeting, each team member was asked to pray for a specific someone they had ministered to during that month. The love and concern expressed in those prayers for people whom they never would have met or interacted with without Job at their side brought a few tears as well as happy and grateful smiles.

We might minister to a child with a tragic home life, a young man struggling with controlling his addiction, a dear elderly lady who has just lost her husband. Frequently, we hear, "Oh, Job, you showed up at just the right time!" The Holy Spirit, our Comforter, is at work every time we step out the door with our Comfort Dog.

Highlights of this month included a visit to Collierville Burch Library, a meeting with Paige Mielke, our YFM candidate, and a first visit to Silvercreek Assisted Living. These were in addition to his regular visits to Ciel, Goldton, Storypoint, and many other facilities. Thank you for your continued support of the Comfort Dog ministry!



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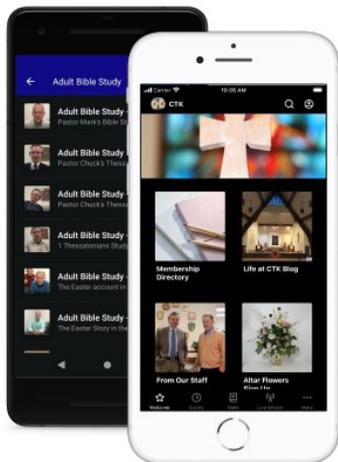
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# Be Thou My Vision

PRESENTED BY  
MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL  
SYMPHONIC BAND



SATURDAY, MARCH 14  
6:00 PM Worship & Concert  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
203 E. Division Street  
Altamont, IL 62411

SUNDAY, MARCH 15  
6:30 PM Concert  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
5296 Park Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38119

THURSDAY, MARCH 19  
7:00 PM Concert  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
8305 Nottingham Pkwy  
Louisville, KY 40222

SUNDAY, MARCH 22  
2:00 PM Home Concert  
Martin Luther High School  
5201 S. 76th Street  
Greendale, WI 53130



**Martin Luther**  
HIGH SCHOOL

Jessica L. Kindschi Walter,  
Director





# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MARCH 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 MITE BOX</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship	<b>2</b> 6:30p Elders Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs 11:45a Altar Guild Mtg. 5:00p RITI	<b>4</b> 10:00a Bible Study 12:00p Lent Midday Worship 5:30p Soup Supper 6:30p Lent Worship Service 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00a Outreach Meeting
<b>8</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship	<b>9</b> 5:45p FIA 7:00p Sm. Group-Andrews	<b>10</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs 7:00p Sm. Group-Salzgeber	<b>11</b> 10:00a Bible Study 12:00p Lent Midday Worship 5:30p Soup Supper 6:30p Lent Worship Service 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00a Future Comfort Dog Mtg.
<b>CTK SPRING BREAK</b>						
<b>15</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship 12:15p Book Club TBD HS Bowling 5:00p Calvary Mission 6:30p Martin Luther Band Concert	<b>16</b> 6:00p Church Council	<b>17</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs 5:00p RITI 	<b>18</b> 10:00a Bible Study 12:00p Lent Midday Worship 5:30p Soup Supper 6:30p Lent Worship Service 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 5:30p LWML Meeting 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	<b>20</b> 6:00p Middle School Party	<b>21</b> 10:30a Job Team Meeting
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<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship 	<b>30</b> 6:00p Bd. Of Ed.	<b>31</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs <h2 style="text-align: center;">HOLY WEEK</h2>	<b>1</b>	<b>2 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00p Worship 	<b>3 Good Friday</b> 7:00p Worship <b>Office Closed</b> 	