



APRIL 2026

# THE KING'S MESSENGER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH    MEMPHIS, TN



*Anticipation is one of our most cherished mental acts. This is because it involves hope, and hope is one of the driving forces of life.*

*I generally take one of two routes to church each day. Each particular route has a few sights that are pleasing, whether it's a flowering dogwood, a freshly mowed green carpet of grass, or a row of majestic oak trees. On some mornings, there will be an elderly lady who faithfully walks her dog and we will often wave to each other as I drive past.*

*This time of year, there is one sight on that route that is especially satisfying. In the front yard of a home that sits on the corner of Yates and Walnut Grove, there is a moderately-*

*sized azalea bush whose blossoms are gold-colored. When in full bloom, it is glorious, a shimmering burning bush. It's the only one of its kind I've ever seen. So spectacular is it that I once stopped the car and approached the owner of the home asking for the particular species of plant. It hasn't bloomed just yet, but it's about to, and I can't wait!*

*I recently finished a book, "Being Mortal" by Dr. Atul Gawande. It was eye-opening as the author, a surgeon, takes a hard, analytical look at our medical systems calling for some new approaches when it comes to managing health in the waning years of life. For me, finishing a good book is a little depressing because who knows how long it will be before another good one shows up. Thankfully, one did: "A Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel G. Marquez. It is considered to be one of the greatest novels of the twentieth century. Never have I read accolades like I have for this work. The anticipation is killing me and I can't wait to dive in.*

*Anticipation is central to the Christian faith. We are not people of the past, but of the future – a future planned by God for those who love Him and believe in His Son. This anticipation is based on Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. Christian hope is very different from secular hope. Secular hope, as we all know, always will at some point disappoint. Christian hope can't and won't because it is hope based on God's promise and actions. St. Peter calls our hope a "living hope," totally different from the world.*

*As your pastor, I hope that Spring will afford you many beautiful moments of hope and joy. May they always be reminders to you of the greatest hope we have – eternal life with God. Because of Christ's resurrection, you, too, shall rise. What it all exactly will look like, I don't know, but I can't wait to find out!*

*A very happy and blessed Easter to you and your loved ones. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**Pastor Mark**



## *Holy Week Services*

Palm Sunday, March 29, 8:30 & 11:00am  
*Procession of Palms*

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7pm  
*Stripping of the Altar, Holy Communion*

Good Friday, April 3, 7pm  
*Tenebrae Service*



## *He is Risen!*

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection, Sunday, April 5



Sunrise Worship, 7am, *Pastor Matt Lynch*  
Worship, 8:30am, *Pastor Mark Goble*  
Worship, 11:00am, *Pastor Chuck Neugebauer*

Easter Breakfast hosted by CTK Youth  
*9:45-11:00 AM, Fellowship Hall*

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Find details about Holy Week and Easter Services here

\*Website — [ctkmemphis.com/easter](http://ctkmemphis.com/easter)  
[ctkmemphis.com/plan-your-visit](http://ctkmemphis.com/plan-your-visit)

Invite your friends and family by sharing these event sites:

\*Facebook — [facebook.com/ctkmemphis](https://facebook.com/ctkmemphis)  
\*CTK's App — under the Events tab



# 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!**



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## LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Ladies, leave your husbands, children, dogs, and cats at home and bring your next-door neighbor for an evening of relaxed fun, music, and food, featuring Christian entertainer Wendysue Fluegge presenting a "Concert Celebrating Music and Miracles!" This event, sponsored by Christ the King's **Office of Community Outreach**, is a perfect opportunity to introduce your friends to CTK hospitality! This is also a great chance for our many women's ministries to gather together to celebrate our common goal of spreading the Gospel in so many ways. **RSVP at [bit.ly/WendySueatCTK](https://bit.ly/WendySueatCTK), or through CTK's App, or by signing up in the Rotunda.** For more information, contact Genie Swan at [gswan@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:gswan@ctkmemphis.com) or 901-827-9223.

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# Wendysue in Concert



## When

**Tuesday, April 21 @ 6pm**  
**A Ladies' Night Out Celebrating  
Music and Miracles**  
*FREE event! Bring a friend!*

## Where

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
5296 Park Ave, Memphis, TN  
**RSVP: [bit.ly/WendySueatCTK](http://bit.ly/WendySueatCTK)**  
*Enjoy appetizers and desserts*

*wendysue.com*

# YOUTH MIN @CTK

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## HIGH SCHOOL

9:45am Sunday Youth Room

High School Youth meet each Sunday to dig deeper into the Scriptures and discuss how it applies to life in today's world.

Please join us each week. We would love to hear your thoughts and have you join our conversations.

Watch for High School April Events

Dates & Times TBD

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 2—Maundy Thursday

April 3—Good Friday

April 4—MS Service Day—CTK

April 5—EASTER SUNDAY

**\*\*Youth Hosted Breakfast**

April 24—MS Party—CTK



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Confirmation class meets weekly at 9:45 Sunday, led by the Pastors

Mr. Nathan Leborious leads our MS students in two activities each month.

Check out the Important Dates Box for details.



## CTK Sunday School

Students enjoyed their annual Last Supper experience. Two students led the group into a darkened, candle lit gym, to sit around tables with food items that might have been available during Biblical times. Scriptures from the Gospels were read by some of our 5th & 6th grade students, followed by discussion showing that even though all accounts were about the same event, each account reflected different details. Each Sunday during Lent students have travelled through Holy Week spending time on the days of Jesus' final week as He climbed the road to Calvary and rose, as He promised.



## TANZANIA MISSION PREPARATION

Thank you again for your generous support for the upcoming Tanzania Mission. The team is still working on shots and medication that will be needed for this Mission Trip. But one of the hardest



things is packing! Less is always best! What we take with us is limited by the weight allowance on the **Precision Air Flight** from Arusha, TZ to Mwanza, TZ. Twenty kilograms is approximately 44 pounds. We always bring two extra supply bags with soccer balls for schools, 300 hats and colored cross necklaces for baptizing, gifts for evangelists, Pastors, churches, and always extra clothing to give to children and adults. The excess weight is charged at Tanzania shillings — 50,000 per kg. So, you can see how hard it is to prioritize the packing for ourselves. That will also include a backpack for the evangelism materials, water bottles, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, snacks, camera, candy for the children, and hats. And don't forget the security wallet around your neck or around your waistband with a safari hat to keep the sun off your face!

Please, continue to support us with the ball hats, safari hats for children, and knitted or crocheted hats. The newly baptized lambs greatly appreciate your kind deeds and talent! (Hat sizes range from medium to large.)

Our departure is May 14 and return is May 28. There are fourteen in the group this year; four are from CTK. **Please keep praying for us!** We need prayers for success, for safe travel, and that hearts would be emboldened to perform our mission!

Your Team from CTK includes: Mike & Cindy Jurgensen, Mark Novy, and Sharon Hyde.

## LWML NEWS



Sunday, April 5, is **MITE BOX SUNDAY** and a special day for Christ the King's LWML. Our Mite Box is more than just a symbol of God's provision — it is a reminder that your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need. Please drop your Mighty Mites in the box located in the church narthex. Thank you!



The next LWML Meeting is on Thursday, April 16, 5:30-7:30PM, Room 201. We are women of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod who support Gospel-focused missions, both near and far. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was founded in 1943, to unite sisters in Christ as they focused on reaching out with the love of Christ to others in need, and we continue to do that today as Lutheran Women in Mission. We welcome and encourage every woman to use her God-given gifts to serve the Lord with gladness! We look forward to having new members join us. See you on the 16th in Room 201.

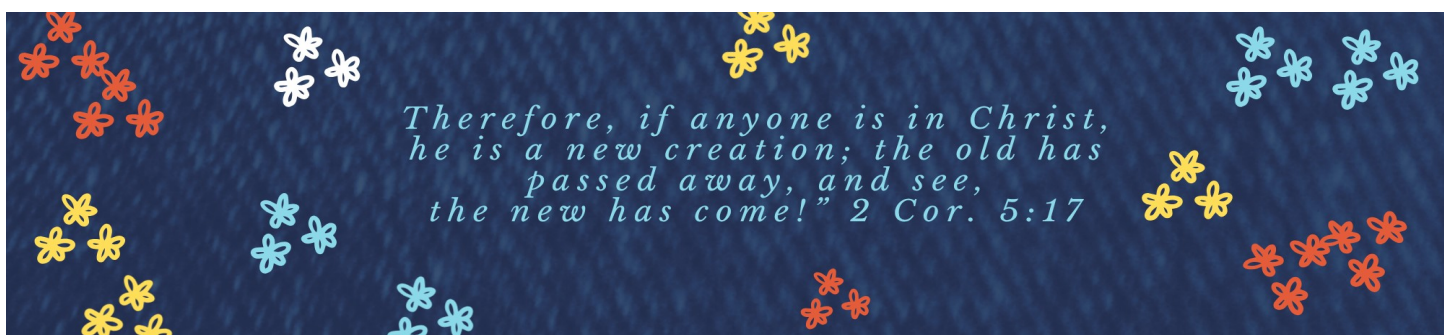


**BOOK SALE** is coming on June 7! We are now accepting donations of new and used books. The drop-off location is in the Rotunda. We will use the proceeds to make Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. Thank you those who have already donated! Our stacks are growing!



**Graduates of 2026!** We want to celebrate you! On Sunday, April 26, we will observe Graduate Recognition Sunday at the 11:00am service. We hope all of our college, high school, and 8th grade graduates can attend. The students will process in together and come forward for a special prayer. Graduates will be listed in the bulletin so be sure to keep one!

As part of this recognition, we are asking our college and high school graduates to **submit their senior or graduation picture** to be included in a video honoring them which will show on that Sunday, and will be available on CTK's YouTube channel and Facebook page thereafter. Scan and email your photo to [gswan@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:gswan@ctkmemphis.com) **no later than April 15**. Include info on the school from which you are graduating and your plans after graduation, as well as your full name and parents' names. Your CTK family wishes you well as you face the challenges and joys ahead.



## ASCENSION SERVICE

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 7PM**

Mark your calendars to make sure you don't miss Christ the King's beautiful Ascension service on Thursday, May 14.

We commemorate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven on the 40th day after Easter. The Paschal candle is extinguished, to be re-lit ten days later at Pentecost, when the apostles experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church is acknowledged.

CTK's Ascension Service has always been marked by an inspiring message and beautiful music.

Pastor Chuck will preach at this service and Holy Communion will be celebrated.



## *From Our Head of School 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). We need your help in stocking the work area for our eight-member visiting team: cases of water, 12-pack sodas and individual unsweetened tea, individually wrapped snack items such as granola bars, crackers, cookies, candy, chips — all would be most appreciated. The exit report will be given by the team on Tuesday, April 21, at 3:30PM in the sanctuary if you would like to come listen to all the wonderful news about our Preschool and School! 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.*

## **From Dr. Ernie Rakow, Chair of CTK's Board of Education —**

Our Board of Education has partnered with Lutheran Consulting Services and we need your help. We are asking you to complete this survey to give us some insights and thoughts from our congregation. It should take less than five minutes of your time. We appreciate your participation. We would like to have all surveys completed no later than April 17.

You can access the survey here: [bit.ly/CTKSchoolSurvey2026](https://bit.ly/CTKSchoolSurvey2026) or by using the QR code. Thank you.



## *Scenes from Palm Sunday...*



## *Hosanna!*



# CTK SCHOOL NEWS



## ENROLL TODAY!

We are currently enrolling for our Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grades! We would love for you and your family to become part of ours. Our next Open House is Thursday, April 9, 8:30-9:30am. You can also set up a tour by contacting Jaycie Hart at [jaycie.hart@ctkschool.com](mailto:jaycie.hart@ctkschool.com).



We rejoice with two of our CTK families at the Baptisms of Ryker (PS-2) and Evelyn, sister of Emily (5<sup>th</sup>) and Vivian (K).



## Fundraising

Our **Campus Capital Campaign** is underway, earmarked for upgrades for the K-8 building. Check your mail or pick up a brochure in the narthex.

Our Middle School students are offering Buff City Soap to raise funds for their **class trip** to in April. Perfect for Mother's Day gifts! Stop by the table in the Rotunda. Thank you!



LEFT: During our most recent Spirit Week, students could dress up as one of the staff. This first grader did a great impression of Mr. Nathan LeBoribus.

RIGHT: As part of Read Across America Week, the students took up donations to benefit the Humane Society. Mrs. Laury dressed as book hero Pete the Cat to make the delivery of food and toys!





Questions and Answers from Dianna Garner, Top Dog for the Future Dog Team, and Genie Swan, Top Dog for Job Comfort Dog's Team—

From Dianna —“People ask me when we are getting our new Comfort Dog. My short answer is: I don't know! It's all in God's hands, as we are ready and waiting patiently for word from LCC. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to prepare for his or her coming. Thank you for your continued support!”

From Genie — “And to answer one more question: No! Job is not retiring anytime soon. He and his handlers are still faithfully keeping his visit appointments and sharing love and comfort around the community and in our midst. Both teams look forward to seeing everyone at the Easter services. Be sure to stop by to pet Job and get a special Easter favor!”

# CTK Potluck Lunch

**Sunday, April 26, 2026  
12:15PM  
Fellowship Hall**

**RSVP at [bit.ly/CTKPotluck](https://bit.ly/CTKPotluck)  
or sign up in the rotunda**

*Celebrating our 2026 Graduates!*

**APRIL 11  
10:00AM**

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

A big **THANK YOU** goes to those members who graciously volunteered to host students from the Martin Luther High School Symphonic Band in March. In spite of some pretty ferocious weather, those in attendance were rewarded with an excellent program of music. Hosts reported that their guests were polite and chatty. Thank you to Sara Kelly, Billy & Carol Kutteh, Jim & Kimberly Kunz, Mike & Cindy Jurgensen, Paula Walter & Johnny Behnke, Clayton & Kristen Bettin, Pete & Deb Wofford, and Pastor Mark & Kim Goble. The band returned on Monday morning and treated our Preschool—8th Grade students to their own concert! Thank you to all those who supported these talented young people from Greendale, Wisconsin.



Altar Guild Meeting—Tuesday, April 7, 11:45am, in the Church Parlour. Ladies, come join us! It's an amazing and fulfilling way to serve the Lord and His Church.

## UPCOMING SMALL GROUP DATES

\***Tuesday, April 7 & May 12, 7PM** — Michael Salzgeber and Lisa Bough  
“Church History in Plain Language” [michael.salzgeber@sylvamo.com](mailto:michael.salzgeber@sylvamo.com)

\***Tuesday, April 14 & 28, 7PM** — Steven & Jennifer Andrews  
“Limping with God: Jacob and the Old Testament” [drewcrewe@yahoo.com](mailto:drewcrewe@yahoo.com)

\***Saturday, April 25, 6:30PM** — Billy & Carol Kutteh [cckutteh@yahoo.com](mailto:cckutteh@yahoo.com)  
“James and Genuine Faith”

\***Every Thursday, 7PM** — Jim Devan “Woodworking” [j\\_devan@bellsouth.net](mailto:j_devan@bellsouth.net)

\***Every Tuesday, 8AM**— Jim Devan — Nehemiahs [j\\_devan@bellsouth.net](mailto:j_devan@bellsouth.net)

\***Pastor Matt's Group** for 20's and 30's [pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com](mailto: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*

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# ONE MORE CHILD

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SURVIVAL BACKPACK DRIVE

RSVP at [bit.ly/onemorechild26](https://bit.ly/onemorechild26)  
or in person in the rotunda.

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 19, 2026**  
**12 NOON**  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Join us for lunch

Help us stuff backpacks

Sign up to bring items



CTK Faith in Action  
will purchase backpacks  
and Bibles  
But, we need your help to  
bring in many more items  
for each of the kits  
including:

COLLECTING  
NOW

- water bottles
- a blank notebook or journal
- pens
- adult coloring book
- colored pencils or washable markers
- a devotional book
- SMALL BLANKETS
- Hygiene items /New & Unused Travel Size:
- hand sanitizer
- shampoo
- conditioner
- lotion
- vaseline
- wipes
- Travel toothpaste
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes





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# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00a Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship 	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 7:00p Good Friday Worship <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>4</b> 9:00a Altar Guild Easter Prep 10:00a MS Service Event
<b>5</b> <b>Easter</b> 7:00a Easter Sunrise Worship 8:30a Worship 9:45a Easter Breakfast 11:00a Worship 	<b>6</b> 5:45p FIA Meeting <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs 11:45a Altar Guild Mtg. 6:00p RITI Thank You Dinner 7:00p Sm. Group-Salzgeber	<b>8</b> 10:00a Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00a Future Comfort Dog Mtg. 10:00a Outreach Meeting
<b>12</b> <b>Mite Box Sunday</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship	<b>13</b> 6:00p Elders Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs 6:00p Church Council 7:00p Sm Group-Andrews	<b>15</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 5:30p LWML Meeting 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30a Job Handlers Mtg.
<b>19</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship 12:15p FIA Care Kits Mtg. 5:00p Calvary Mission Dinner	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs 6:00p Ladies' Night Out Concert	<b>22</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	<b>24</b> 6:00p MS Party	<b>25</b> 10:30a Future Comfort Dog Mtg. 6:30p Sm Group-Kutteh
<b>26</b> <b>Graduate Recognition</b> 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship 12:15p Congregation Potluck	<b>27</b> 6:00p Bd. of Ed.	<b>28</b> 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiahs 7:00p Sm. Group-Andrews	<b>29</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	