



NOVEMBER 2025

THE KING'S MESSENGER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMPHIS, TN

Hello, Christ the King family! If you can believe it, the month of October has already flown by and it would seem that Fall is officially here. I have always loved the Fall season as the weather gets cooler, leaves begin to change colors, and the Christmas season is just around the corner. Soon the year 2025 will be over and 2026 will begin. Crazy how fast the year goes.

As we approach the end of the year, I am sure everyone's calendars are beginning to fill up quickly. After all, this time of year is when school gets busy, end-of-the-year work deadlines need to be met, and family members begin to come in town for Thanksgiving. With all this busyness, it's easy to forget about all the things that have happened this year. Maybe I should say, all of the things God has provided for us this year. We get so wrapped up in our lives that we forget how much God provides us each day, through the whole year. It may take some time, but I encourage you and your family to try this some night. Come together and look at the past year and see what God has done for you. What things are you thankful for? Are there new things happening? Maybe there is something you're thankful for every year that God continues to bless you with. Whatever they may be, I think you may find more than you think at first. I know I certainly did.

That's why I think Psalm 107 fits perfectly with the theme of Thanksgiving. The Psalmist writes that the LORD's "steadfast love endures forever!" and this word steadfast means so much more than we can express. It comes from the Hebrew word **חֶסֶד** (he-sed) which no one really knows how to translate into English. Not because it's confusing but because it means love beyond what you and I can even understand. It encompasses "loyalty, favor, faithfulness, mercy, goodness, kindness, and unfailing love." Basically, a love only the God of all things could give. A perfect love. None of us could have that kind of love for anything or anyone. Yet it's this love from God that has given us everything we have in this life. Even the smallest thing you own was given to you by God because of His love for you. It's this steadfast love of the LORD that moved Him to send His Son Jesus Christ to pay for our sins. As Saint Paul says in Romans chapter 5, "but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Our Lord Jesus Christ is the ultimate showing of this perfect love God has for all of us. Because in spite of all our faults, mistakes, and sins, God never stopped loving us and He never will.

This is why the Psalmist cries out in thanksgiving to God. Because he knows this love from God is undeserved and cannot be matched by him or anyone else. Yet God hasn't changed and still shows His love each morning. We, too, can join the Psalmist in his praise of thanksgiving to God each day for the love He has shown us. I encourage you all to take some time in your busy schedules to reflect on and remember all the wonderful things God has done in your life this year. Look at it as a small reminder that even through all the hardships and trials, God's steadfast love has never left you and never will. Many blessings to all of you!

Pastor Matt

CTK SCHOOL NEWS



WE WELCOME THREE NEW STUDENT TEACHERS!

We welcome three student teachers from Concordia Seward who joined us in October in our Preschool, Kindergarten, and Second Grade. You will see them in worship and at other school and church functions. God's blessings to Isabella Wolter, Montgomery Berner, and Bethany Gebhardt! Thank you to the Bettin and Tidyman families for hosting them.



TIME TO ORDER YOUR TURKEY AND/OR HAM!

Our Middle School students are selling Corky's to raise money for their April 2026 class trip to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter. Stop by the rotunda to order by Nov.

9! You may also make a donation to help defer costs.

Calling all VETERANS (and widows/widowers) of church and school!

Join us at our annual breakfast and chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 11, beginning at 8:15am.

GO, TEAM, GO!

We met our goal of \$1500 in support of LeBonHeur Children's Hospital! Thank you, students, parents, and faculty!



WORSHIP NOTES



On Sunday, Nov. 9, we will honor our veterans and active military during our worship services. Our choir will sing an armed services medley as our service members stand to be recognized. Each service member will be listed in the bulletin and will wear a red, white, and blue ribbon so you can easily identify them to give them your thanks. Additionally, we will display uniforms of each branch of the Armed Forces in the rotunda, along with some interesting memorabilia. Thank you for your service! May God continue to bless you.



Join us to Give Thanks on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 10AM, for a Service of Holy Communion, Praise, and Thanksgiving. Bring the family! And don't forget to join us for Cider and Scones at 9:30AM in the narthex. Grab a bite to eat and visit with friends and family.



Daylight Savings Time **ENDS** on Sunday, Nov. 2! "Fall back" by turning your clocks back one hour at 2AM. Sleep in an extra hour but don't sleep too long! Worship still begins at 8:30 and 11:00! (Remember — this is a great time to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, too.)



If November is here, then the **Season of Advent** can't be far behind. The First Sunday in Advent is **November 30**, during which we will light the first candle — the Candle of Hope — on the Advent wreath, followed by the Candles of Peace, Joy, and Love.

Wednesday evening **Advent services** will fall on Dec. 3, 10, and 17, at **6:30PM**. (Note the time change.) These will be preceded by Soup Suppers in the Fellowship Hall at **5:30PM**. Our hosts will be LWML, CTK's faculty, and CTK's High School Youth.

The Service of **Lessons and Carols** will be presented on Sunday, **December 14, at 10AM**. Following worship, the congregation will enjoy a festive **Christmas Reception** in the Fellowship Hall, along with a **Nativity Display**. You're invited to add your Nativity to the display; please contact Genie at gswan@ctkmemphis.com. Thank you.

A Message from CTK's Director of Outreach, Steven Andrews

Hello! I am recruiting volunteers for an Outreach Committee. The purpose of this committee is to discuss new ways of outreach and to continue support of the established, strong programs currently in place.

Individuals with a desire and passion for serving our community are urged to contact me through one of the following ways:

Phone (call/text): 757-343-9720

Email: skandrews24@gmail.com



I look forward to hearing from people who love the Lord and want to spread that love to those who need to hear the Gospel!

TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS

We were very happy to receive so many completed Time and Talent Surveys in the month of October. If you missed filling one out, here's your chance! Simply access the form through the **QR Code** below, mark your preferences, and press Submit! To learn about our various ministry opportunities, you can pick up a Ministry Handbook at the Information Desk. Join fellow members in seeking various ways to use your time and talents to the glory of God and to benefit others. Thank you!



HOLY LAND ART

On Sunday, November 16, we will have the honor of hosting a representative of Bethlehem Carvings who will be displaying for viewing and purchase beautiful olive wood carvings made in the Holy Land by Christian artisans. Their livelihood has been severely affected by the constant conflict in the area. We have the opportunity to help support them and to offer our prayers for the Gospel to spread in their world as less than 1% of citizens in the Holy Land are Christian. Each piece is more than art; it's a symbol of faith, perseverance, and hope. The LWML will host a reception in the Fellowship Hall between services.

Before choir practice, our Director Chris Cardona leads the choir in this prayer:

Bless, Oh Lord, us Your servants who sing Your praises.

**Guide our voices, that we may lift the hearts of Your people to worship
You in spirit and in truth.**

Let our music be a gift that honors You and inspires others.

**Keep us faithful in our service, joyful in our singing, and united in love,
That through our songs, Your name may be glorified.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

You are welcome join us. We meet each Wednesday at 6:30PM in the choir loft.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School celebrated the Reformation with a video on the life of Martin Luther, some interesting snacks, and created a Luther Rose. The students are mastering the memorization of the books of the New Testament! Our November lessons continue to walk the children through the stories and miracles Jesus performed during His three years of ministry.

We are beginning work on the SS-led Advent service, December 17 @ 6:30pm. Please note this on your calendar and watch for details.

NOVEMBER DATES of INTEREST —

Nov. 7-8 Middle School Retreat (6pm—3pm)

Nov. 9 HS Bowling (4:00pm...)

Nov. 21 Middle School Party (6-9pm)

Nov. 23 HS Youth (12:15pm...)

THANK YOU TO MARTI SUMMERS & KIM BRITT

for another great TRUNK OR TREAT. Trunk décor ran the gamut from farm life, to pirates, wild animals you might see on a safari, to crazy cat people, Back to the Future, and Greek mythology to name a few. The cake walk was once again a HUGE success and it could not have happened without our wonderful congregational bakers!! Dr. & Dr. Bettin & family took home the top prize for their costume and trunk design.



TRUNK
OR
TREAT



Job's Journal

We are celebrating Job Comfort Dog's 9th Anniversary at Christ the King! It's hard to believe Job was welcomed into our church family only nine years ago. It feels as if he has been a part of Christ the King Church and School FURever! Be sure to stop by and give him an extra hug on Sunday, November 16!

During the month of October, Job was invited to return to St. Paul Academy in Nashville where he had visited at the time of The Covenant School shooting in 2023. He got reacquainted with the now-fifth graders and enjoyed seeing old friends. He and his handlers also visited Our Savior Lutheran Church while in Nashville, where he was so happy to see Pastor Matt's mother working away as church secretary!

Job was invited to be a guest at the Fall LWML Zone Rally at Faith Lutheran in Collierville. Handler Debbi Foshee spoke to

those gathered and about his work in the community. Faith's LWML sent a donation to CTK's Comfort Dog Ministry in thanks, saying, "Your presentation really opened our eyes to the fantastic work that Job does around the city and country. We appreciate the work you are doing to comfort people and share the Gospel."

Job continues his many visits around the community, including many assisted living facilities, hospitals, libraries, and schools. It was estimated that in the year 10/1/24 to 10/1/25, he made 300 scheduled visits, not including other spur-of-the-moment requests! Our handlers make many personal connections on these visits; as Jackie Brotnier, one of Job's Ministry Partners, commented, "I realized the NHC residents need the "human" visitors nearly as much as they need Job!" What a blessing to have such a dedicated team!



Above, left to right: Job and Martin (Henry) Luther share a moment on Reformation Sunday; Job was overjoyed to see Pastor Matt's mother Allison when he stopped by Our Savior Lutheran Church in Nashville; Job pays a visit to CTK's Kindergarten Class.

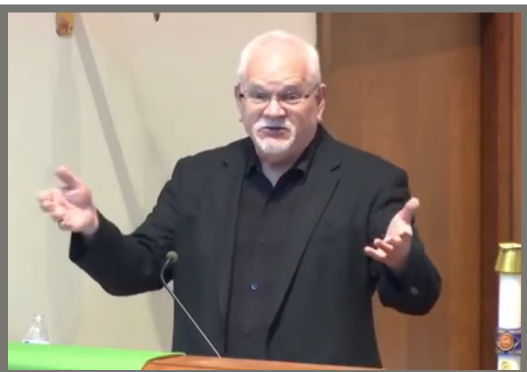
UPCOMING SMALL GROUP DATES

- ***Tuesdays, November 3 & 18** — **Steven & Jennifer Andrews** - “Hitchhiking with Prophets” by Chad Bird drewkrewe@yahoo.com (Note date change for this month only)
- ***Tuesday, November 11 & 25** — **Michael & Lisa Salzgeber**
“Church History in Plain Language” michael.salzgeber@sylvamo.com
- ***Friday, November 20, 6PM** — **Pastor Matt’s group for 20’s and 30’s**
pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com (at the Tidymans’ home)
- ***Saturday, November 22, 6:30PM** — **Billy & Carol Kutteh**
Study of Galatians by various leaders cckutteh@yahoo.com
- ***Every Thursday, 7PM** — **Jim Devan** “Woodworking” j_devan@bellsouth.net
- ***Every Tuesday, 8:00AM** — **Jim Devan** “Nehemiahs” j_devan@bellsouth.net
- ***Robyn Byrum** “Crafting Moms” For moms of teens and college-age kids.
Stay tuned for the next meeting date! robynbyrum2@gmail.com

It’s never too late to join — or start! — a Small Group!

Our Stewardship speakers for 2025 gave wonderful perspectives on living their lives as God's faithful servants through the giving of time, talent, and treasure. These talks are available for viewing on CTK's YouTube channel. Search for CTKMemphis. Thank you to Chuck Hodges, Kimberly Britt, and Michael Salzgeber for sharing their insights.

Also available on CTK’s YouTube channel are videos of Pastor Matt’s Sunday Bible Class on Genesis, and each Sunday sermon, along with other highlights of our church worship, fellowship, and service events.



Tanzania Craft & Paint

Let's get creative! You will pick from **TWO** of our designs and we'll give you the step-by-step instructions to complete

Two - 6" x 6" Canvases

OR

One - 12" x 16" Christmas Tree with Bling.

The cost is \$30 per person. Please call or email to reserve your design. Feel free to bring a friend!
Yes, we will have individual snacks and drinks!



DATE:

Friday,

Nov. 7th

6:00 - 8:00pm



LOCATION:

Christ the King Lutheran School Art & Science rooms.

OR call

Cindy Jurgensen @901-853-5185 to make your paint choice.

Hurry the space is limited!

All Proceeds will benefit Christ the King Lutheran's

2026 Tanzania Mission

A Thrivent "Action Team Project"

WE NEED YOUR LIGHT

ROOM IN THE INN - MEMPHIS

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AT CTK

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE SERVE
OUR BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN CHRIST!

What is Room in the Inn? RITI-Memphis has a location downtown where unsheltered Memphians can register and be screened (there is zero tolerance for drugs/alcohol) for shelter each day. CTK picks up 10-14 guests and provides a dinner, hot shower, warm place to sleep, and breakfast in the morning.

How can I help? From cooking a meal, to making up a cot, to spending the night in the Youth Room to be available for our guests, there is wide range of ways to volunteer that will fit your time & abilities. Sign up today !

November 4
bit.ly/RITINOV4

November 18
bit.ly/RITINOV18

December 2
bit.ly/RITIDEC2

December 16
bit.ly/RITIDEC16

*TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE
BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME. MATTHEW 25:40*



VETERANS DAY



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Daylight Savings Ends 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship Mite Box Sunday	3 7:00p Sm Group-Andrews	4 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiah's 11:45a Altar Guild Mtg. 2:00p Grief Share 5:00p RITI	5 10:00a Wed. Bible Study 6:30p Adult Choir	6 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	7 6:00p Paint a Piece 6:00p Middle School Retreat	8 10:00a Future Comfort Dog Mtg.
9 Veterans Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship 12:15p Book Club 4:00p HS Bowling	10 5:45p FIA Meeting	11 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiah's 2:00p Grief Share 5:00p RITI 7:00p Sm. Grp.-Salzgeber	12 10:00a Wed. Bible Study 6:30p Adult Choir	13 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	14	15 10:30a Job Team Mtg.
16 Job's Anniversary 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Confirmation 9:45a Holy Land Art/Reception 9:50a Adult Study 11:00a Worship 5:00p Calvary Mission	17 6:00p Church Council	18 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiah's 2:00p Grief Share 7:00p Sm Grp.-Andrews	19 10:00a Wed. Bible Study 6:30p Adult Choir	20 5:30p LWML Meeting 6:00p Sm. Grp.-Pastor Matt 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	21 6:00p Middle School Party	22 6:30p Sm Grp.-Kutteh
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