



AUGUST 2026

THE KING'S MESSENGER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEMPHIS, TN

It has been a busy summer here at Christ the King and it's all under the banner of "Progress." Jim and Nancy Devan, along with Jennifer Green and other talented folks, have been renovating the two rooms off the narthex: the Cry Room and the former Nursery. These have needed a facelift for a long time. When completed, one room will still serve as the Cry Room while the other is being converted into an office, soon to be occupied by Ms. Donna Cooper.

Donna will be our new Operations Manager; she has experience in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors, including stints at FedEx and the Memphis Zoo as CEO. We are very excited that she's joining the staff. We thank Mrs. Laney Traylor for her service at CTK and we wish her and her husband Jeff the very best.

Also joining our staff is our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Ms. Paige Mielke, who comes to us from Concordia University, Wisconsin. "Miss Paige" will bring a lot of energy to our youth program and we are very excited she is now with us. Parents of Youth: Please support Paige with your prayers and your time. Every successful youth ministry needs committed adults and we need you. With your support, I'm confident that we will soar to new heights under her leadership. I want to thank Mr. Nathan LeBorious, Mrs. Ashley Baskette, Mrs. Emily Smith, and Mrs. Chandra Smith for their time and help with the Youth activities over these past months.

If you drop by the church office, you may see a new friendly face: that of Mrs. Lucy Gillespie, who will be serving alongside Lisa Riordan as our church secretaries. Lucy is the daughter of Kim and Cissy Welch; she is a long-time CTK member along with her husband Brandon and children Caroline and Jack. Welcome, Lucy! Thank you to the volunteers who filled in at the office over the summer. Additionally, Christy Hill has transitioned to the position of full-time Finance Manager and Genie Swan has added website manager to her duties. Lots of changes that will work to the benefit of Christ the King members.

In other news, Pastor Matt bought a house and has a new puppy. He'll need your prayers—ha! Matt continues to do a wonderful job serving with me and among you. And we continue to benefit from Pastor Chuck's preaching and teaching. We are truly blessed.

Recently, as part of his training, Vicar Andrews preached his first sermon in our sanctuary and did so well that he received a well-deserved round of applause. Keep Steven and Jennifer in your prayers as he continues his education. He has already proven to be a solid addition to the ministry staff.

Soon you'll be seeing some construction in the school and I want to thank our members who are involved with this project. If you haven't yet donated to this effort, please consider making a gift.

I'm in my twentieth month as your Senior Pastor. Thank you for your love and support for me and Kim. I serve the finest people in our Synod and I serve alongside some of the most talented and committed people of any Pastor in our Synod. Please continue in your prayers and support of this dynamic ministry. Spread the word about our wonderful school and invite a friend to church!

Pastor Mark

Welcome **Paige Mielke!**

Sunday, August 9 -- Single Service at 10AM

Installation of CTK's new Director of Youth and
Family Ministry, Ms. Paige Mielke

PANTRY SHOWER and POTLUCK

in Paige's honor at 11:15AM

Choice of entree is provided;

bring a side and dessert!

RSVP at bit.ly/CTKPotluck

12th ANNUAL CHILI CONTEST & SILENT AUCTION

Faith in Action is excited to host our 12th year for this event coming up on September 27, 2026 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to fund our adopted school in Haiti and to our local programs (Habitat for Humanity, Down Syndrome Association of Memphis, One More Child, FedExFamilyHouse, Baptist Reynolds Hospice House, NHS Somerville Rehab, Dorothy Day House, and others. Your support for this annual event has far-reaching effects!

IT REQUIRES MANY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL, AND THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP!

***If you have the gift of cooking, please consider donating chili. Chili Contest Entry is optional. Everyone will have an opportunity to sample and vote.**

***If you would like to donate an item, we would love to have it! A short form must be filled out upon delivery so we can list and value the items correctly.**

***If you are available to help volunteer, be a judge, monitor the auction, etc., we need you! Please fill out the information in the Rotunda so we can contact you.**

***SIGN UP TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE! Visit our table in the Rotunda or go online to bit.ly/Chili12.**

Thank you for your help! And thank you to all who have supported this cause in the past. We couldn't do this without all of you!

—Caroline Johnson, Faith in Action Chair





SMALL GROUPS

Make a **BIG** Difference!
Let's study, pray, and
GROW together.

Andrews' Small Group - 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Contact Info: Vicar Andrews, skandrews24@gmail.com

Salzgebers' Small Group - 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Contact Info: Lisa Salzgeber, lisamariesalz@gmail.com

Nehemiahs - Every Tuesday morning

Contact Info: Jim Devan, j_devan@bellsouth.net

Woodworking - Every Thursday evening

Contact Info: Jim Devan, j_devan@bellsouth.net

Pastor Matt's Small Group - Last Friday of each month

Contact Info: pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com

Kuttehs' Small Group - 4th Saturday of the month

Contact Info: Billy Kutteh, wkutteh4@comcast.net

Stepping Stones Book Club - Every six weeks

Contact Info: Jean Schmidt, schmidtjis@aol.com

Coming soon - Chunky Knit Group

Contact Info: Brooke Moore, kimberlymoore66@yahoo.com

See your weekly bulletin for meeting times and locations

Trauma is complex.

Helping doesn't have to be.



SPIRITUAL FIRST AID™



Register Now!



Christ the King Lutheran Church
5296 Park Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119

**SEPTEMBER 18-19,
2026**

What is Spiritual First Aid™? It is a biblically based framework for responding to those in crisis situations, giving you tools for effective and compassionate communication. This workshop is perfect for lay and ministry leaders, those who minister to the homeless, the sick, and the grieving, educators, pastors, caregivers, community volunteers and leaders, disaster relief teams, and *anyone who has felt helpless in the face of someone's most desperate moments.*

Christ the King has the honor to host this training workshop on behalf of Lutheran Church Charities, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. The President and CEO of LCC, Rev. Chris Singer, and his wife Jeanette, a trained counselor, will lead the workshop that runs Friday, Sept. 18, 6:00-9:00PM, and continues on Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:00AM-4:00PM. Dinner will be served on Friday and lunch and snacks on Saturday. The cost is \$25 which goes to LCC to defray costs of the materials. *CTK is hosting without additional charges to the attendees as we believe this training to be very effective in teaching people how to handle crises with emotional and spiritual care and we want as many as possible to receive its benefits.*

You can register by using the QR code above. Contact Genie Swan at 901-827-9223 or gswan@ctkmemphis.com if you have any questions about registration or the weekend of training. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Singer as proclaimer at our worship services on Sunday, Sept. 20. Please make plans to greet Chris and his wife Jeanette and make them feel at home at Christ the King.



Introducing... Miss Paige Mielke

Hi, CTK! My name is Paige Mielke and I am the new Director of Youth and Family Ministries! I am beyond excited to meet everyone, learn more about the church, and spend time in fellowship with others. I can't wait to see in what ways the Lord works through CTK and how I can be a part of that! God's Blessings!

A Message from Miss Paige to our High School Youth

Hey, CTK High School Youth! I'd like to invite you to kick off the Youth Group and Senior Send Off! This will be held Sunday night, August 2, 6:30-8PM. This will be a time for fellowship, to welcome the Freshmen, gather again before school starts, and wish our Seniors Good Luck! We will have a devotion, play games, and send our Seniors off to school! *(Let me know about any allergies at pmielke@ctkmemphis.com.)* Thank you! Can't wait to see the Youth there!

Upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

High School Youth:

Sunday, August 2, 6:30-8:00PM - Senior Sendoff and start of the year

Sunday, August 16, 6:30-8:00PM - Bible Study, games, and decorate the Youth Room!

Sunday, August 30, Time to be determined - Off-campus activity, TBA!

Middle School Youth:

Friday, August 14, 5:30-7PM - Ignite Friday, Join Miss Paige in the Youth Room for Bible Study, games, and food!

Friday, August 28, 5:30-7:00PM - Join Miss Paige in celebrating the Birthday Bash of Christ the King Lutheran School!

If you would like to help Paige furnish her very first apartment, please check out her Wish List at bit.ly/PaigeApt. Thank you!

CTK CELEBRATES THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF AMERICA!

On Sunday, July 5, CTK members and friends gathered to celebrate the birthday of our beloved country with an All-American cookout and concert. The Men's Quartet — Chuck Hodges, Cooper Smith, Terry Himebook, Jr., and Terry Himebook, Sr. — were joined by Chris Cardona on keyboard and special guests Caroline Johnson and banjo picker Peter Himebook for a dazzling performance of patriotic and Americana favorites. With plenty of flags to wave and nostalgic tunes, the crowd of almost 200 cheered and sang along. A special thank you to Michael Salzgeber who manned the sound board and solved several technical mysteries, and to our grilling team, headed by Liam Haggerty. It was red-white-and-blue fun for all! *(Enjoy these photos from Caroline Johnson)*



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Happy Birthday, USA!

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AUGUST 2026

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

WELCOME! PAIGE MIELKE!!

CTK will officially install and welcome Paige Sunday, August 9 at a **SINGLE SERVICE @ 10:00am** followed by a congregational **POTLUCK!** As the new school year begins, watch for announcements and events as she becomes familiar with our amazing CTK family and the city of Memphis.

RSVP at bit.ly/CTKPotluck TODAY!

A HUGE thank you to the adults who have stepped up to lead our youth over the last 24 months. They have done a wonderful job keeping the kids engaged in CTK life. Mrs. Chandra Smith, Mrs. Emily Smith, Mrs. Ashley Baskette, and Mr. Kevin Baskette have worked with High School Youth and Mr. Nathan LeBorious has led the Middle School students.



SS Rally Day Aug. 30

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 2 - 8:30 am & 11:00am Backpack Blessing & CTK Teacher Recommissioning

Aug. 9 - 10:00am Paige Mielke's Installation Single Worship Service — Potluck following (No children's Sunday School)

Aug. 23 - 9:45am Youth Confirmation Kickoff

Aug. 30 - 9:45am SS Rally Day PK4 - 6th grade (Fellowship Hall)

CHILDREN'S SS—Students are learning about King David's most loved Psalm 23. Verse by verse, they are seeing how this Psalm is applicable to each one of them. The series is set in Ireland and through games, crafts, scripture readings, videos and worksheets the kids are broadening their knowledge on multiple levels and seeing how they can rely on God our heavenly Father in both good & difficult times.

VBS 2026 SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE WAS A HIT!!!

Thank you to all of our volunteers for spending time with the children of CTK and their friends. Christ the King is blest to have many adults and teens who bear witness of their faith and love for Jesus by example to our children!! The kids explored new challenges daily and learned how they can always turn to Jesus to give them strength and hope, why they should share the gifts God has given them, and how important it is to carry the love and light of Jesus Christ on their journey in life beyond VBS!!

SERVING VBS 2026 - ADULTS: Gretchen Eisenhart, Vicar Steven Andrews, Megan Ostmann, Gracie Tidyman, Jennifer Green, Christy Murphy, Jackie Butler, Felicia Calhoun, Nathan LeBorious, Barb Pine, Ellen Frye, Laura Greinke, Kim Britt, Kristi Kosman, Ellen Denning, Chandra Smith, Ashley Baskette, Linda Ritter, Adam Britt, Walt Kosman and David Joffre.

TEENS: Makenzie Sexton, Elayna Smith, Oliver Lawrence, Alex Davis, John Britt, Laurel Britt, Cooper Smith, Hannah Baskette, Jules Ostmann, Davis Byrum, Cannon Fowler, and Luca Williams.

Welcome, New Members



**Top Row: Lana Browne; Caleigh Maness and Tyler Gilmore; Steve Kolesky
Middle Row: Mark Lemley; Emily Mathis; Paige Mielke
Bottom Row: Ben & Hilary Sauls, Preston and Shepard; Tanya Williams; Sharon Wright**

LWML NEWS

At our May meeting, we installed new Officers. Congratulations to President Brooke Moore, Vice President Cindy Jurgensen, Secretary Pam Barnes, and Treasurer Ellen Frye. Thank you, ladies, for accepting your positions to help encourage and equip women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.



The BOOK SALE was a BIG HIT! We are glad you enjoyed shopping at LWML's first Book Sale! The extra books were donated to Collierville, Germantown, and Memphis Libraries. Proceeds will go toward constructing Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Fabric Kits. Thank you!

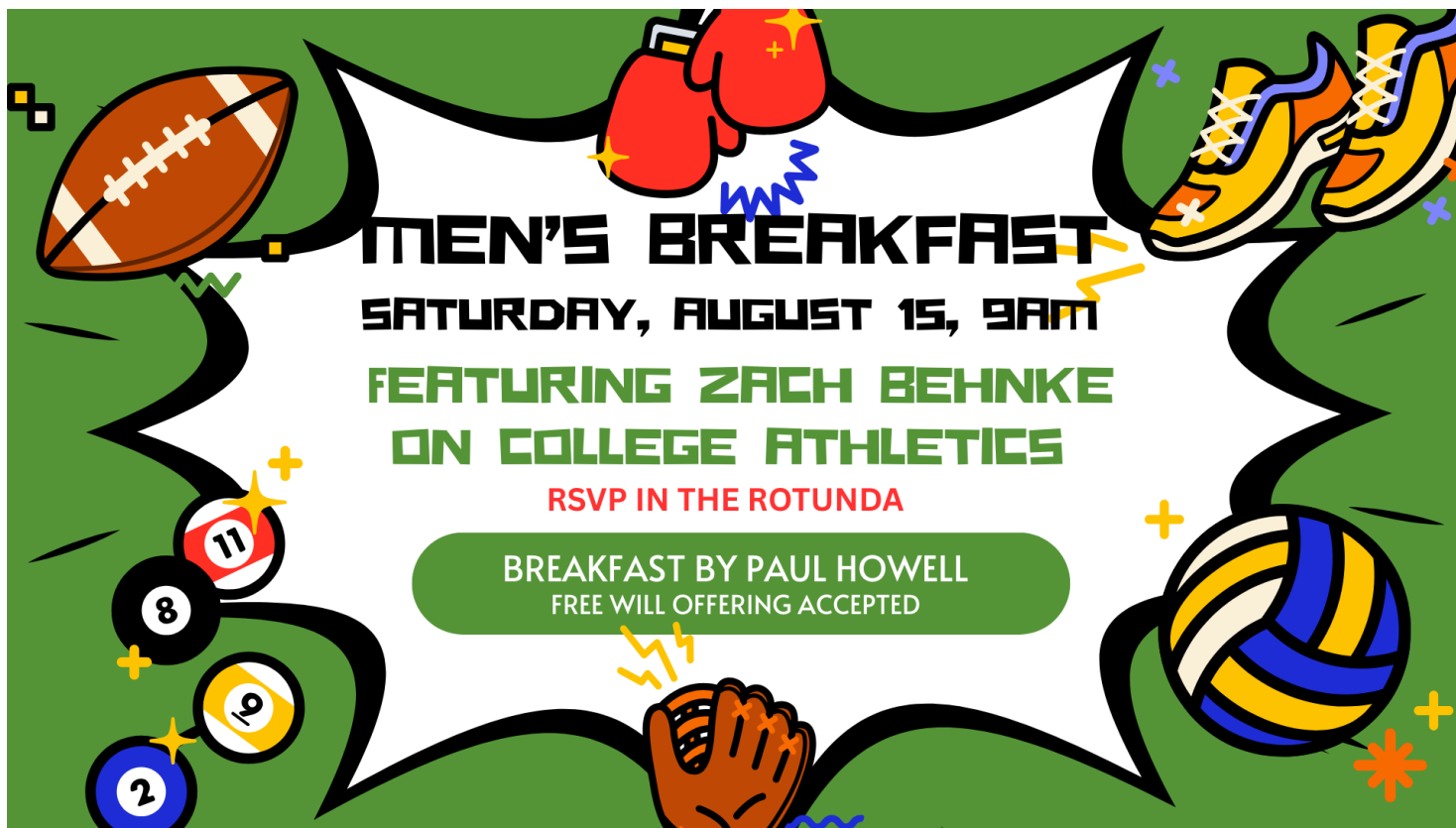


The first SUNDAY of every month is Mite Box Sunday! Please drop your Mighty Mites in the box located in the church narthex! The LWML Mid-South District Mission Goal was set at \$150,000, and in the first month, we have raised \$10,614!

The 20th Biennial Convention of LWML Mid-South District in Springdale, Arkansas, was well-attended this year. Our Delegates Wendy Arth and Pat Paavola presented a report on how much our LWML District is accomplishing. Please visit the midsouthlwml.org website to read about the missions, fellowship, and resources that are happening, thanks to our faithful membership.

Ladies, come join us! Our next LWML Meeting is Thursday, August 20, at 5:00PM. If you don't get off work until 5:00, you are still welcome to step in at any time! All women of the church are invited! Bring a friend!

Fall LWML Retreats
are in the works for the West, Middle, and East Districts.
Stay tuned for more information.



ACOLYTE TRAINING—SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 10am!

All 7th graders – and any 8th graders wanting a refresher course – this is for YOU! We'll meet in the sanctuary at 10AM for a thorough training in serving at the altar. Acolyting is a required part of the Confirmation process as the students learn to serve in worship as a witness to others. Each student will have the opportunity to rehearse with the flame and try on robes. See you August 29!

CHUNKY KNIT GROUP—Cozy, Create, Connect

Join us for a relaxing time of creativity and fellowship as we make beautiful hand-knit

CHUNKY BLANKETS

- ♦ You'll learn hand-knitting techniques
- ♦ Create blankets that will be donated to nursing homes where Job Comfort Dog visits
- ♦ Meet new friends and enjoy light refreshments
- ♦ Perfect for beginners and experienced crafters alike



DATE: Saturday, October 24, 10AM—1PM at Christ the King

Training session offered on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5PM—7PM at no cost.

Contact Brooke Moore for more information. 901-238-4906

CONFIRMATION KICKOFF IS COMING UP! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



All students entering 7th and 8th grades and their parents will be marking their calendars for a **VERY IMPORTANT MEETING** on **Sunday, August 23**, as we begin an exciting new year of Confirmation Class with Pastor Mark and Pastor Matt! We'll gather in the Art Room (in the School Admin Building) at **9:45AM**. We'll present Catechisms to our 7th graders and take a look at the new workbooks and the **VERY IMPORTANT CALENDAR**. We're looking forward to a great year ahead! Contact Genie Swan with any questions.



We give thanks to God for the success of our recent mission trip to Tanzania! Your heartfelt prayers and donations resulted in baptisms of over 1,240 persons by your CTK team (Mark Novy, Cindy & Mike Jurgensen, and Sharon Hyde), along with 10 other LCMS members. The mission team was headquartered in the Kishapoo East District in the Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese. Our brothers and sisters from the Diocese

accompanied us on daily evangelism trips into neighboring villages of Mihama, Mwamadulu, and Nhyawa. One church roof was constructed while we were there with Christ the King's help. And two other congregations were established with building expectations in the near future.

It goes without saying that the needs of our brothers and sisters in Tanzania are great. But CTK has stepped up to help every time a team visits. And based on the warm welcome we received on arrival and tearful goodbyes that take place when we depart, our Lutheran brothers and sisters are thankful for our presence every time we visit!

On Sunday, August 16, the Tanzania Mission Team will assemble a presentation, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45am) to visually show you what is so hard to put into words!

We hope you will attend — we have many things to tell you about!

Your 2026 Tanzania Mission Team



Christ the King

BACK TO SCHOOL BIRTHDAY BASH

CTK
school is
turning
65!

AUG
28,
2026

5:30-7:00 PM
WATER FUN AND GAMES

Bring own picnic dinner--we provide
Mempops, water fun, and games.

Let's
Celebrate!

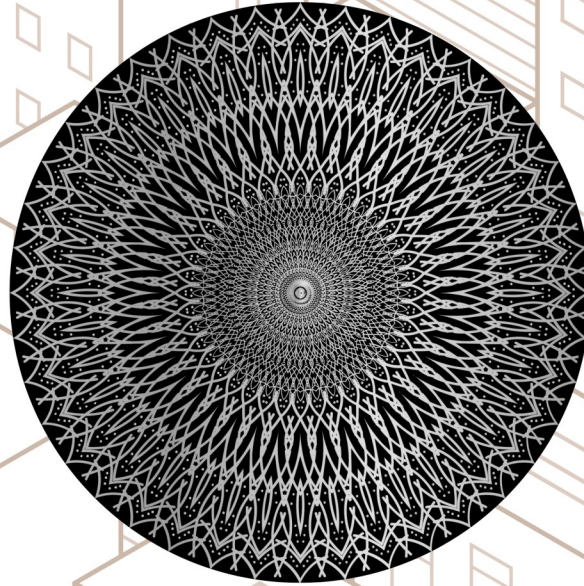


STEP UP WALK

VIP

LETTER WRITING EVENT

FOR
INDIVIDUALS
WITH DOWN
SYNDROME
16 & UP



MEAL SERVED
AT 5:45PM
SPONSORED BY
CHRIST THE
KING'S FAITH IN
ACTION TEAM

Join us in writing letters and sending
STEP UP invitations to our businesses,
Mayors, Senators and other officials.



Please sign up!
bit.ly/LetterWriting26

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2026

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
5296 Park Avenue
5:30pm - 7:00pm

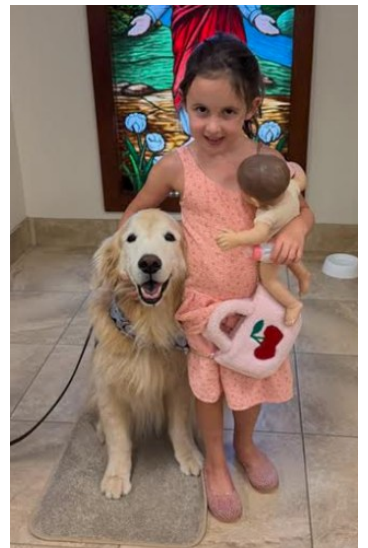
Job's Journal

What a Happy Birthday our Job Comfort Dog had, thanks to the generosity, prayers, and good wishes of Christ the King congregation!

When given the opportunity to donate to Job's specific needs, such as grooming, vitamins, specialized dog food, vet care, and other essentials, CTK stepped up, took paws off the donation tree representing various amounts, and kindly donated approximately \$5,000 to his fund. Added to that, CTK's Faith in Action Committee donated an additional \$2,000 from funds raised through their annual Chili Bowl and Auction! Job and his team is very grateful for the love shown to him and his ministry. Thank you!

We received a call in July asking if Job and his handlers could deliver a Heart of Mercy and Compassion to Marked Tree, Arkansas in the wake of the death of a police officer. Handlers Debbi Foshee and Dave Swan made the trip with Job to Marked Tree and presented the Mayor with the heart which will be inscribed by area first responders and presented to the officer's family. The Hearts of Mercy for first responders carry a fitting Bible verse of comfort: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9

Job and his handlers continue their regular visits, using caution during the extreme heat.



Top, l to r: Job's Donation Tree, Job and handlers with the Mayor of Marked Tree, Arkansas; Job with his friend Charlie
Bottom, l to r: Faith in Action presents their donation to Job and his Top Dog; Job meets Josie, Pastor Matt's new puppy



12TH ANNUAL CHILI BOWL AUCTION

CELEBRATING AUTUMN
BY GIVING BACK

A Fall Chili Contest and
Silent Auction for Charity

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
12 - 4 PM

Benefiting Local, National and International Missions of
Faith in Action Ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church

Trinity Hope Feeding Program / Adopted Haitian School

**One More Child Crisis Center for Trafficking
Down Syndrome Association Memphis**

CTK Comfort Dog Ministry

**Habitat for Humanity
NHC Somerville Rehab
Room In The Inn**



**Baptist Reynolds Hospice
Dorothy Day House
Fed Ex Family House**

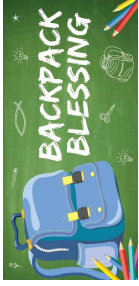
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Christ the King Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

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MEMPHIS, TN 38119

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9 Paige Mielke's Installation 9:00a Adult Study 10:00a Worship 11:15a Congregational Potluck	10	11 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Nehemiah's 7:00p Sm. Group Salzgeber	12 10:00a Wed. AM Bible Study 5:00p Basketball	13 5:30p FIA-DSAM 7:00p Woodworking Sm. Grp.	14 5:30p MS Youth	15 9:00a Men's Breakfast 10:30a Job Handlers Mtg.
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