



CHRIST THE KING

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*As God's forgiven family, we grow in faith through Word and  
Sacrament to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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# WORSHIP

*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..." James 4:8*

## Board of Worship

This board consists of those in leadership positions who work together to present an orderly, theologically sound, Christ-centered worship service which allows members and visitors to hear the good news of the Gospel in a God-pleasing setting. This includes the pastors, organist, music coordinator, choir director, usher captain, Altar Guild chair, acolyte and crucifer coordinator, sound crew leader, and nursery coordinator.

- Contact: Genie Swan, 901-827-9223, gswan@ctkmemphis.com

## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a group of women who prepare the sanctuary for worship. Most of the work is done on Saturday, preparing for Communion, or on Sunday, cleaning up after the 8:30AM service and replenishing for the 11:00AM service. For Baptisms, the necessary items are put in place. The altar paraments are changed to correlate with the liturgical season. We see that the pastor, acolyte, crucifer, and elder robes are clean and pressed and that there are flowers for the services. We also have the privilege of decorating the sanctuary in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. New members are always welcome and teamed up with a veteran member. Our meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month, September through May.

- Contact: Karen Whitlock, karenwhitlock967@gmail.com

## Acolytes & Crucifers

7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to serve the Lord and His Church by participating in the processional, lighting the altar candles, and carrying the Cross of Christ.

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## Ushers

Men and high school youth in our congregation meet, greet, and direct worshipers on Saturday afternoons, Sunday mornings and for special services.

- Contact: Mike Watson, watsonm60@gmail.com

## Sunday Greeters

Sunday greeters are individual members who create a welcoming atmosphere when they meet visitors and members as they enter the church narthex for worship services. The Chairman recruits church members to serve, and makes the schedule and team assignments. The Greeters serve as scheduled or find replacements when they are unable to greet on their scheduled Sunday.

- Contact: Peggy Askew, peggyaskew19@gmail.com  
Karen Whitlock, karenwhitlock967@gmail.com

## Nursery

The Nursery Volunteers are adults and teens who lovingly care for and supervise CTK's youngest members and friends in the nursery before, during, and between worship services on Sunday mornings and for special services.

- Contact: Linda Ritter, linda@theritterfamily.net

### **Sound**

Members are trained as sound technicians and serve on regularly schedule and special services.

Contact: Walt Kosman, wkosman@ctkmemphis.com

### **Office Assistance**

From bulletin stuffing to answering the phone to helping with mailings, the office staff welcomes volunteers to assist.

Contact: Lisa Riordan or Christy Hill, 901-682-8404, churchoffice@ctkmemphis

## **SERVING THROUGH MUSIC FOR WORSHIP**

*"But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love  
in the morning." Psalms 59:16*

### **Adult Choir**

The Adult Choir includes members who enjoy being with others to sing and inspire worshipers through music for 2-3 Sundays each month, and special services throughout the year.

[Short term opportunities available for special celebrations.]

- Rehearsals Wednesday 6:30pm in the Choir Loft
- Contact: Chris Cardona; ccardona@ctkmemphis.com

### **Instrumentalists and Vocalists**

Opportunities are available for solo or small group instrumental and vocal pieces in worship.

- Contact: Genie Swan, 901-827-9223, gswan@ctkmemphis.com

### **Handbell Choir**

The Handbell Choir is made up of members working together to form an independent handbell ensemble that performs during services and special events.

- Contact: churchoffice@ctkmemphis.com, 901-682-8404

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching... and for training in righteousness that the man of God may be competent equipped for every good work."  
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

## **Children's Sunday School – 4 years - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Children's Sunday School at Christ the King Lutheran Church is the branch that reaches children from PS4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet in age groups, with a group of teachers who are dedicated to bringing the Word of God alive for the children. The curriculum is designed to help establish a strong foundation through Bible stories and study. We use games, class discussion, and activities to help reinforce God's Word and His mission for us as His children. We meet each Sunday from 9:45 – 10:45am.

- Contact: Sharon Hyde, [hydesr@yahoo.com](mailto:hydesr@yahoo.com)  
Kitty Kosman, [kkosman@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:kkosman@ctkmemphis.com)

## **Youth Confirmation Class – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sunday morning class time with the Pastors prepares our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders to publicly profess their faith and become young adult members of CTK who identify with the life and mission of the Lutheran Christian community. Adults assist as Confirmation Coaches in a small-group setting on an occasional basis.

- Sunday Mornings: 9:45-10:45am
- Contact: Genie Swan, 901 827-9223, [gswan@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:gswan@ctkmemphis.com)

## **High School - 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

High School students gather to discuss life issues and how, as Christians, they are called to deal with them.

- Sunday Morning 9:45 – 10:45am

## **Youth Group – Jr. & Sr. High Youth**

Youth Ministry Vision: *Equipping our youth to stand up to the spiritual battles they will face throughout their lives.*

The Youth Ministry of Christ the King is separated into two areas. The first is Junior High, better known as M&M (Ministry and Middle School), and is for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. The second is Senior High, for all youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, better known as L.I.F.T. (Living in Faith Together). These two areas offer MANY opportunities for adult members to become part of the Youth Ministry team. A few examples are: helping to provide food and setting/cleaning up for a meeting; praying for specific youth; becoming an adult leader who facilitates small groups and invests significant time in the life of the youth. Visit one of our meetings and see how you can help us fulfill our vision.

- Contact: [youth@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:youth@ctkmemphis.com)

### **Children and Family Ministry**

The Children and Family Ministry team is made up of adults and older teens who help plan and implement activities for children and their families that involve devotions, fellowship, and fun. Fun events are planned for Reformation/Halloween, Advent, Christmas, and Easter. Other activities will be planned throughout the year. Leadership and volunteers are welcome!

- Contact: Kitty Kosman, kkosman@ctkmemphis.com

### **Christ the King Lutheran School and Pre-School**

Christ the King Lutheran School and Pre-School need volunteers for an hour or two a week, helping to serve lunch, assisting a teacher, helping in the office, etc. No contribution is too small.

- Contact: Ann Laury, 901-682-8405, ann.laury@ctkschool.com

### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is a one-week session during the summer for Bible Study, music, and crafts for children. Volunteers are always needed and welcome!

- Contact: churchoffice@ctkmemphis.com, 901-682-8404

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*  
Romans 12:2

We grow through Word and Sacrament to a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

### **Board of Christian Growth**

Members of the Board of Christian Growth work with the Pastors to help select biblical studies and develop curriculum that is true to the teaching of LCMS doctrine.

- Contact: Kitty Kosman, 901-682-8404, christiangrowth@ctkmemphis.com

### **Adult Bible Studies**

Sunday Morning – 10:00 -10:45am

- Various offerings throughout the year.
- See separate listings in the weekly bulletin.
- Contact: Kitty Kosman, 901-682-8404, christiangrowth@ctkmemphis.com

### **Adult Instruction/Prospective Member Class**

Adult Instruction/Prospective Member Class is Pastor-led instruction for adults who desire to learn more about what it means to be Lutheran and for those who are interested in joining the body of CTK believers in membership.

- Class is offered on Sunday mornings in the spring & fall for 6-week sessions
- Contact: Rev. Mark Goble, 901-682-8404, pastormark@ctkmemphis.com

### **Home/Small Group Studies**

These studies meet in various homes, at various days & times, and study topics of choice. New hosts and leaders are always welcome.

- See separate listings in the weekly bulletin.
- Contact: Church Office, 901-682-8404, churchoffice@ctkmemphis.com

### **Men's Ministry**

Men's Ministry serves all adult men of CTK and their guests from the community, offering a weekly Bible Study at 7:00am on Tuesdays, as well as opportunities to serve community needs, including regularly scheduled dinners at Calvary Rescue Mission.

- Contact: Gary Osing, 901-326-6737, garyosing@gmail.com

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join this Pastor-led class that explores, studies, and discusses God's holy Word.

- Wednesday, 10:00am – Pastor Chuck
- Contact: 901-682-8404, churchoffice@ctkmemphis.com

### **Women's Bible Studies**

In-depth Bible studies give women the opportunity to grow in faith and in their relationship with Christ through a better understanding of God's Word. Studies involve out-of-class reading and "homework," and are offered on a semester basis in the fall and spring.

- Contact: Kitty Kosman, 901-682-8404, christiangrowth@ctkmemphis.com

### **Church Library**

Volunteers are needed to help with the processing and circulation of books in the Church Library on a rotating basis. We also welcome member review of books in our library for our CTK monthly newsletter. The library is located in the Conference Room.

- Contact: Church Office, churchoffice@ctkmemphis.com

# **SERVING THE CHURCH, THE COMMUNITY, & THE WORLD**

*"...through love serve one another." Galatians 5:13*

## **Evangelism Committee**

This committee guides the congregation in seeking the lost by inviting the community to join us in knowing our Savior and serving each other and our community as members of the Body of Christ.

- Contact: Johnny Behnke, outreach@ctkmemphis.com

## **Multi Media Ministry**

**Radio:** Preparing portions of weekly services for broadcast on the radio.

**Live Video Streaming:** Production for the weekly broadcast of our Sunday services for those who are homebound, traveling, or visitors looking for a theologically sound worship service.

**Website:** Maintaining content so that visitors and members are kept informed.

- Contact: Johnny Behnke outreach@ctkmemphis.com

## **Visitation Committee** *Blessed be the one who took notice of you. Ruth 2:19*

We acknowledge all first-time visitors in the Memphis area worshipping at Christ the King. Our committee members make phone calls or personal contact with each visitor to answer questions and invite them to return to add their songs of praise to ours and share our joy in the Lord.

- Contact: Georgia Clark, 901-347-3741, georgiaklein@yahoo.com

## **Prayer Ministry**

The Prayer Ministry includes members who lift up prayers of need and concern as well as those of thanksgiving and praise. Prayers are sent out by e-mail.

- Contact: Jackie Butler; kittyjs1@comcast.net

## **Connect Class**

This class is offered twice a year to connect new and prospective members with their Christ the King family, including information on worship, service, and fellowship opportunities.

- Contact: Genie Swan, 901-827-9223, gswan@ctkmemphis.com

## **Nehemiahs**

Join these volunteers who serve Christ the King by working on various projects including yardwork, gardening, setting up for special events, minor construction, plumbing, electrical, painting, trimming, maintenance, repair, and simply helping out around the campus. This group also works on projects at members' homes where additional needs exist. Collectively we are jacks of all trades, masters of none, and continually learn from each other. No special skills required. We meet Tuesday mornings for work, food, and devotions, and sometimes get our hands and clothes a little dirty, but with a great group of people who enjoy fun, fellowship, camaraderie, and a feeling of fulfillment to CTK and each other.

- Contact: Jim Devan; j\_devan@bellsouth.net

### **Care Team**

The CTK Care Team is dedicated to keeping in touch with members and friends who are confined to their home or care facility and can no longer attend church services and activities regularly. Whether by regular phone calls, uplifting cards, personal visits, helping hands, or emails, those who serve reach out with the love of Jesus to ensure our care receivers know they are valued by our church family.

- Contact: Janet Rudd; ruddmann@bellsouth.net

### **Sharing Meals Ministry**

Over the years many caring people have provided meals to individuals and families of CTK in time of need through the Sharing Meals Ministry. During an illness or a new baby in the family, or the difficult time following the loss of a loved one, being able to provide meals is a tangible way we can show the love of Jesus to our extended church family. This vital ministry consists of twelve "Meal Provider Teams." Each month one team is on-call to serve when needed. A Bereavement Team also provides meals after a funeral service.

- Contact: Georgia Clark, 901-347-3741 or Teresa Pate, 901-305-6255

### **Quilts of Valor**

If you love to quilt, or are interested in learning, join the Quilts of Valor group as they prepare quilts for presentation to veterans touched by war.

- Contact: Sharron Bearly, sharronbearly@yahoo.com

### **Comfort Dog Ministry**

The Comfort Dog Ministry consists of a team of handlers and helpers and our Golden Retriever acquired from the Comfort Dog team at Lutheran Church Charities. Job Comfort Dog is an AKC-registered dog that has received months of training in preparation for sharing compassion and comfort with those who are in need and hurting. The dog serves as a bridge for us to share Jesus' mercy and love to those in our community and beyond. We visit nursing homes, schools, shut-ins, libraries, veterans' events...wherever we are invited. Servant opportunities include Handlers and Ministry helpers, who can assist in visits, photography, social media, bulletin boards, booth displays, and planning and hosting Job-related events.

- Contact: Genie Swan, 901-827-9223, gswan@ctkmemphis.com

### **Woodworking**

Novice to expert, if you are interested in woodworking — learning it, teaching it, creating through it — join the Woodworking Group at the Nehemiahs' workshop on CTK's campus Meets every Thursday at 7:00pm.

- Contact: Jim Devan, j\_devan@bellsouth.net



### **Stepping Stones**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

Christ the King's Stepping Stones is dedicated to empowering widows and those women who live alone by providing tools that will encourage them to move forward in their lives, one step at a time, as they walk toward a new reality. The Stepping Stones show Christian love and care by sharing, listening, nurturing, and extending friendship. They also provide educational, spiritual, cultural, and social opportunities for Christian fellowship and help the newly-widowed adjust to a new life. The Stepping Stones planning committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:00pm to plan three activities for the upcoming month. A newsletter is sent notifying widows of these activities and encouraging them to attend Christ the King's other activities.

- Contact: Jackie Brotchner, 901-755-3355, jhbrotchner@netscape.net

### **Faith in Action**

Faith in Action is a committee that involves the church in serving those in need. Come use your time, talents, and treasures with other members to share Christ's love with our congregation, community, and the world through volunteering, fundraising, and fellowship. FedExFamilyHouse, the Haitian Mandou School, and Habitat for Humanity are just a few of the entities we serve. The committee meets monthly.

- Contact: Caroline Johnson, soprano1716@comcast.net

### **FedExFamilyHouse**

FedExFamilyHouse (FEFH) is the only residential home serving families of children being treated at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, the Mid-South's only full-service pediatric hospital. We have housed families from nearly every state and from numerous countries around the world due to Le Bonheur's many programs of excellence. FEFH has 75 beautifully appointed suites and four fully equipped kitchens for both volunteer and family use. FEFH is full almost every night of the year and is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year. CTK members provide families a nourishing meal on a quarterly basis. Our mission is to nourish both body and soul through Christian fellowship and good food.

- Contact: Georgia Clark, georgiaklein@yahoo.com, 901-347-3741

### **LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and in support of global missions. We believe that women value the friendship, support, and encouragement from other women and we strive to offer warm, welcoming opportunities for women to grow in faith and relationships as sisters in Christ. Join us as we get together on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00pm.

- Contact: Pam Barnes, pbarnes52@gmail.com

## **GriefShare**

GriefShare is a grief recovery program for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Conducted at Christ the King twice a year, this 13-14 week program meets weekly for about two hours and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. It uses God's Word as its foundation with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is the only lasting source of comfort. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A GriefShare workbook assists in note-taking, journaling, and grief study. The videos feature top experts on grief recovery, dramatic reenactments about living with grief, and real-life stories of people who have experienced grief. During the small group discussion time, attendees have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss, learned from their experiences, and are ready to share. This is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside one another through one of life's most difficult experiences. No one should have to grieve alone.

- Contact: Jackie Brotchner 901-755-3355, jhbrotchner@netscape.net

## **Room in the Inn**

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40*

When the weather gets cold, the community comes together. From the first of November to the end of March, Christ the King becomes an overnight shelter of safety and rest to serve our unsheltered friends. Room In The Inn (RITI) is a local non-profit that coordinates with congregations across Memphis to provide shelter, food, a warm bed, and loving compassion to those who need it the most. RITI evaluates each guest and has strict guidelines in place for participation in the program. There are many opportunities to volunteer whether you would like to cook a meal, set up cots and prepare the rooms, interact with our guests, wash the sheets and towels, and much more. We hope you will join our team!

- Contact: Clarice Hunt, 901-237-8216, huntcet@netscape.net  
Christy Hill, 901-409-4383, chill@ctkmemphis.com

## **Missions: Tanzania**

You have heard the stories about the baptism of hundreds in Tanzania and how the Lord is working in the lives of the people. We would like to present you with the opportunity to witness His work, first hand! Our outreach-centered bi-annual mission trip focuses on outreach to the Sukuma tribe located in a group of villages in the South East of Lake Victoria District (SELVD). Sukuma, Tanzania's largest tribe, is comprised of 8 million people. Only 20% of them are either Christian or Muslim; the others believe in superstitions, magic, ancestor worship, and traditional religions. Most are farmers, merchants, builders, and traditional doctors living in the countryside. This is where the SELVD and East of Lake Victoria (ELVD) dioceses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) work, currently in collaboration with the Mid-South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, sharing the Gospel with 8 million Sukuma.

- Contact: Cindy Jurgensen, 901-853-5185, c3jurgen@gmail.com

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*“...if there is any fellowship of the Spirit...make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.” Philippians 2:12*

### **Board of Fellowship**

The Board of Fellowship exists to create, expand, and publicize inter-generational events that bring together church and school families. This includes potlucks, Cop Stops, movie nights, pre-service dinners during Advent and Lent, receptions for special occasions, CTK Night at the Theatre, Pastor Appreciation, church and pastoral anniversaries, and other celebrations in the life of the church. We welcome those interested in planning and publicizing Fellowship activities and assisting with hosting duties.

- Contact: Genie Swan, 901-827-9223, [gswan@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:gswan@ctkmemphis.com)

### **Cool Kids**

Gather with others enjoying life in their 30's and 40's in fun, fellowship, and service. For singles and marrieds, this group gives people the chance to share their passion for food, family, serving others, politics, sports, and everything else. Cool shades optional

Contact: Luke and Kelly Swan

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