NOVEMBER 2026

THE KING'S MESSENGER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMPHIS, TN

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." Psalm 77:11-12

Greetings, Christ the King Family! I want to take a moment on behalf of Pastor Mark, Pastor Chuck, and myself to thank all of you for the wonderful gifts we received for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Each year I am blown away by how generous all of you are to us but also to the church. It's truly an amazing thing to see and we as Pastors are so blessed to serve all of you.

On the theme of giving thanks, Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. It's crazy to think that 2026 is already almost over but here we are. Time seems to go by faster each year, and it is not going to slow down any time soon. As a kid, a week seemed to go on forever but as an adult, years go by in no time. The Bible expresses this truth: Proverbs speaks to using what little time we have well; Ecclesiastes talks about a time for everything under the sun; Saint James describes life as "a mist that appears for a little time then vanishes" (James 4:14), and our Lord Himself tells us not to worry about the future for the time today has its own troubles. Time is something God clearly has a lot to say about. But while scripture tells us to be vigilant in the now and to not focus on the future, there is an aspect of time God wants us to celebrate. The past. This may sound strange at first because if you're like me there's plenty of things I'd like to forget from the past. Mistakes, failures, sins, etc. Yet God's Word tells us to remember the past and, in many ways, celebrate it.

Look at what the Psalmist says in Psalm 77. **"I will remember the deeds of the Lord."** Remember HIs deeds. His and not our own. In other words, it's not about us or our past. Remember how He created all things, remember how He led the people out of slavery in Egypt, remember the great miracles He worked through the prophets of old. The Old Testament is filled with stories and examples of all the things God did. Here's the thing: He didn't do them for Himself. He did them for those He loved. Of course, for you and me today the great work of our Lord, His mightiest deed, took place on the cross. The cross where He died and then rose again for the forgiveness of our sins. The forgiveness of our past. That deed is certainly worth remembering. The miracle of HIs resurrection is shared with us today. This is why we can look back and remember the Lord, remember our past, even the sins that are there because the Lord has worked His mighty deeds. Your sins are forgiven and what better way to give thanks than to remember that miracle given to you.

As Thanksgiving rapidly approaches, I encourage you all to remember together the many things God has blessed you and your families with no matter how big or small. Remember always that the Lord has blessed you in His Son Jesus for all time.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt





The Announcement slides which are shown on the narthex monitor each Sunday -- examples of which you see on this page -- give us a visual reminder of some of the many opportunities and events at CTK. Now those viewers watching on live-stream can get those same reminders by tuning in at 8:20am! You'll get a glimpse of what's coming up, QR codes for RSVPs, and photos of events. Enjoy!



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

The holidays are just around the corner, so save yourself some time by ordering from Corky's! Support our Middle School students as they raise money for their Spring Class Trip to Nashville. Choices available are ham, turkey, and cakes! Order online at bit.ly/4yytqIM or stop by the student-staffed display in the rotunda on Sunday mornings to place your order. Orders are due by Noon on Friday, Nov. 13, and will be delivered to the school on Nov. 20. Thank you for your continued support of our students.

From the Director of Youth and Family Ministries--

October has been a wonderful month! A few high schoolers volunteered at SIPFest to pass out some burgers and the middle schoolers took a road trip with Miss Paige to Camp Trinity in Petit Jean! This was a great time spent outside, meeting other youth groups, playing games, and participating in a service project! Thank you to all who continue to support the group through your time, donations, and prayers! The month of November is going to be very busy for both Middle School and High School!

Mark your calendars for these future dates:
Middle School: Nov. 6, 5-9PM; Nov. 13, 5-9PM (Thanksgiving Party)
High School: Nov. 8, 5-7PM, and Nov. 15, 5-7PM (Thanksgiving Party)

If you need anything, please reach out - pmielke@ctkmemphis.com
Paige Mielke





Overwhelmed with leaves and yard work? We can help!
CTK's Youth is ready and willing to help with leaf-raking and yard cleanup
in exchange for a donation to support our Youth Group!
Contact Miss Paige at pmielke@ctkmemphis.com to sign up. First come, first served!

WORSHIP NOTES



On Sunday, Nov. 15, we will honor our veterans and active military during our worship services. *See the following page for more details.*

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. 26, at 10am, for a Service of Holy Communion, Praise, and Thanksgiving. Bring the family! And don't forget to join us at 9:15am for Cider and Scones in the narthex. Grab a bite to eat and visit with friends before joining in worship with your CTK family.



If November is here, then the **Season of Advent** can't be far behind. The First Sunday in Advent is **November 29**, 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. 2, 9, and 16, at 6:30pm. These will be preceded by an Advent Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM. Our hosts will be CTK's Faculty (Dec. 2), and CTK's High School Youth (Dec. 9). ***If your group is interested in hosting the Advent Dinner on December 16, please contact Lisa Salzgeber at lisamariesalz@gmail.com.***







In addition to the School's observance of Veterans Day, **we will recognize our veterans in worship on Sunday, November 15, at both services**. We invite the congregation to stop by the rotunda and view the awesome uniforms we will have on display, along with biographical information on those who wore them. Our choir will sing a special choral salute and all of our veterans will be wearing red, white, and blue ribbons so you can easily identify them and extend your thanks for their service.

We will also have tables available to display other important memorabilia. If you have items you would be willing to share (scrapbooks, medals, etc.), please contact Genie Swan at gswan@ctkmemphis.com. Memorabilia should be brought in no later than Sunday, Nov. 8, clearly labeled, and will be returned after late service on the 15th. Thank you for your participation and service.

RITI@CTK NEWS!

Room in the Inn at CTK is preparing for the Winter Season which begins on Tuesday, Nov. 3. We hope that you will prayerfully consider volunteering. There are many ways that you can help, some of which you do not need to be present to accomplish. You can sign up at bit.ly/RITI-Nov3 or by using the QR Code provided.

Another way you can assist is by gathering items that we need for our guests and placing them in the basket in the rotunda. Items needed include: Women's underwear sizes small & large; T-shirts in all sizes; Men's underwear sizes small, medium, large, X, and XXlarge; Children's pajamas in all sizes, Scrubs in all sizes, and Toothbrushes! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community! If you have any questions, contact Patti at 901-270-3775 or Clarice at 901-237-8216.

Job's Journal

What a wonderful celebration we enjoyed for Job Comfort Dog's 10th anniversary at Christ the King! It's hard to believe it's been ten years since that 16-month-old pup joined the mission and ministry at CTK! Thank you to all who helped make the day a beautiful and meaningful recognition of Job's impact on CTK and the community. Special thanks to Dianna Garner, Katie Eldridge, Cheryl Lockhart, and Kelly Swan for their decorating skills!

As part of LCC fact-gathering, the Top Dogs were asked to tally the number of visits their Comfort Dogs made over the last year. It was estimated that in the year 10/1/25 to 10/1/26, CTK's Job Comfort Dog made approximately **360** scheduled visits, an average of 30 visits per month, not including spur-of-the-moment requests! He is one busy golden retriever!

Our handlers and ministry partners make these visits possible. Many thanks go to his team, made up of the following:

Top Dog/Handler- Genie Swan

Caregivers/Handlers - Henry & Laura Greinke

Handlers - Peggy Askew, Gretchen Eisenhart, Debbi Foshee, Dianna Garner, Cheryl Lockhart, Dave Swan

Ministry Partners - Jackie Brotchner, Carol Guenter, Peggy Krohn, Joni Wolfe

Social Media - Laura Brugge Smith

And of course none of this would be possible without the continued support of Christ the King congregation and our many friends through your generous donations and heartfelt prayers. Thank you for being a part of this caring, compassionate ministry.

Scenes from Job's 10th Anniversary Celebration!









Clockwise, top left: Katie and Josie Eldridge; Pastor Matt and Job; Job with Ministry Partner Jackie Brotchner; Job surrounded by many of his loving team members.

YOUTH MIN @ CTK

NOVEMBER 2026

TRUNK OR TREAT 2026 was filled with fun and lots of imagination!! Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Belle, the Beast, Chip, Mrs. Potts and Cogsworth joined Indiana Jones, Harry Potter, Star Wars, Minions, Queen of Hearts & the Mad Hatter complete with silver tea set, Wicked, a beautiful Garden, a Pet Park, NASA with scientist, Snoopy, Cookie Monster, Trunk of reading Teddy Bears, God's Creation and a spooky trunk, by lining the east parking lot as costumed children (and parents) collected sweet treats along the route! **Thank you to Marti Summers & Kim Britt** for heading up another wonderful event. Hot dogs were grilled by a team led by Bo Summers & Adam Britt and lots of help was given by Miss Paige, Mr. Leborious, Mr. Leborious and a number of High School Youth.

Thank you!!



NOVEMBER DATES TO KNOW

Nov. 6—5:00pm—MS Youth

Nov. 8—5:00pm—HS Youth Night

Nov. 13 -5:00pm– MS Thanksgiving Party

Nov. 15—5:00pm- HS Thanksgiving Party



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet weekly at 9:45am for the regular Old Testament lessons, but will also be working with Mr. Chris Cardona on an anthem for the service of Lessons & Carols as well as theSS Advent Worship Service

HIGH SCHOOL
Meet in the Youth Room each Sunday at 9:45am with Miss Paige for Bible study, discussion and fellowship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Confirmation Class every Sunday at 9:45 am.

CTK SCHOOL NEWS

The CTK student body and the faculty and staff had a great time celebrating 50 days of school in their 50's outfits!







As part of our AfterSchool enrichment program we offer tap and ballet under the instruction of Mrs. Coussan

Our Presechoolers got a visit for Fire Safety Week from our local Fire Department.



CTK's Faith in Action would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in or volunteered at our 12th Annual Chili Bowl Auction. With your help, we were able to raise almost $7,000!

OUR 2025 CHILI WINNERS:

BEEF - 1ST - Lisa Salzgeber, 2ND - Ashley Baskette, 3RD - Tyler Johnson

CHICKEN - 1ST - Lauren Denny, 2ND - Ashley Baskette, 3RD - Paula Walter

Chili Coordinator/Transfer & Set Up
Mandy Magness, Stacy Davis, Jake Behnke, Liam Haggerty, Parker Magness, Kevin Baskette

Registration/Volunteer CheckIn
Norm Rodriguez

Judges
Pastor Matt Lynch, Hannah Baskette, Ross Butler, Jeff Jungkans, Jake Behnke

Wine Pull
Sandra Hahs

Servers/ Auction Closers & Monitors/Set-up/Breakdown
Caroline Sheely, Pat Oxford. Pam Winter, Patti Higginbotham, Norm Rodriguez, Genie Swan, Mandy Magness, Nolan Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Dave Swan, Jim Devan & the Nehemiahs, Brooke Moore, Simin Wei, Gretchen Eisenhart

Centerpieces
Robyn Byrum, Davis Byrum

Finance/CheckOut
Christy Hill, Denise Chapin

Entertainment
Pastor Chuck Neugebauer, Mike Salzgeber, Paige Mielke





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Special thanks to Nolan Johnson for endlessly lifting and organizing over several months, The Nehemiahs for never failing us at setup, to volunteers who stepped up last-minute during the event, to all those who cooked chili and made desserts! Thank you to our dedicated Faith in Action Team members Patti Higginbotham, Stacy Davis, Mandy Magness, Barb Pine, Norm Rodriguez, and Brooke Moore, who spent many hours recruiting or making auction items, donated to, created baskets, organized bid sheets, and worked countless hours for this event, and to our honorary members, Liam Haggerty, Jake Behnke, Ryan Johnson, and Kevin Baskette who seem to step in every year to make various things run smoothly; to Robyn Byrum for annually designing all the centerpieces, to Christy Hill and Denise Chapin for being our faithful cashiers and to Pastor Chuck, Mike Salzgeber, and Paige Mielke for our amazing entertainment. Also a huge thank you to everyone who brought in bottles or cases of wine for the Wine Pull and bourbon for the Battle of the Bourbons, and to anyone else who helped and may have been inadvertently left out. We hope to see you all next year for another great event supporting our adopted school in Haiti and the many missions we love to serve in the Memphis area!

Caroline Johnson, 2026 Chili Auction Chair, Faith in Action - Follow our Facebook page!

SMALL GROUPS

*Make a **BIG** Difference!*
*Let's **GROW** together.*

Andrews' Small Group - November 10 & 23
Contact Info: Vicar Andrews, skandrews24@gmail.com

Salzgebers' Small Group - Nov. 10
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 - Watch for details
Contact Info: pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com

Kuttehs' Small Group - Will resume in January
Contact Info: Billy Kutteh, wkutteh4@comcast.net

Stepping Stones Book Club - Sunday, Nov. 15
Contact Info: Jean Schmidt, schmidtjis@aol.com

Chunky Knit Group - Third Saturday of the month
Contact Info: Brooke Moore, kimberlymoore66@yahoo.com

See your weekly bulletin for meeting times and locations

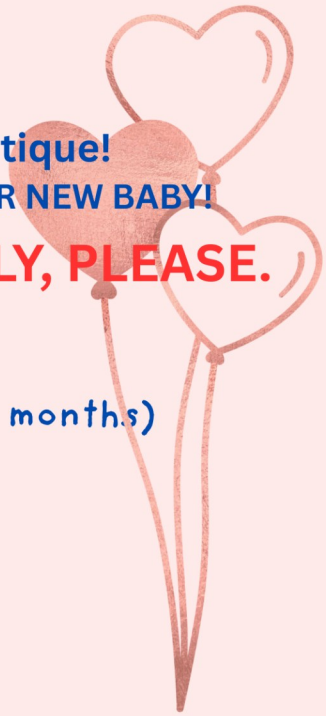
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BABY SHOWER

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Extended!

November 7th Deadline!



Your are invited to help stock the Baby Boutique!

WE WANT OUR MOMS TO HAVE THE VERY BEST FOR THEIR NEW BABY!

NEW OR GENTLY USED CONDITION ONLY, PLEASE.

Maternity Clothes
Preemie Size Clothing
New or Gently Used Clothing (newborn to 12 months)
Receiving Blankets
Bath Towels and Washcloths
Bibs and Burp Cloths
Bottles
Baby Monitors
First Aid Kits

THESE ITEMS ALL NEED TO BE NEW AND FULL SIZED

Diapers (Newborn to Size 2)
Pacifiers
Teething Rings
New Breast Pumps
Baby Wipes
Baby Wash
Shampoo
Lotion
Diaper Rash Cream

ALL ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OF IN THE FIA BASKET IN THE ROTUNDA

LIFE CHOICES MISSION:

To educate and empower women to choose and cherish LIFE.

IF YOU HAVE DONATIONS OF CRIBS, CAR SEATS OR STROLLERS FOR THE BABY PREP PROGRAM, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN ARRANGE FOR PICK UP OR DROP OFF.