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THE KING'S MESSENGER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEMPHIS, TN

"The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the Word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

Grace and peace be to you, brothers and sisters of Christ the King!

I hope you and your families had a great summer and stayed cool for the most part. It seemed to me that this summer was particularly hot but maybe I'm just still not used to it yet, ha! But as the weather changes and we move into the fall season, things will begin to look and feel differently. Soon the trees will begin to change colors, the air will feel crisp, and thankfully it will begin to cool off once again. What's so great about all of this is that we know it's coming. It's predictable. Even in the hottest moments of summer, we can always count on the change that fall brings. With this in mind, I want to share with you a devotional idea as things begin to change once again.

For almost all of human history the seasons of the year have inspired the thoughts and imaginations of artists, authors, and the like. Vivaldi, the famous Italian composer and violinist, wrote four concertos all based around the seasons of the year, each unique and written in such a way that we can immediately tell which season he is representing. Nicolas Poussin completed four major paintings for each season symbolizing the divine order of God's creation. There are countless examples even from scripture itself. In Genesis God creates the sun, moon, and stars for signs of the seasons. Then of course Isaiah says, **"the grass withers, the flower fades."** The changing of the seasons is predictable.

What a metaphor for our lives. Just as predictably the seasons change, so, too, do we change. We grow up, we move away, we change jobs, we retire, etc., etc. Taking just a moment to look back at our lives no matter how young or old we may be shows that we have changed. We know this and I think at times this can cause a lot of fear and doubt. We know things will be different, but we don't know what they will look like. Will we be the students we need to be? Will we be the parents we need to be? Will my loved ones be okay? Will God ever change His mind about me? Maybe you've had these thoughts; I know I certainly have. It seems we can't be certain about anything except that things will change and that's a scary thing. At the core of this fear is that we could change too much and get to the point that God no longer sees us as He once did. But there's the thing, my brothers and sisters in Christ: We may change and indeed we do, but God never has and He never will.

Look what Isaiah says in the second half of this verse, **"but the word of our God will stand forever."** It's as if to say, "even though everything changes not even the withering away of life can change the word of the Lord." As predictable as change is for us even more so is God predictable in His love for us. You don't have to take my word for it; He says so Himself—**"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."** (John 3:16) God loves you, your sins are forgiven, and nothing can change that. This is the word that stands forever.

I'll leave you with these words from Martin Luther, *"I'll trust in God's unchanging Word till soul and body sever, for though all things shall pass away, His Word endures forever."*

Pastor Matt

Are you connected?

In the aftermath of the storms on the weekend of August 22-23, power outages blanketed the city, including the neighborhood of Christ the King. There were many people wondering if the campus had lost power and if worship services would still be held on August 23.

If you were “connected,” you had the latest updates. That is, if you were signed up to receive Push Notifications through CTK’s App, you received up-to-the-minute information on worship services and Sunday School. If you checked in with CTK’s Facebook page, Instagram account, or website, you saw similar updates.

These reminders and notices are available to you! If you would like help finding CTK’s App on your smart phone and allowing for Push Notifications, please see Genie Swan. If you would like to check previous App notifications (because sometimes they appear and disappear pretty quickly) we can help with that, too.

Communication is key to awareness and preparedness. Be in the know! Having the facts puts you in a better position to help others who need to know as well.



FROM ROOM IN THE INN AT CTK

It's hard to put into a small space the blessings of hosting Room in the Inn here at CTK. Let me start with arrival: our guests are tired beyond what you and I can ever imagine. We always have greeters to welcome them and usher them to where they will be staying. You can see and feel their relief when they see a clean and safe place to stay. Imagine if you will, not knowing where you might have to sleep and then realizing that you will be sleeping in God's House with people that actually care, because God loves YOU!

Our next night to host will be Tuesday, Sept. 15, and we hope that you will be moved to come and share God's Love with our guests. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/RITI-Sept15>.

Thank you!

Your CTK RITI Team



YOUTHMIN@CTK

September 2026

A Note from Miss Paige

The month of August has been such a blast!! Getting to know the students, siblings, parents and the entire CTK family has been remarkable! I am working on some exciting things for the month of September as I learn about this amazing church and community. Watch for details and times coming soon! Questions?? Reach out to me at pmielke@ctkmemphis.com

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 11th — MS 6:00 –9:00 Party @ CTK
- Sept. 13th – HS 5:00 -7:00 Party @ CTK
- Sept. 20th – HS Game Night—TBD
- Sept. 26th—MS TBD



HIGH SCHOOLERS -

Join Miss Paige each Sunday morning at 9:45 am in the youth room for Bible Study, fellowship & discussion.

Youth Confirmation classes have begun and meet each Sunday morning in Room 203 of the Church Admin. Building promptly at 9:45am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday schoolers will culminate their summer series of Psalm 23, the country of Ireland, Saul, King David and trivia about sheep, herding dogs, music and poetry on September 6 with a final review “obstacle course”. This course will require the students to complete various obstacles as they walk through the verses of Psalm 23. They will use physical activities, decision making skills, creativity, artistry and there will be snacking! The students have worked on memorizing David’s beloved Psalm and enjoyed painting rocks under the leadership of Mrs. Felicia Calhoun. A HUGE thanks to our summer SS staff of Sharon Hyde, Kim Britt, Pat Oxford, Christy Murphy, Linda Smiley & Linda Ritter along with able assistants—Alyssa Bettin, Sawyer Bettin, Laurel Britt, John Britt, Cannon Fowler, Christopher Tieman and Wesley Summers in the snack department. Our fall curriculum finds us starting at In the beginning See you on Sunday mornings, 9:45am in the room next to the gym!! (PK4—6th grade)



After enjoying a summer break, Christ the King's Adult Choir members will gather together to begin their new season of making beautiful music, under the direction of Mr. Chris Cardona.

Join us in the choir loft at 6:30PM every Wednesday evening, **beginning September 2**. If you have any questions, please contact Chris at cmckeys@gmail.com. We would love to see you there!

Christ the King's Altar Guild

invites the women of CTK to its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 11:45AM, in the Church Parlor.

If you have an interest in serving behind the scenes in creating a reverent and holy place of worship, this is the group for you!

Saturday and Sunday slots are available so you can serve according to your schedule.

Join us as we look to the meaningful services of Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, each with its own special emphasis of liturgical design.

For more information, contact Karen Whitlock, karenwhitlock967@gmail.com.

Christ the King will be observing LWML Sunday on October 4. The ladies of the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will be serving in various ways throughout the morning, and will be offering information about their upcoming mission projects.

Ladies, please consider becoming a part of LWML, the official women's auxiliary of the LCMS, whose objectives are to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Meetings are the third Thursday of every month at 5:00PM, Room 201.



Deadline to register: Sept. 13



Trauma is complex.
Helping doesn't have to be.



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Register Now!



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SEPTEMBER 18-19,
2026

It's official.

We have launched something we have been planning for quite some time:

OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE. OUR LEGACY.

A capital campaign may be about buildings, spaces, and financial goals, but at the heart of this campaign are people.

Our students. Their faith. Their dreams. Their future.

When we invest in the places where our students learn, grow, gather, and build relationships, we are investing in who they will become and in the generations that will follow them.

Below are a few heartfelt responses from our students when asked

"What do you love about CTK?"

Let's keep them dreaming and growing and learning in a safe, Christ-centered campus.

I love my teachers. They are so nice and they love us so much.
-Alayna, Grade 4

I like my class, Jesus, the church, and Mrs. Laury. She is the best principal I've ever met. When I see her smiling, I get happy.
-James, Grade 4

I like CTK because it helps the homeless and is a Christian school with nice people.
-Layla, Grade 6

I love CTK because of my friends, the food, the teachers, and most of all the School Spirit!
-Rowan, Grade 6

Give Today!



I love CTK because it is a Christian School!
-Madalyn, Grade 6

Job's Journal

Job Comfort Dog is always happy when school is back in session! He loves seeing the children as they go to chapel or as they pass by on their way to the lunchroom. But his favorite time is the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** when everyone is

so excited to be back with their friends and teachers. Job and his handler Laura Greinke enjoyed their time greeting as the K-8th graders started their day and also at Opening Day Chapel.



Fellowship Hall Sound & Video Training

A Fellowship Hall Sound and Video Training session will be held on **Saturday, October 10, 10:00-11:00am** in **CTK's Fellowship Hall**.

If you have previously been trained, please make every effort to attend, as several changes have been made to the system. If you have not been trained but are interested in helping with sound and video, we invite you to come, learn how the system works, and discover how you can assist.

For questions in advance or to request a make-up training session, please contact **Lisa Salzgeber** at **513-919-7441** or **Mike Salzgeber** at **901-496-8813**.

We hope to see you there in support of this important ministry!

SIPFEST 2026

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

11:00AM - 2:00PM

**Join the Sea Isle Park
Neighborhood**

**for games, crafts, vendors,
and hamburgers and hots dogs
by the grillmasters
of Christ the King**

Volunteer to help at the CTK Booth

**Contact Vicar Andrews at
skandrews24@gmail.com**

Chunky Knit Group

Cozy. Create. Connect.

No Experience Needed!

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

What to Expect:



Learn hand-knitting techniques



Create cozy blankets that will
be given to nursing homes
that Job, the comfort dog, visits



Meet new friends



Light refreshments



Fun for beginners and
experienced crafters alike



Date:

Saturday October 24th
is our first meet.
We will meet every 3rd
Saturday of each month.



Time:

10:00am – 1:00pm



Location:

Christ The King Church



There will be a one time learning session that is being offered
before our first session.

**This learning session is on Tuesday evening October 20th
5pm – 7pm at no cost. Learning session to be held in the Art room.**



Materials to bring to learning session and to our first meet.

Your choice of chunky yarn. Should bring 6 skeins.
Any color you like. You can purchase this at any craft
store or online. My personal favorite to shop online
for this type of yarn is **Amazon**.

Brooke Moore



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All are
Welcome!



Kind hands
warm hearts

