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KING'S HERALD

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God, right now, I choose you.

I don't know where my mind will wander tomorrow. Where my flesh will try to take me.

I know I am tugged in a dozen different directions. By my past desires, my future strivings, my human weaknesses.

Perhaps not always in the future—certainly not always in the past—but right now, right now, Lord, I choose you. And I will keep choosing, consciously, each day that I walk this earth.

Amen.

— Joshua Dubois

On October 30, twelve of our young people will stand before us and confirm their faith. Although the words will be different from the prayer above, that's essentially what they will be saying. They won't claim to have everything figured out. They won't profess an unquestionable faith. They won't promise to always choose the right path.

They'll simply say that, for today, they choose the way of faith. Perhaps not always in the future—certainly not always in the past—but right now, they choose God.

And it will be enough.

For them. And for me.

May it be the same for you.



Counting on God's grace to fill in the rest,

Pastor Caroline

FALL KICKOFF RECAP



What a great day we had on Sunday, September 11! Despite rainy weather, over 125 people enjoyed fellowship at the church picnic, and over 50 children and youth attended either Sunday school or a youth orientation session. As part of "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, members of the congregation worked on service projects for the global, local, and CtK communities. Plus, 87 family units had their pictures updated for the church directory. Thank you to all who participated in the fun! And special thanks to the Fellowship Committee for all their work in organizing the picnic!

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date: Senior Cookout

Attention seniors: You are invited to a fall cookout! Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Sunday, October 23 | 4–7 pm | Tom Thomas' house | 51758 Gumwood Road

Drinks and meat will be provided. Bring a side dish to share! A signup sheet will be available in the narthex starting Sunday, October 2. Please call Karen Wendling (574-360-7239) or Merl Wendling (574-800-1892) with any questions.



Save The Date + Sights and Sounds of the Season December 4, 2022 | 4 pm

The Music Ministry of CtK is excited to offer our first Sights and Sounds of the Season worship service since the onset of COVID-19. This service is designed as a Service of Lessons and Carols and will feature music from the Sanctuary Choir, the Alleluia Ringers, and Xalt! Please join us as we lift our voices together in some of the most beloved hymns and carols of the season.

Be sure to save the date for Sunday afternoon, December 4, 2022, at 4 pm. A light appetizer and dessert reception will take place in the narthex after the service. Remember that you can also peruse CtK's first Cultural Gala (organized by the Fellowship Committee) that evening, where a variety of artwork by CtK folks will be on display!

THANK YOU FROM THE CRIB CLUB



Thanks to members of CtK for recent donations to the Women's Care Center Crib Club. They included one bottle of baby wash/shampoo, a pastel multicolored baby blanket, a pale yellow baby blanket, and seven children's books. All of us at WCC appreciate your continued support.

Sandy Whiteman, Volunteer

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18)

National Mental Health Awareness Week begins Sunday, October 2, and ends Saturday, October 8, 2022. Although CtK and SEASONS Counseling of Michiana will not offer our Annual Hymn Festival of Healing and Hope this year, CtK's Mental Health Ministries Team hopes you will take a moment to reflect upon how we as a community of faith can love and serve the world by welcoming and supporting individuals and families living with mental illness.

If you or someone you care about ever needs an extra measure of care for a mental health challenge, please remember that CtK offers a weekly support group for people with a mental health diagnosis and their loved ones. This group, called *Fresh Hope*, meets every Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 pm. (As the east wing of the building undergoes renovations, we are currently meeting in Room 303).

Fresh Hope is a safe, confidential, and supportive group of people who want to live life, love God, and serve their neighbors while navigating a mental health challenge. Our meetings consist of a brief check-in, recitation of the *Fresh Hope* tenets, plus time for prayer and discussion on a mental health-related topic.

CtK believes that no one should have to suffer the pain and loneliness of mental illness in silence. You are not alone; help and support is available. All are welcome.

Grace, peace, and health to you and your loved ones,

Hillary Doerries, *Fresh Hope* Facilitator

Pastor Brad Davick, *Fresh Hope* Facilitator

Pastor Caroline Satre, *Mental Health Ministries Team Member*

Jill Harms, *GriefShare* facilitator and *Mental Health Ministries Team Member*

Alexandra Sobieski, *Executive Director of SEASONS and Mental Health Ministries Team Member*

Jody Hughes, *CtK's Mental Health Ministries Consultant*



HAPPENING AT CtK

Sanctuary Choir Fall 2022 Retreat **Saturday, October 15 | 9 am–12 pm | Van Oort Hall**

This retreat is not just for current members of the Sanctuary Choir but is open to anyone who would like to sing with us during the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. Perhaps you cannot make a yearlong commitment to singing in the choir? Well, this is your chance to join us for a couple months!

All voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) are welcome, but we REALLY need tenors! Music-reading ability not required.

Should you join us (and we hope you will!), please bring a breakfast item to share. We will gather in Van Oort Hall for breakfast from 9–10 am, then use the rest of the morning to sing through all the upcoming music we will be preparing for the holiday season.

Questions? Please contact **Hillary Doerries: hillarydoerries@gmail.com**

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Second Half Adventurers Wednesday, October 12 11:30 am–1 pm @ CtK

Join the Second Half Adventurers in the CtK narthex for lunch, fellowship, and a special presentation about the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities. Lunch is included in the cost of the event, and pre-registration is required. Sign up at www.ctkluth.com/events.



Save the Date: GriefShare—Surviving the Holidays Saturday, November 5 | 10 am–1 pm

If you are grieving or know someone who has lost a loved one, please join us for our “Surviving the Holidays” GriefShare workshop. We’ll discuss how to navigate the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas and prepare you to get through these holidays knowing that so much has changed. Lunch will be provided after the two-hour workshop. For more information or to register, please visit www.ctkluth.com/griefshare.

Dismas House of Indiana: Dinner and Fellowship Tuesday, October 25

Dismas House is a transitional home for individuals who are working toward independent living after jail or prison. CtK has committed to making dinner for residents at Dismas House, and we need your help! Please sign up to prepare and deliver a meal and eat in fellowship with the residents. The meal is self-serve/buffet style, and the residents do the cleanup.



Our next date for dinner at Dismas House is October 25. Sign up on the narthex kiosk and/or contact Bob Clausen at (574) 485-7292 for more details. Dismas House is located at 521 S. St. Joseph Street in South Bend.

Youth Campout Recap

On Friday, September 16, 14 youth and 10 adults enjoyed the great outdoors on the hill behind CtK. We played games, watched an outdoor movie, acted out skits, and cooked on the campfire. Of the 14 youth who attended, 10 spent the night and enjoyed a hot breakfast in the morning. Thanks to everyone on the YFF events committee for organizing this event—and for your time and dedication to our youth!



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Angel Tree: Coming November 6!

On Sunday, November 6, our annual Angel Tree will be in the narthex with a variety of tags—some with specific gift requests, others more general. CtK is committed to donating 200 gifts to the residents and clients of 10 different agencies. Please grab a tag (or two or three!) and help us reach our goal!

Save the Date... for Dinner and a Mystery!

Mark your calendars! CtK is holding a **spaghetti dinner** and **mystery theater** on **Saturday, February 25!**

Watch for additional details in the months ahead.



CtK Apparel On Sale Now!

CtK apparel is once again available for sale in a variety of youth and adult sizes, as well as multiple colors and styles. Sweatshirts, hoodies, quarter zips, women's tees, long sleeve tees, and special sizes can all be ordered.

Over 50% of all t-shirt purchases will go to support CtK's youth program, and almost every item returns around \$10 toward this fundraiser. Pricing and size/color options for all apparel items are listed on the order form, and sample items are on display in the narthex. One order will be placed after our last sale date of October 23.

Maybe you are new to CtK and want to share your love for our church community. Perhaps you are looking to expand your CtK wardrobe or are searching for the perfect Christmas gift idea. If so, this sale is for YOU!

For more information and/or an order form, visit the display in the narthex or speak to **Matt Douhan** or **Jill Harms** TODAY!



Cultural Gala: Start Planning to Share Your Artistic Talents NOW!

Mark your calendars for the event of all events, showcasing CtK's talented members! On **December 3**, CtK will host our first Cultural Gala, celebrating our local artists and their work.

Artists of CtK: Start planning your exhibit now, as we hope to have as many artists sharing their talents as possible.

If you have questions, talk to **Matt Douhan** or **Jill Harms**. To secure your spot, sign up at ctkluth.com/events.

Here is one artist to look for in December. Chad Harms calls this piece "Honeymoon from Michelangelo's Steps." This oil painting was a gift to his wife for their tenth anniversary. Chad looks forward to sharing a few other pieces at the Gala in December.

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Rummage Sale: Thank You and a Look Ahead

This year's rummage sale was a great success, with an initial deposit of just over \$12,000! Thanks to our amazing CtK volunteers, we were ready for business when the doors opened Friday afternoon. People walking in thanked us for holding the sale, saying, "We missed you and your sale the past few years. Thanks for being here!" The abundance of donations also allowed us to provide goods to Broadway Christian Parish, Christ Child Society, Clay Food Pantry, Penn High School textile class, Pet Refuge, and Senior Suds.

Next year's sale is scheduled for Friday, August 11, and Saturday, August 12. We no longer have storage units, so we will **not** be collecting rummage year round. Instead, if you have items you wish to donate, please store them in your home and mark your calendar to bring them to CtK on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

CtK: Helping Kids Locally and Internationally

CtK's Community Missions Committee helps children locally and globally throughout the entire year. In the fall, we focus on feeding local food-insecure children by committing to sponsor 50 kids, paying \$150 per child to receive a backpack of food every weekend of the school year. The August and September Extra Mile Giving and fall mum sale proceeds support this cause. To date, we've raised \$2,672, and we ask members of the congregation to make monetary donations to help us reach the \$7,500 commitment. To contribute, simply include a check in the offering plate with "Madison Food Packs" written in the memo line.

Since 2016, CtK has also sponsored 60 students attending the Phebe Hospital School in Liberia. This sponsorship costs \$160 and includes the student's tuition, uniforms, shoes, and books. We offer the opportunity to sponsor a child in the spring months and will be doing so again in 2023. Although we have not done a large congregational ask in several years, we have continued to support our students throughout the pandemic thanks to the generosity of previous sponsors. As you plan your giving for 2023, please consider sponsoring a student for all or a portion of a scholarship next spring.

Give Cold Feet The Boot! Christ Child Society Boot Drive Coming Soon

Yes, it's sadly true that before long, wintery weather will make its appearance. For children living in difficult economic circumstances, winter can be especially challenging. Now is a great time to clean out those outgrown boots and donate them to Christ Child Society's autumn boot drive.

No children's sizes at your house? You can still donate gently used small men's and women's sizes for the quickly growing preteen children that CCS serves. Another great help is the donation of brand-new children's snow boots that are in ready supply at many stores as the season changes. Collections will occur in a bin in the narthex sometime in October. Stay tuned for details!

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 29

Join CtK in providing Halloween treats to local kids on Saturday, October 29. Trunk setup begins at 3:30 pm, and the public is welcome from 4–5:30 pm. Plan to stay after the trunk-or-treating for dinner and a bonfire.

Have fun decorating your trunk! This year, we'll have prizes for the most creative trunks. If you plan to host a trunk or donate candy, please sign up at ctkluth.com/events by Sunday, October 23.

(Note: If you are hosting a trunk, we ask that you bring candy to start your distribution. We will have extra if you run out. Thank you!)



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Sunday School Update

Sunday school is back! Classes for kids age 2 through grade 5 resumed on September 11, and we are having a blast! We've had 35 students in class so far, including new and old friends alike. New faces are always welcome, so if you've not joined us yet, please do so soon! Classes gather in the rooms adjacent to the narthex between 10:30 and 11:10 am and are led by our dedicated team of teachers: **Rachel Mospan, Megan Schopmeyer, Amy Layman, Sarah Felde, Julie Markiewicz, and Jessie Schuman.**



Attention Families: October Is Milestone Month

October is a busy month for Child Faith Formation at CtK! In addition to Sunday school, we are offering First Communion and other "milestone" classes to our younger students.

First Communion instruction will be offered on Wednesday, October 19, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This one-session class is led by Pastors Caroline and Brad and open to any child whose family feels is ready to receive Communion. Participants and their parents will learn about the sacrament, practice receiving bread and wine, and bake Communion bread in the kitchen with Pastor Brad (always a highlight!). If you have a child who would like to participate, please contact Sarah Felde.

Several other **Milestone classes** will be held during the Sunday school period throughout October. No special registration is required for any of these three milestones... simply come to Sunday school on the appointed day!

- **Pre-K and kindergarten students** will explore the sanctuary as part of the introductory Worship milestone on October 2.
- **First- and second-grade students** will learn about the Prayer milestone on October 16.
- **Third- through fifth-grade students** will explore liturgy and the church calendar as part of the intermediate Worship milestone on October 9.

First Communion will be celebrated and milestone certificates will be awarded during worship on Sunday, October 30. Watch your email for additional details, or contact **Sarah Felde** for more information.

Rite of Confirmation

On October 30 at the 11:15 am service, 12 of our CtK youth will participate in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation). One of the requirements for Confirmation is the completion of a faith project. This year's projects will be displayed in the narthex in October. As you will see, these students have done an amazing job expressing their faith through a variety of talents including art, craftsmanship, and meaningful faith statements. Please come and take a look, and join us in celebrating with these young people and their families!

Evelyn Bruckert

Reese Clark

Kane Copelin

Luke Fulkerson

Kane Goddard

Austin Gregory

Maryn Harms

Elizabeth Huchko

Macy Little

Garrett Miller

Vivianna Passwater

Max Workman

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Save the Date: Intergenerational Christmas Event

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 18! All are invited to a special intergenerational Christmas event featuring dinner, skits, crafts, and other holiday fun! Watch for details in the months ahead!

Upcoming SNL Dates

Youth families: Remember to save the date for **SNL** on **October 9** and **October 16**! Acolyte training and Confirmation rehearsal are also taking place on the evening of October 16. Watch your email for additional details.



You're Invited to the CtK Movie Club

Join the CtK Movie Club for casual conversation about how, as people of faith, films can shape the way we see the world and help us better understand our place in it. The group meets at **10 am Saturdays** under the canopy (weather permitting) or in Room 502/504. Movies are often available on popular streaming services, or a DVD can be borrowed from the church office or local libraries. Childcare is provided in the nursery. Email Josh Weinhold (josh.weinhold@gmail.com) if you'd like to learn more!

Upcoming meetings:

• *Parasite* — Oct. 29

• *Dead Poets Society* — Nov. 19

• *Meet Me in St. Louis* — Dec. 17

New Sunday Morning Discussion Group: *The Chosen*

All are invited to a new Sunday morning discussion group, starting October 9. This group will focus on the current television series *The Chosen*, a dramatic retelling of the life of Christ. We'll move through the series one episode at a time, starting with Season 1.

Watch the episode prior to class, then come ready for lively discussion with Pastor Brad and other members of the CtK community. Each week, we'll gather in Room 502/504 from 10:30 to 11:00 am. DVD copies of *The Chosen* will be available to check out and/or watch in the church building. You can also stream the series for free at watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen.

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Unplanned Renovations

As you may have heard, CtK is in the midst of some unplanned facility renovations. On Monday, September 12, it was discovered that a toilet in the women's bathroom in the east wing had been overflowing, likely for hours. Water had spread through the hallways, the Youth Room, several storage closets, and portions of the Season Counseling area of the building. Property Committee Chair Glenn Jensen, as well as Chuck Trundle, Bob O'Dell, Pastor Brad, and Pastor Caroline spent hours that Monday removing countless gallons of water from the building.

A claim was filed immediately with our insurance carrier, and a water mitigation company began work that day. Because the flooding was caused by a toilet, all the leaking water was considered sewage, requiring that all carpet it touched be removed, as well as 24 inches of the drywall or sheetrock on the walls in areas that flooded. Many waterlogged items were disposed of, and an antifungal agent was sprayed on all surfaces.

For the time being, please avoid the northeast area of the building, including the entrance closest to Seasons. More information will be shared with the congregation as it becomes available. Although this will be an inconvenience and eyesore for a while, we thank God that the damage wasn't any worse, and we are thankful for the church staff and volunteers who made quick progress so the cleanup, mitigation, and repair efforts could begin immediately.

CtK BUSINESS UPDATE



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FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT – AUGUST 31, 2022

Summary of Missional/Charitable Gifts

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
ELCA Mission Work	\$760	\$14,236
Community Mission	\$17,468	\$33,202
International Mission	\$8	\$1,321
INTO Mission Fund	–	–
Seminary Fund	\$150	\$1,775
CMG - Word and Table	\$25	\$145
Sunday School	–	\$402
Youth Activities	\$8	\$2,613
	<u>\$18,418</u>	<u>\$53,692</u>

Operating Outlook *(Monies used to pay benevolence to I/K Synod, utilities, staff salaries, and programming expenses)*

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$45,136	\$414,433
Expenditures	\$56,009	\$430,914
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$10,873)	(\$16,481)

	<u>AUGUST</u>
Trust Memorial Fund	\$7,305
Trust Endowment Fund	\$132,556
Total	<u>\$139,861</u>

Loose Offering

Madison Stem Food 4 Kids	\$1,110
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Holy Communion

Holy Communion is part of every
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Monday through Friday
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"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19a



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8:15 am: Traditional worship led by organ and/or piano, including the Sanctuary Choir or Alleluia! Ringers, and Holy Communion distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

Sundays at 9:30 am: Contemporary worship led by Xalt!, this service is family-friendly but speaks to people of all ages. Holy Communion is celebrated by station with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

Sundays at 11:15 am: Traditional worship led by organ and/or piano, including the Sanctuary Choir or Alleluia! Ringers, a Young People's Message, and Holy Communion distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

Worship on the Web: Join us each Sunday at 11:15 am for the livestream, or access the recorded 11:15 am worship service any time during the week. Visit www.ctluth.com/worship to find a worship video, the worship folder for Sunday's service, Taking Faith Home questions for discussion, and an online donation link to continue your tradition of giving at worship.