



**Christ
The King
Lutheran
Church**

Missouri Synod

Our Mission

*The purpose of
Christ the King is to
bring the Gospel of
Jesus Christ to
people and make
them disciples
of Jesus.*



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00am - 11:00am

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday

8:00am - 12:00pm

THE KING'S WORD

Christ the King Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Worship Service
8:00 a.m.

Sunday School Opening
9:15-9:25 a.m.

Christian Education Hour
9:15 a.m.

Worship Service — Live Stream
10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
of each month at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

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2024

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Pastor's Corner

A NEW START

Hello there! Pastor here.

As I sit here in the fresh glow of Easter, I cannot help but appreciate how wonderful it has been to have celebrated this past month with you our Savior's love. It has truly been amazing to see so many of our church family together as we recount what our God and Savior did for us.

God has truly been doing great things for our church!

As the sun outside now shines longer and the air feels once again not quite cold, it is a time of new life. The awesome thing about Easter is that it isn't just an ending to the Lenten season, but a whole new beginning to something new! The start of a new creation.

I sure appreciate having a new start. It can be so easy to get stuck in all the past mistakes you have made. I'll be honest, I get embarrassed when I remember all the foolish things that I have done in the past. From grade school all the way to a couple of months ago. Mistakes that I have made so long ago, and yet I keep remembering them. It can be very easy to get stuck in this loop forever.

But Easter is our reminder that our past is not something that we are stuck with. We have an opportunity to break free from what we have been and literally get a whole new world that we can be a part of. We don't have to constantly remind ourselves of the failure that we have been. We don't have to stay stuck in our same old habits and ways. We don't have to go running back to the same old sins because they are comfortable. We can instead learn from the past, and let it go. We can grow instead of sitting in stagnation until we die.

God gives us a whole new world to live in. A world filled with forgiveness. A world filled with new opportunities and new ways of being. Can that be scary? For sure! But it can also be exciting if you let it be! It can be the key to freedom in Christ that lets the past be the past.

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**And if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

1 Corinthians 15:14, 20



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Pastor's Corner

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:17-19

(continued—Pastor's Corner— A New Start)

As we take the first steps into Spring, may we be guided by God's hand into all the new opportunities that He has created for us. May we be willing to try something new, even if it is uncomfortable at first. May we be willing to forgive as God has forgiven us. May we find joy in our church and our family as we work together to do things that we haven't even thought about yet. And may we always remember that God died that we might have life! Abundant life in the Gospel.

Thank you for being a part of my family. I am so excited to see what is next!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Aaron



Easter Sunday!



Photo courtesy of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

**O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

LSB 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds", St. 3. Text: © 1958 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002190

From
the desk
of...

the DCE



Christ has risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

I hope that you all had wonderful, joyous celebrations of Easter. Thank you again to everyone who donated candy for the children's **Easter Egg Hunt!** The kids had a great time. Thank you also to the youth for helping to stuff and hide eggs.

It is going to be a very busy month!



VBS registration opens on April 7th! Look for the registration table in the Narthex! SCUBA VBS is going to be so much fun! If you would like to help out with VBS, please contact me! I am always happy to welcome in more volunteers. I would ask that you please keep the volunteers and our VBS program in your prayers as we prepare and plan for the summer.



On April 19th and 20th I will be taking five middle schoolers to Junction City for the Kansas District **Middle School Huddle!** We will be staying at Rock Springs Ranch again. This year the theme is "Connected." Please keep us in your prayers as we travel there and back.

Midweek will be ending for this school year on April 24th. I am in the planning stages for a fun event for the kids to do that night! More details will be coming soon.

THANK YOU to all of our Midweek teachers who gave of their time and talents this school year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! You have helped to make a difference in the lives of the children in our church and you have helped further their relationship with Christ. What a blessing it is to be a part of this ministry!

As always it is a joy and a blessing to serve as your DCE!

Blessings, Samantha

**Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!**

LSB 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing", St. 2.
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2024 Easter Egg Hunt



2024 MONTHLY FINANCES

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$38,878.42	\$92,656.60	\$374,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$32,804.57)	(\$108,708.41)	(\$374,500.00)
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$6,073.85	(\$16,051.81)	

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Building Loan Principal Balance

\$28,742.06 (as of 3/31/2024)

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CTKLC Endowments at Greater Salina Community Foundation

CTKLC Endowment #1
\$274,812.81

CTKLC Endowment #2
\$34,058.40

OFFICIAL ACTS 2024 March



Transfer out:

3-07-24 Ean Walter

Transfer in:

3-07-24 Judy Scott

Affirmation of Faith:

3-25-24 Mike Harvey

3-25-24 Elizabeth Harvey

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (as of 3/31/2024):

Baptized Souls: 551

Communicants: 381

NOTE: New member pictures will be in the May 2024 issue of The King's Word.

BBQ FUNDRAISER APRIL 20TH!

Come join us for some good BBQ and fellowship time, **all to support our Children's Christian Education Program** here at the church.

Our dinner service will run from 4:30-7pm or until we run out of food. We will be serving a pulled pork dinner plate, coleslaw and baked beans for \$15 or a pulled pork sandwich for \$10.

To help us gauge the amount of food to make, we are offering presold dinner tickets which provide a pulled pork dinner plate, coleslaw, baked beans and a drink for \$15. These are available from the any of our youth.

Drinks will be available from the Children's Lemonade Stand style drink station and a dessert will be offered for those that want one.

Should you want to try something beside the pulled pork dinner, or want something to take home, we are also offering specialty meats by preorder only.

Half rack of pork ribs for \$15 each and pulled pork \$15/pound and brisket \$20/pound.

These will be available for pickup on the event day from noon to 5, or you can setup a special pick-up with Layne 785-447-0199.



SAT, APR. 20 from 4:30-7:00pm
or until we run out of food

Pulled pork dinner plate—**\$15**

Pork sandwich—**\$10**

Purchase tickets in advance from any CTK Youth

SPECIALTY MEATS BY PREORDER ONLY

Half rack of pork ribs—\$15 each

Pulled pork—\$15/pound

Brisket—\$20/pound

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR BLESSING BOX

- ❶ **Macaroni and cheese**
(Small containers or boxes, instant)
 - ❷ **Pouches of tuna and chicken**
 - ❸ **Cans of SpaghettiOs®, ravioli, etc.**
(Cans with tab on top)
 - ❹ **Pork and beans**
(Cans with tab on top)
 - ❺ **Individual serving boxes of cereal**
 - ❻ **Individual serving contains of fruit or applesauce**
 - ❼ **Mini muffins**
(Packaged individually)
- Questions:** Contact Brenda Smith
CTK Cares Blessing Box Project Leader



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING



“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” with Dr. Michael Zeigler

*Tune in Sunday mornings to KSAL on 1150AM at 10:30 a.m.
or go to LutheranHour.org*

April 7

Raise the Flag

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God’s flag in the world.

(Acts 1:1-11)

April 14

Breathe In, Breathe Out

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ

(Acts 2:42-47)

April 21

More Than He Bargained For

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect.

(Acts 3:6)

April 28

We Can’t Stop Talking

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation

(Acts 4:20)

RESOURCE FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS

PROF INSIGHTS: FACULTY-LED WORKSHOP SERIES 2024

The Beginnings of Genesis and the Genesis of Beginnings—Learn about the structure and layout of the book of Genesis, as well as other Biblical books.

June 3-5 at Trinity Lutheran Church (Salina)

Presenter: **Rev. Paul Landgraf**, pastor of Pilgrim and St. John Lutheran Churches, Chamois / Drake, MO

Registration. Cost is \$150. Deadline is May 20.

Contact: Rev. Dennis Kootz at 785-823-7151



[Click icon for details & to register](#)

RESOURCES FROM THE LCMS

EASTER GREETING FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON

Christ is risen! Alleluia! In this Easter message, LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison walks through what the Book of Concord has to say about Christ's resurrection and its implications for us. "The fact is, there is a resurrection of the dead because Christ's body rose from the grave. His resurrection is the firstfruits, the promise of our own," says Harrison.



Click image to watch President Harrison's message.

LCMS FAMILY MINISTRY—FAMILY DEVOTIONS CALENDAR



LCMS Family Ministry has a monthly resource to support and encourage family study and conversation—a [customizable family devotion calendar](#) and flashcards for practicing memory work. Spending time together in the Word and in prayer will keep your family firmly rooted and grounded in the One who never changes (Heb. 13:8).

RESOURCES FROM THE LCMS KANSAS DISTRICT

2024 SAINTS ALIVE AFTER 55 CONFERENCE

July 21-22, 2024

Christ the King Lutheran Church (Salina)

Theme: "What's Love Got to Do with It" based on Matthew 22:36-39

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Cliff Winter

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Mark Boxman

Registration: Open April 15 - July 8

Cost: \$50

For questions: Contact Barb Geuy at jobageuy@gmail.com



COMING THIS SUMMER/FALL TO
AN LCMS CHURCH NEAR YOU:



Single, engaged, married, or widowed, we
are all members of Christ's Bride, the
Church. But how does that affect how we
think about and live in marriage?

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINARS

This summer / fall, join fellow Lutherans and other Christians as we meditate upon God's gift of marriage and how we can build each other up in a world where marriage and family are under constant assault. Dates, locations, and speakers will be announced soon!

For more information, talk to Pastor Wagner or email Rev. Philip Hoppe at pastor@ihoppe.com (KS-LCMS Parish Education Committee Chair).

RESOURCES FROM THE LUTHERAN WITNESS



LUTHERAN WITNESS: APRIL 2024 issue explores the Bible's teaching on God's design for sexuality and gender.

Free online articles include:

- [A Chaste Community](#), a letter from the editor
- [His Resurrection is Mine](#), a letter from LCMS President Matthew Harrison

RESOURCES FROM ISSUES, ETC. LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERIES



Issues, Etc.

The Kyrie, Sanctus, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei, Nunc Dimittis . . . Why do Lutherans worship the way they do?

Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a Classical Christian Worship series with Dr. Arthur Just, author of Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service. You can listen to this six-part series at issuesetc.org/classicalworship.

SPRING IS AWAKENING! Things are beginning to look little more like Spring even if we are having cooler temperatures and a COLD north wind! Golden Oldies will be meeting for a Spring lunch and church service on Thursday April 11, 2024, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Our lunch will consist of pizza, salad, and brownies.

We will meet again in May, but we will take a break over the summer months of June and July and come back together again in August. So put on your calendars to meet with your Irresistible Retired Associates (IRA's) on April 11, 2024 at CTK.

Golden
OLDIES

Thursday, April 11
11:30 a.m.

Worship Service w/Communion
With lunch immediately afterward



SAVE THE DATE!

SCUBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

An underwater adventure and the opportunity to share God's love!

JUNE 3-6

9:00 TO 11:30 A.M.

More information to come soon! Questions? Want to help out?

Contact Samantha!

Looking for oceans of fun? We hope to "sea" you here!

RESOURCE FROM THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

NEW FREE VIDEO RESOURCE: LEGISLATION IMPACTING CHRISTIANS

A new video resource from the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty focuses on legislation impacting Christians and how we can respond faithfully.

The videos (about 15 minutes each) feature an insightful three-part discussion with LCMS Michigan District President, Rev. David A. Davis and Travis Grulke and covers these topics:

- Key legislative actions affecting the church
- Positive impacts Christians can make on government
- The proper Christian posture toward culture



The videos are free for you to use and share with others.

If you watch the videos with a small group, use the study guide to facilitate conversation around the critical issues.

The LCRL would love to hear your takeaways—email comments to Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, executive director, at gregory.seltz@lcrifreedom.org.

[Click here to view the videos](#)

FREE LARGE-PRINT MATERIALS

AVAILABLE FROM LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Do you need large-print materials? Do you know someone who does?

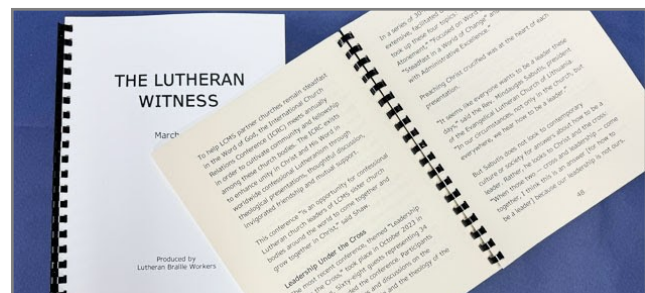
Lutheran Braille Workers, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, produces high-quality large-print materials and provides them, free of charge, to people who are visually impaired.

You may order these complimentary resources for yourself, to give to a friend or family member, or to distribute at retirement homes, nursing facilities or elsewhere in the community.

Lutheran Braille Workers will create these resources at one of their ministry production centers around the country and provide them at no cost.

Available large-print materials include **Bibles, LCMS resources like “Chapel Talks” or Disaster Response devotionals, and various Concordia Publishing House publications, such as *Lutheran Service Book* and *Portals of Prayer*.**

Visit lbwloveworks.org to learn more about Lutheran Braille Workers and to order materials.



CALENDAR OF COMMEMORATIONS

See Lutheran Service book, page xiii

APRIL 20—JOHANNES BUGENHAGEN

Johannes Bugenhagen (1485-1558), from Pomerania in northern Germany, was appointed pastor of Wittenberg in 1523 through the efforts of Martin Luther and thus served as Luther's own pastor and confessor.

One of the greatest scholars of the Reformation era, he helped translate the New Testament into Low German and wrote a commentary on the Psalms. He also worked to organize the Lutheran Church in northern Germany and Denmark, journeying to Copenhagen where he crowned both King and Queen and consecrated seven men to the offices of superintendent and bishop.



Source: [LCMS Worship—Commemoration Biographies](#) Used by permission (for congregational use only)

WRITING A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE? If you have an item for the May 2024 issue of *The King's Word*, please send it to the Secretary by Friday, April 26, 2024.



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. John 15:1

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Audrey felt a little awkward, not being familiar with the liturgy.

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Daniel Christensen was a member of CTK and is currently attending the seminary in St. Louis. He is our mission project for the 2024 year. The following are his comments on what he is currently doing at the seminary. We will be posting these in the newsletter throughout the year as we get them.

LETTER FROM SEMINARY STUDENT ADOPTED BY CTK

Christ the King Lutheran Church,

I pray that the new year has been a blessing for the congregation. Since the start of the spring semester, I have been leading an adult Bible study on Romans at my RFE church, King of Kings in Chesterfield, MO. This Bible study is intended for the 9:30 service which overlaps the usual Bible study time. I was excited to begin writing Bible studies because my winter class was all about how to teach the Bible to people. This class has been one of my favorites while here at the Seminary. We were taught how to formulate different types of questions so that we can write a Bible study that digs into the text and moves into application for your life. There have been a few surprising questions from the members of the Bible study, but overall, it has been a really good study.

This semester I started my homiletics training, so I have been learning how sermons are formulated. After learning some of this information, I have noticed that I listen to sermons differently. I have begun looking for the Law and Gospel in each sermon. In particular, I am looking for how the Gospel interacts with the Law and how the Gospel is a response to the Law in the sermon. I am excited to begin preaching sometime, but I know that I have a little bit to go before I can get into the pulpit. One of the texts that we are writing a practice sermon on is 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. While looking at this text, I realized that pastors sometimes have a lot of different ways that they can write their sermons and what blessing we have in our pastors, who are tasked with determining how to preach on a given text.

My wife and I have a big announcement that we would like to share with you. We are going to be having our first baby. The baby is currently 17 weeks along (about the size of bell pepper) and is due sometime around August 10th, which is right in the middle of the last few weeks of learning Hebrew for me. We have been blessed by the King of Kings congregation and some of her members which donated some old baby things to us. We have been blessed by the seminary community that has been supporting my wife and donating some of their old baby things as well. While getting ready for the baby, I had to move my desk out into the main room of the apartment on campus since we live in a 2-bedroom townhouse. Although this will be different, I do not think it will be a bad change. If anything, it should improve my study habits!

If we look at Ephesians 2:10, we get a strong Gospel message for us, that is, we are God's handiwork, and as His handiwork, He has given us good works to complete. In other words even our good works are God's creation, that He has created for us to do for His glory. These works do not help us merit salvation, but they do help us build relationships with other people in our life. I challenge you to read Martin Luther's small catechism and see how he explains the commandments. Martin Luther uses them to describe our relationship with God and our relationships with each other.

Blessings in Christ, Danniell Christensen



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Martin Luther’s small cate-
chism and see how he ex-
plains the commandments.”**

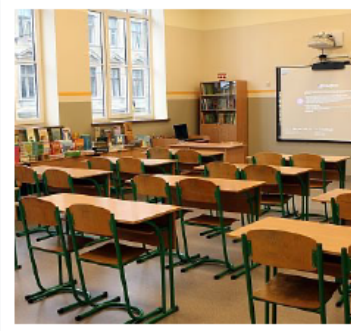
SERVING THE LORD IN

Latvia and throughout Eurasia

NEWS FROM THE CUNDIFFS



March 2024



Education in Latvia

"Starting from the age of 7, all children have to attend primary school. Primary education involves nine grades. Yet, the children start to be prepared for school already from the age of 5 in a nursery school. After primary education the children can acquire further education in secondary school (grades 10-12), evening school or grammar school. The studies in higher education establishments have their own accredited study programmes. The studies must last at least 3 years. Government covers partly or fully the study expenses of the best students. There are about 50 universities and colleges in Latvia."

From:
Kaišis, Guntis. *The Passport of Latvia*. 2nd Ed.
Bārbala Simšone (trans.). Rīga, Latvia: Apgāds
Zvaigzne ABC, 2019.

You can find more education information at:
<https://www.izm.gov.lv/en/education-system-latvia>



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www.lcms.org/cundiff

Working to expand English offerings in Rīga



Quintin delivers the sermon on Easter Sunday at St. John Lutheran Church in Rīga.

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ! We hope that you all had the opportunity to gather together with other faithful believers to remember our Lord's death and to celebrate his glorious resurrection. We were grateful for the chance to gather with the other missionary families and some other English-speaking guests for the Easter service at St. John's in Riga.

The missionaries here in Riga are moving forward with plans to bolster the English language mission work going on in the city. We have previously been holding services twice a month, but we have added 5th Sundays now and are looking to expand further. In order to truly plant a congregation, consistency is key. The difficulty that we face is that the Lawsons are currently on home service, and when they get back, we will be going on home service, and the Rajeks will be heading back to the US as Rev. Dr. Rajek moves into his new position as Executive Director of the Office of International Mission. This means that we will be a bit shorthanded while trying to fulfill our larger responsibilities with the Academy. As such, we will start weekly English services in August when everyone has

returned to Riga.

These English services are becoming an important element of ministry and outreach, and we want to be more intentional about expanding it. I recently heard from a young man earlier this year who had stopped in for worship while he was traveling; he went home and has become more engaged with our faith and has gotten involved in a mission effort that the LCMS is starting in his home country as well. Further, after our Easter Sunday service, I was approached by a young man who is here for medical school asking to learn more about our faith and desiring to grow as he is able to worship with us in English. One never knows the impact that a single conversation or a few minutes of interaction can have! Of course, we desire more than just a few moments and hope to connect all people with our Lord through Word and Sacrament ministry! Please continue to pray for the outreach of the mission here in Riga, not only with our students at the Academy, but also through the English services as well.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Cundiff



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our family, as we prepare for Home Service in June and July of this summer.
- The Lawson family, who is currently on Home Service.
- Lutera Akadēmija faculty, staff, and students as they continue through the spring semester.
- Rev. Dr. David Preus, as he takes the helm as Regional Director of Eurasia.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Lindsay's admission into the RN-to-BSN program at UNMC, where she will begin online courses in August.
- YOU - our generous donors and prayer warriors, along with the steadfast workers of Mission Central and Mission Advancement, without whom this mission would be impossible.

A greener option?

If you would like to help us save on paper and postage by getting our newsletters in digital form, please email Lindsay at Lindsay.Cundiff@lcmsintl.org. We would be happy to make that quick and simple change for you. Thank you!

Special edition of Carter's Corner



Carter displays the five medals he earned at the WSC. He is also holding Jerry, the WSC's alpaca mascot.

Hello! This month has been wonderful with awesome events such as Easter, two sleepovers, the World Scholar's Cup, and hanging out with friends. On Easter, we went to our English service, then went to another missionary's house (the Bobby's), where I hung out with their younger kids. At the last few English services, there is a young man named Artyom (pronounced Ar-TOOM), who is the son of the Russian-language teacher of another missionary here. He is interested in the faith, so I help him learn the order of service, and he seems to enjoy it. My friend from school had a sleepover at our apartment, and we had a pretty good time.

Now for the very, very good part: the World Scholars Cup (WSC)! This was single-handedly one of the best events I have ever been to. There were various events. The

first thing was a test with 120 questions and had five answer bubbles. If you filled in one bubble and got it right, you would earn one point; if two bubbles were filled in; if three, then one-third of a point, and so on, all the way to five. The next thing was debates. We won two out of three debates. The debate topics were very interesting, 1 about a what-if, 1 about planes, and 1 about flags. Then I had a sleepover at my good friend's house, and that was really cool. Day 2 of the WSC was also fun. There was a quiz game with you and your team, and you had a buzzer to buzz into one of five answers. After that, there was a talent show (though I didn't participate in that one), and then there were awards. I got four silver medals and one gold medal. I got my silver medals for 15th place Overall Scholar, 5th place Debate Team, 6th place Challenge Team, and 15th place Debater. My gold medal was for winning the Challenge (that big individual quiz) in Literature and Media. Our school won the most medals, and we all worked very hard for them - no participation medals or trophies here!

Have a wonderful month and God bless!

Be sure to follow our Facebook page, "The Cundiffs in Latvia," for even more photos and stories of the Lord's work in this beautiful country!

A blessed Easter season to all our supporters and loved ones across the planet!



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Quintin Cundiff and his family. Make checks payable to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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LWML SPRING WRAP UP

ALL LADIES are invited to attend the annual LWML Spring Wrap Up on **Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6**

p.m. Ladies will meet at the church at 6 p.m. to carpool to the Harmony Hideaway (pictured above), 3488 N Crystal Springs Rd., Salina, KS.

We will enjoy a large charcuterie board, beverages, short devotion, music provided by Milt Allen and a sing along. This will be the last meeting of LWML until we meet again for our annual salad supper in August.

Harmony Hideaway is a spacious home in the country offering lodging, house concerts and event hosting. This is the brainchild of Milt Allen and his partner, Nancy Steele. It is not a bed and breakfast. It is actually their home that they want to share with others.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex so we can get a count of how many to prepare for. Please consider joining us for some relaxing fun and food.

RESOURCE FROM THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

LW SNIPPETS: AROUND THE LCMS—ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

When we think of Orphan Grain Train (OGT) we think of collecting clothing and food and sending it to them to disperse to those in need of such items whether in the U.S. or a foreign country.

In a recent issue of the Lutheran Witness there was a snippet about OGT that takes a different twist than the normal:



*“Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, **Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has provided assistance for Ukrainians who have relocated to the United States.** These victims of the war have lost homes, businesses, personal possessions and employment. OGT, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), has helped relocate more than 30 Ukrainians and their families to the Norfolk, Neb., area and has provided them with housing, transportation, food, clothing, employment opportunities and English-as-a-Second Language instruction. OGT recently received a grant from the LCMS to help cover relocation and assimilation expenses.”*

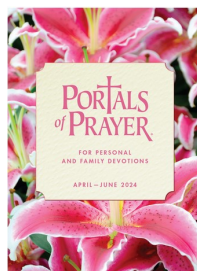
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CTK DONATION STATION

Do you like knowing where to bring your extra note pads, cards, calendars, and eyeglasses?

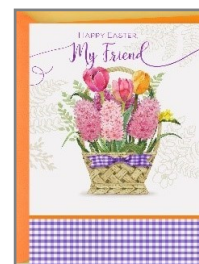
It's the CTK Donation Station. Everything can be dropped off at one location at Christ the King, keeping our Narthex area clean and tidy. This also makes it easy for the wonderful ladies who spend time dropping off, sorting, trimming and touching base with the many places in Salina that appreciate getting the Portals of Prayer devotional books, note pads, or cards for their residents to use or send to a friend.

CTK, in connection with our LWML, has become a faithful contact for the many organizations we support.



The **Portals of Prayer** for Apr-June 2024 are here. As you pick up a new copy, put your past issues in the marked bin.

Getting too many **cards, note pads, calendars?** Drop-off any that are unwanted in the Donation Station. Carol Boldenow will take them to local nursing homes for residents to use. What may seem small to us — a birthday or holiday card to give another resident, a note pad for jotting down items needed or writing a note (if able) — may mean the world to others.



Carol will also take along the **motel items** from your recent trip.

Did you just get new glasses? Or find a pair in a drawer that you forgot you had? Drop them off and Tammy Taylor will make sure they reach MOST Ministries. Once there, used glasses are cleaned, sorted, tested and repacked for “recycling” on one of their short-term mission trips. MOST Ministries accepts **gently-used adult and child-sized glasses, readers** and **non-prescription sunglasses**. Unfortunately, more than 158 million people worldwide suffer uncorrected vision, a number that has



increased by 5 million since January 2023. Many of these people cannot afford to buy glasses. The pair of glasses received through MOST Ministries may be the only glasses some will ever have.

Another bin is marked for **pop tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House takes them to recycling and the monies received are used for general operating expenses. Save them from soda, soup and other cans and Mary Nelson will take care of them for you.



All the bins are marked, so please continue bringing in note pads, greeting cards, card fronts, eyeglasses, pop tabs and Portals of Prayer.

Please keep these ministries in your prayers also as well as the hard working ladies who take care of them:

THANK YOU
Carol, Tammy and Mary!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! For many years, you have helped us collect **used or recycled stamps** to help support Lutheran World Relief Quilt / Kits Shipping Fund. We are no longer collecting stamps and want to thank everyone who has participated in this activity in the past.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

HEATH, Ron & Jody
LEHMAN, Dean & Shirley
POWELL, Bill & Ann
MCCLAIN, Scott & Donatta

WILL, Scott & Lisa
BENEKE, Doug & Linda
NELSON, Dennis & Mary
WENTZ, Paul & Holly

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

DREYER, Forrest
DRYER, Emerson
FRITZ, Peggy
SKARKY, Edith
CASWELL, Wadyn
GRILLO, Larry
NELSON, Christopher
PACE, Bobby Ray
SAVERY, Isaac
FAIRCHILD, Traven
GARDINER, Nolan
APPLEBY, Kylie
BROWN, Lanie (Helena)
HITCHENS, Brian
RAKER, Carly
DREYER, Jerry
MCALLISTER, Jacy
COFFMAN II, David
DRYER, Michelle
MILLER, Tami
BERG, Jewel

NORWOOD, Amanda
BECK, Kay
HOLMES, Drax
HIECHEL, Vicki
CHRISTIANCY, Tynnlee
RECTENWALD, Thelma
SHEFORGEN, Mac
JOHNSON, Angie
MILLESON, Jodi
ABRAMS, Cindy
NORWOOD, Brandon
PARRY, Brynn
MEIER, Peter
PHALEN,Carolynn
PARRY, Caden
MINNEMAN, McKenna
MCALLISTER, Josiah
OPHEIM, Leslie
GREIF, Lawson
HERRS, Jessa

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Just register your Dillons Plus Shopping Card in the program & designate "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Then every time you swipe your card, they give money to CTK!

There are two ways to register your card:

1. Call 1-800-576-4377 (CTK code is DK282)
2. Go to: www.dillons.com/communityrewards.



MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE A RESOURCE FROM LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

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Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: FAST, EASY & SECURE

You have several options to support the work of our church. If you are going to be gone on vacation or work related activities and not able to place your offering in the collection plate on Sundays you can use the electronic giving options available and listed below.

You can have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically –

- a. Pick up an authorization form today – copies are available in the narthex OR you can print the form from the CTK website – the pdf file is available at: http://www.ctksalina.org/Electronic_Giving_Authorization_form_2017.pdf
- b. Or you can go to <http://www.ctksalina.org/> and click on the **Donations** button on the right hand side of the home page. This will take to you to a link that you can either donate through your checking/savings account or you can use your credit card.
- c. You may also use your cell phone by downloading the VANCO Mobile Application and then you may use your credit card or also make an automatic donation from your checking/savings account.

Thank you for your continued support of CTK.



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

NEW ADDRESS, EMAIL OR PHONE NO.?

If you have changed your address, email or phone number please let the church office know.

Call 827-7492 ext. 10 or email
ctklcsecretary@gmail.com

Thanks for helping us keep our records up to date!



YOU SEEK JESUS
OF NAZARETH,
WHO WAS
CRUCIFIED.

HE HAS RISEN.

MARK 16:6



Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150

