



The King's Herald

AUGUST 2022

Christ the King Lutheran Church Universal City, Texas

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL SUPPLY EVENT:

Christ the King (CTK) will hold its annual school supply/backpack giveaway on Sunday, August 7th from 12-2pm. If you would like to help distribute supplies to our neighbors in need (or if you have any questions), contact Sheri Boos.



UPDATING OUR MISSION, BUT OUR VISION REMAINS:

The Church Council wants to make our mission statement more succinct. We are condensing it to be: "Serving God by loving others." We feel the Vision Statement is still very pertinent to our calling and our new mission statement and will remain the same. So, let's get to work "Welcoming all, leading to faith, shepherding for life, serving neighbors near and far, **in all we do — growing disciples for Christ.**"

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, TEACHERS & STUDENTS

On August 14th during the worship service, we will offer a blessing for all students, teachers and faculty as they return to school. As part of this, we will also have a blessing of the backpacks, tote bags, briefcases, lunchboxes or whatever you'd like to bring for a blessing for your school or work. **This is not just for those going to school! Everyone can bring an item that represents their work for the blessing.**

HYMN SURVEY NEWS - FYI

Last month, we published the list of favorite hymns from our survey/hymn contest. If you haven't noticed, we have been using these songs during communion and will continue to do so.

SHARING WATER FROM AFAR - STILL HAVE TIME

You still have time to collect water from your travels, weekend jaunts or even just a trip across town. Grab a vial from the narthex or just a Ziploc baggie from your cabinet and collect some water from wherever you go to bring back for a blessing in September.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Watch Flocknotes and the bulletin for upcoming events in August.

SUICIDE HOTLINE NUMBER CHANGE

The number for the suicide prevention crisis hotline has changed and is now just three numbers - 988. It can be used for texting or calling. Please share the updated number.





STATE OF OUR FACILITIES

Are we required to have buildings to worship? No. Is it encouraged? Yes. In several places of the Bible, God helps us to understand the need for coming together in worship. In that sense, oh yes, a building is needed. Not for the sake of some special location but a place to gather as one to worship. *And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them."* Exodus 3:12 and 25:8 As well as *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* Matthew 18:20.

Why am I writing this? Our church home is sick and needs our help. We are also looking at some financial challenges but that's for another time. Our CTK home and campus is suffering from age and time, not inattention. We need to stand up and help. Here's a short list of the most pressing items:

- Dead and suffering trees
Several of our trees are dead or suffering which puts cars and people at potential risk.
- Several AC units struggling to function
All our buildings need new systems; the youngest is 11 years old.
- Shifting foundation
Building 1, our worship house, has major foundation issues with separation of the narthex away from the sanctuary (a gap big enough for a brick!).

Each of these are large cost items alone. All three are huge. In order to be good stewards of CTK, we are starting the process of establishing a capital building fund to finance all areas in need or repair as they cannot be staggered over years spreading out the cost.

As your Council President, I ask each of you to prayerfully consider what you can do to help our church home when we begin this journey together.

Rich Patterson
Your brother in Christ and Council President

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Summer is historically a time when we see a decrease in giving and this year is no different. The church council wants to keep the congregation aware of our financial standing. Therefore, we will be including the **MONTHLY** income versus expense totals in the bulletin each week. If you would like the year to date information, please contact the church office.



PRAYER LIST

Since we have the prayer list in the weekly bulletin (which is more up to date), we are removing the prayer list from the monthly newsletter. If you would like to be on the weekly email bulletin distribution list or have a printed copy of the bulletin mailed to you weekly, please contact the church office. One of the benefits of our community is the way we lift each other up and celebrate with one another in prayer. If you want to be included in the email prayer chain (or if you have questions about it), please call Dawn in the church office or email her at ctkadm@sbcglobal.net.



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. “God’s work. Our hands.”

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

CTK has chosen to do God’s work using our hands by helping with and donating new or gently used winter wear to our local school district’s (Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD) winter coat drive. Set up will be Friday, September 30, and distribution will be Saturday, October 1, 9am-noon.

More school-age children and teens in our community struggle to afford the appropriate winter gear than you think. Each year coat drive programs keep more than one million pounds of clothing out of landfills. Donating gently used winter gear is also a great way to recycle and be more sustainable.

It is hard to keep giving money and time when many of us are struggling or barely staying afloat as it is. If you are struggling financially, you might feel you do not have much to give this season. An easy, tangible way to give this year is by donating winter wear your children have outgrown, or that does not match your style anymore, and best of all, it does not cost you a thing!

Please put donations in the narthex in the corner near the Usher’s Closet, where we put donations for RACAP, school supplies, etc. Be on the lookout for sign-ups to help with the coat drive. If you can help with mending or washing beforehand, please let Dinah Ryson know.

Sizes: Children 4-16 Youth XS-XL Adult S-XXL

Any winter hoodies (especially popular with older children), jackets, coats, sweatshirts, sweaters will be most appreciated.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

This meme has been online and seems very poignant and worth sharing.

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it’s important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can’t serve from your sofa. You can’t have community of faith on your sofa. You can’t experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren’t consumers. We are contributors. We don’t watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you. And you need the church. (Written by Michael Carl)

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

In August, Friday Night Fellowship will take place at BJ’s Restaurant and Brewhouse, 2050 IKEA RBFCU Parkway in Live Oak at 6:00 pm, on Friday, August 26. Please RSVP by August 22. You may sign up at on the bulletin board, or let Susan Abbey know that you will be attending so that enough seats are reserved. You may also sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/FNF-August22>.



CKT WOMEN OF THE ELCA

August and September Dates to Remember



- August 1 WELCA Book Club Meeting, 6:00 pm, at the American Legion in Universal City
- August 22 WELCA Business Meeting, 6:45 pm, CTK Fellowship Hall
- August 27 Women of the ELCA, Cibolo Creek Conference Luncheon
11:00 am until 2:00 pm, CTK Fellowship Hall
All women are invited for a gathering of fellowship and to share ideas and insights regarding our mission and purpose. RSVP by August 22nd to carmen.hawkins67@gmail.com.
- Sept 23-25 Southwestern Texas Synodical Women’s Organization 35th annual convention at The Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat Center, Gonzales, Texas. This year’s theme is Rejoice, Renew and Respond. Registration forms are available on the WELCA bulletin board. Register by August 31st for early bird pricing. Deadline to register is September 7th.

LADIES OF CTK: Save the Date!

The annual Women’s Retreat will be held October 14-16, 2022 at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville. Our theme this year is **Basking in God’s Presence**. All women are invited. Yes, it is okay to bring a friend! More details will be sent out via Flocknotes in the coming months.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF NEWS

School supplies for Lutheran World relief will be collected throughout the month of August. When you are out and about shopping, please pick up some extra items for our “far away neighbors” served through LWR.

The items needed for the LWR school kits are as follows:

- Crayons, box of 16 or 24 regular size
- New unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (need 5 per kit)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- 2 1/2 inch erasers
- 30 centimeter ruler, may have inches on the other side
- **Blunt** scissors (No pointed scissors)
- 70 page spiral notebooks (need 4 per kit)
- Ball point pens, blue or black ink, no gel ink (need 5 per kit)



If you have any questions, contact LWR Coordinator Erika Robeson at 210-646-5444 or 210-548-6894. Please place your donations in the LWR basket located in the narthex. Items will be collected until September 4th. THANK YOU!

NEXT OF KIN CONTACT INFO

We keep asking for contact information for an important reason. Part of being a community means we support one another and stay in touch. We have had a couple people (who live alone) and who we have been unable to contact. We don’t have any family information and so can’t track them down and check on them. Please send family or close friend phone numbers to the church office so we are able to stay connected.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult faith formation is just as important as when we were children. **These are open to everyone! So come join the discussion of your choice and bring a friend!**

Wednesday morning with Pastor Mike

We will be taking a hiatus during the month of August. Join us in September when we resume!

Thursdays at 6:15 pm via Zoom

Please join us for the Passion of the Christ Bible Study. In it, we are continuing to take a close look at the last week of the earthly life of the Lord Jesus Christ. This Bible study series takes an in-depth look at all four gospels as they tell the story of the last week of the earthly life of Jesus Christ. Through this study, we gain insight into why the crucifixion occurred and why it matters to us today. We take our time and have really great conversation along the way. Please reach out to the church office or email Thomas Hawkins at thomashawkins2003yahoo.com if you would like to join us. All are welcome.

SHEPHERD COMMITTEE

News from the Shepherd Committee (Outreach) from January 2022 to July 2022:

Provided backpacks through ELCA Good Gifts for school children overseas. Purchased three roosters from ELCA Good Gifts in honor of all the men at Christ the King for Father's Day and purchased three baby chicks in honor of all the women at Christ the King for Mother's Day.

In addition, members helped support the Education Committee by assembling back to school backpacks for children in the neighborhood behind the church including those who live in Schertz Cibolo Universal City ISD, and Judson ISD.

Leona Hietala, Shepherd Committee (Outreach)

HOMEBOUND VISITS

The pandemic has changed the habits of many people. If you are no longer able to attend worship and would like to be added to the list of people who are home bound (to whom Pastor Mike brings communion and others will visit and care for in other ways), please contact the church office.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The next Second Sunday Breakfast will be held on Sunday, August 14th after the 9:08 am worship service. Everyone is invited to stay for good food and good fellowship. If you have any questions or would like to help out, see Susan Abbey.

HERMAN SONS LIFE RUMMAGE SALE

The Cibolo Lodge of Hermann Sons Life meets regularly in our fellowship hall. The lodge will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, September 17th in the church parking lot. Proceeds will benefit the Quilts of Valor Foundation. This foundation makes quilts for veterans. The local branch of Quilts of Valor meets at the Grange Hall in Cibolo on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month to make quilts. More information can be found at qovf.org, or check with Joy Brown, our Hermann Sons Life point of contact.

BUNCO NIGHT!

Bunco for August has been cancelled. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for information about September!

MINI MUSIC RETREAT FOR SINGERS



Choir members and other interested singers! Please join us for a **Mini Music Retreat for Singers** on Saturday, August 13th from 9 A.M. to Noon at St. John Lutheran Church, 600 S. Center St. (FM 465), Marion, Texas 78124

We will gather singers and explore some exciting music...some you may have sung before...some that may be new to you. St John's Minister of Music, Marianne Gould will be leading you in music as well as Sally Walters, choir and worship band director at Christ the King. Church music makers are a very important part of worship services. We present the word of God in Song!

Following the Mini Music Retreat, we will enjoy a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. It will be a great time to sing praises to God, learn some new stuff and to make some new friends!

CTK CHOIR

The CTK Choir will begin the 2022-23 Singing Season on Wednesday, August 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm. The choir meets in the Sanctuary. You may enter the church building thru the door located closest to the Disciples room.

The choir at CTK offers support to our congregation's song in addition to offering choral arrangements in worship throughout the singing season (Aug-May).

Everyone is Welcome to join us! You may choose to join us for a church season, i.e. Advent (to prepare for Christmas), Lent (to support Lenten services and prepare for Easter), or you may join us for our whole Singing Season! Of course, singers' personal schedules fluctuate -that's okay. Come join us as you are able!

Our choir has a lot of fun while we learn new music by practicing together with a goal of singing the message of the song in the way the composer intended!

We hope to see you on August 17th!



DATES TO REMEMBER - MUSICIANS

Worship Band Every Thursday from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sanctuary
Mini Music Retreat Saturday, Aug 13, 9:00 am—until noon	St. John, Marion
Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays, Aug 17, 24 and 31, 7:00 pm—8:00 pm	Sanctuary

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the September 2022 newsletter are due

NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20th

and may be sent to ctkadm@sbcglobal.net or brought to the church office.

CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY—FALL FESTIVAL

You are all invited to the Cross Trails Ministry Fall Festival on **Saturday, September 17th** from 9am until 3pm in Fredericksburg.

Come to picturesque Fredericksburg ... to admire and bid on quilts at our Quilt Auction, or contribute one! Enjoy Music as you visit the food booths and trucks! Visit the Craft Booths and choose your favorite items! Spin the wheel at the Gift Card Pull for your chance to win! Eat something tasty from one of our Food Trucks! Enjoy Kids Carnival Games for the whole family! And sign up for our second annual Cornhole Tournament that is great for any age!

Or participate virtually by... Running or walking in the Fall Festival 5K! Bidding on quilts through our Online Quilt Auction! Bringing an offering to give to camp!

No matter which, know that you are supporting a great cause! Cross Trails Ministry holds only a few fundraising events each year. The Fall Festival funds help keep camp affordable by being used toward capital improvements, such as the new dam at Chrysalis and the new entrance road at Ebert Ranch. It is even more fun if you are involved! Groups have a great time bonding as they serve. So get some friends together and Participate in the 5K for all ages! Donate a chain store gift card valued at a minimum of \$10 or more to the "Gift Card Pull". Participate in our Cornhole Tournament or sponsor a team to play. For more information, go to <https://crosstrails.org/ways-to-give/fall-festival/>

60th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

We are in the process of forming a 60th Anniversary Planning Committee for Christ the King's 60th Anniversary in March of 2024. We are looking for a few individuals with great ideas for the best way to make this celebration an event to remember. We will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00 pm in the Disciples Room. If you are interested in being involved with the planning, please call Dawn Young in the church office, or contact Don & Margaret Vogt at 210-316-0986 or 210-279-0367.

RACAP NEWS (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program)

The temperatures say, it is summer, but RACAP is getting ready for their annual Holiday Food Basket Program. Yes, at the food pantry it will start to look like Thanksgiving and Christmas starting in September. The holiday meal basket applications will start on September 19th and will be accepted until November 16th. More information will be provided by RACAP on the items that will be needed to help fill baskets.

The food pantry is in desperate need of the following items. Please add these to your shopping list when filling your basket at the store with your own groceries.

Corn	Pasta w/meat (Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc.)
Box cereal	Peanut Butter
Meat Helpers	Dish Soap
Canned Fruit	Spaghetti Sauce
Jelly	Shampoo and Conditioner
Toiletries	Canned Dog and Cat Food



In addition, Christ the King has given \$3,514.00 from January through June 2022. Because of your generosity, you helped RACAP feed 234 people in June. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a family. You are the best!

Kathy Staley, RACAP Board President
Leona Hietala and Barbara Kovacich, RACAP Board Members

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Colton Lane	1	Louise Cruz	16	Kinsey Luza	23
Patsy Meyers	1	Mariesa Robbins	16	Carol Bearce	29
Connie Hunt	9	Bill Maddox	18	Robert Haley	29
Mike Roehrig	10	Mackenzie Alvarado	20	James Heston	29
Carter Cooper	11	Myrna Gilbert	20	Alyssa Teteris	29
Mike Serry	11	Shari Jensen	21	Robert Elkins	30
Barbara Kovacich	13	Enzo McClelland	22	Stacy Heston	30
Barbara Meurin	13	Marc McClelland	22		
Brandon Chaffins	14	Kailey Luza	23		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Joanne Benson	3	Evan & Kristin Poe	24
Brandon & Amy Chaffins	10	Bill & Barbara Maddox	24
Kevin & Christina Mattison	21	Edward & Pearl Sauseda	28
Larry & Marcia Zunker	22	Rob & Jill Cooper	31

THANK YOU'S

- ◆ to Don Vogt for watering the landscaping in the high temps for several hours.
- ◆ to Sheri Boos, Dale Meyers, Rich Patterson & Jody Robbins for driving the youth mission trip participants to and/or from the Austin airport.
- ◆ to Thomas & Carmen Hawkins, Katharine Barden, Chloe Kriegel & Sally Walters for their work on audio/visual equipment & connections following the power outage and especially to Thomas and Katharine for their extra efforts.
- ◆ to Chrismons in July helpers – to Katharine Barden and Sally Walters for all their prep work and getting things organized and everyone who has taken some to fix / make.

Worship Assistants for August 2022

DATE	LITURGIST	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	USHERS	OFFERING COUNTERS
9:08 AM					
AUG 7	Lisa Lopez	Susan Abbey	Susan Abbey Joyce Lucas	Kathy Hanley Carol McClelland	Glen Anderson Jill Schulz
AUG 14	Rich Patterson	Cindy Patterson	Mary Petermeier Open	Open Open	Leonard Geyer Cindy Hatzel
AUG 21	Kathy Staley	Sissie Mirhashemi	Mary Petermeier Barbara Kovacich	Kathy Hanley Open	Susan Abbey Lisa Lopez
AUG 28	Joyce Lucas	Susan Abbey	Susan Abbey Sissie Mirhashemi	Open Open	Leona Hietala Evelyn Lewis

AUGUST 2022

Boy and Cub Scouts—Bldg 3
 Girl Scouts—Bldg 3
 Phoenix NA—Bldg 3
 Star Academy—Bldg 2 and 3
 Hermann Sons—Bldg 2
 DAV / DAVA—Bldg 3
 Band Practice—Sanctuary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:08am Worship 8:00pm Phoenix NA	1 Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 9:00am Preparation of Backpacks 6:00pm Book Club at American Legion, UC 6:30pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	2	3	4 6:15pm Adult Bible Study by Zoom 6:30pm Via de Cristo Fellowship 7:00pm Hermann Sons Life 7:00pm Worship Band Practice	5	6
7 Worship 9:08 am 12:00pm Backpack Distribution 8:00pm Phoenix NA	8 Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 6:30pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	9 5:00pm Cookbook Committee 6:30pm Worship Com- mittee by Zoom	10 1:00pm LWR Quilting	11 6:15pm Adult Bible Study by Zoom 7:00pm DAV/DAVA 7:00pm Worship Band Practice	12 1:00pm Executive Committee, Disciples Room	13 9:00am MINI MUSIC RETREAT, St. John, Marion
14 Blessing of the Back- packs Worship 9:08 am 10:00am Second Sun- day Breakfast 8:00pm Phoenix NA	15 Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 4:00pm STAR Academy Curriculum Sale 6:30pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	16 5:00pm Cookbook Committee	17 7:30am Men's Group, Los Arcos Mexican Restaurant 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18 9:00am SHINE Co-op 6:15pm Adult Bible Study by Zoom 7:00pm Worship Band Practice	19 Sanctuary and Fellow- ship Hall Reserved	20 Moldenhauer/Checote Wedding, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
21 Worship 9:08 am 8:00pm Phoenix NA	22 Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 6:30pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 6:30pm WELCA Quarterly Meeting, Fellowship Hall	23 5:00pm Cookbook Committee 6:30pm Council	24 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	25 6:15pm Adult Bible Study by Zoom 7:00pm Worship Band Practice	26 Fellowship Hall re- served by WELCA 6:00pm Friday Night Fellowship	27 12:00pm WELCA Salad Luncheon
28 Worship 9:08 am 8:00pm Phoenix NA	29 Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 6:30pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	30	31 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1 6:15pm Adult Bible Study by Zoom 7:00pm Hermann Sons Life 7:00pm Worship Band Practice	2	3

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Organist Carol Bearce
Pianist/Choir Accompanist Vanessa Jackson
Choir & Worship Band Director Sally Walters
Nursery Melanie Vogt
Custodians Reinaldo & Irene Diaz
Bookkeeper Suzanne Schroeder
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Fellowship/Secretary Susan Abbey
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Ministry Team Leaders

Education / Faith Formation Ministries

Sunday School Superintendent
Disciples Room Adult Bible Study ... Thomas Hawkins
Via de Cristo Reunion Group Dinah Ryson
Ladies Bible Study Maggie Boos/
Carmen Hawkins

All Other Ministries

Men's Group Don Vogt
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Dominoes Leona Hietala
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