

The King's Herald

November 2024

GIVE
Thanks
with a
GRATEFUL
heart

Service Times!

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Traditional)

10:40 a.m. (Contemporary)

Wednesday

11:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Mark

Your

Calendar!

November 1

Prayer Summit

November 2

Black Belt

November 3

1st Holy Communion

Daylight Savings Time

November 7

Cancer Support Group

November 10

Veterans Recognition

Lunch & Advent Activities for
youth & families

Paint Party

November 24

Thanksgiving Worship & Fellowship
Meal

November 27

No Meal or Activities

November 28

Thanksgiving Day Breakfast @
DeGreen Home

November 28-29

Thanksgiving Holiday

CDC & Office Closed

Pastor's Notes for November

Pass the Potatoes, er, the Plates, Please

Multiple members of our congregation have asked, "Can we please start to pass the offering plates again in worship? We miss that part of worship!"

Hallelujah! Yes, we can, and we will, beginning the first Sunday of November, which also means that the children in worship will again be excitedly helping us gather the Mercy Basket offerings as all of us have sorely missed.

The Worship Committee had discussed how to receive Tithes and Offerings multiple times since May of 2020 when we started our parking lot worship services during COVID.

What a joy that a stream of members have recently come and asked for the Tithes and Offerings to be a part of worship and not just available before and after worship with the plates at the sanctuary door.

God clearly and lovingly calls us to give our Tithes and Offerings as an act of worship in Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus in the Old Testament and in Matthew 23 and Romans 12 in the New Testament, a few of many examples throughout the whole Bible. And Paul's inspired Bible letters are repeatedly calling us to give cheerfully and generously, according to God's principles, the first ten percent of our income, to the worship of God and the spread of the Good News of Christ Jesus.

Thank you, People of God, for again testifying to the special congregation that we share at Christ the King Lutheran Church. To God be the glory! Praise God!

Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

CtK Nursery

Nursery Needs:

1. We need a few more volunteers to serve in the nursery during the 8 AM service and during Sunday School. You'll serve one Sunday per month and you'll be serving with our expert nursery worker, Neisha Palao. You don't have to hide with the kids like Mrs. Amanda does, but we'd love for you to come read to the kids or play a little. We have rocking chairs too!
2. Our kids have been playing with the same toys for years. Would you consider donating some new or gently used toys for ages 0-3? (If you buy something that makes noise, please make sure it's not too loud.)

We would especially love to have this things:

- A baby doll
- 2 Etch-A-Sketches
- Jumbo crayons



Children & Youth Ministries

Youth Calendar

- Nov 6** S'mores at the fire pit. Bring a jacket/coat
Nov 10 Lunch & Advent Activities after 10:40am worship (families included)
Nov 24 Come sit with your friends at the Thanksgiving Feast
Nov 27 No Wednesday night activities, worship only

Children Calendar

- Nov 3** During Sunday worship, 8 kids/youth will take their 1st Holy Communion!

Youth Fellowship September 22!



Youth and Kids:

Heads up! For the first three Wednesdays in December, the youth and kids will be visiting some of our members who can't come to church anymore. We'll sing Christmas carols, deliver cookies and maybe make some Christmas crafts together.

If any adults would like to help spread the Christmas cheer, you are welcome to join our outings or make homemade cookies for us to deliver.



Hey everyone!

We are having a great month here at CTK and we are looking forward to what November has in store! We have our Halloween parties this Friday, October 25th and parents' night out that same day from 5:30-9pm.

For November, our curriculum will be focused on G, H, & I, the numbers 5 & 6, and colors yellow and green. The themes we will be focused on are fall/harvest and thankfulness. We will be doing tons of arts, crafts, & activities with the kiddos for thanksgiving .

The CDC will be closed Monday, November 11th for Veteran's Day. We will be closed for Thanksgiving on Wednesday - Friday November 27th - 29th for Thanksgiving.

Thanks,

Ashlyn Stuckey



Thanksgiving Worship & Feast!

Sunday, November 24, 2024

**Feast immediately following 10:40am
Thanksgiving Worship**

Turkey, dressing & drinks provided.

Bring yourself & your favorite dish to share!



Thanksgiving Day Breakfast!

Thursday, November 28, 2024

At Pastor, Amanda, Caden, & Martha's home

(2208 Kenbridge Cr, Bham 35226)

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

*****Please RSVP to Pastor or Amanda.***

Bring a dish to share.



Encouraging Words – Listening Ears
Life Together in This Season

Thursday, November 7, 2024
6:00 p.m. in the Luther Room

@

Christ the King Lutheran Church
611 Riverchase Parkway West
Hoover, AL 35244
205-988-5004

COME JOIN US!

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & PAINT

What to expect:

***Fellowship**

***Fun**

***Step By Step Instructions**

***Light Refreshments**

\$35

Includes all supplies



Painters Choice

11in x14in
canvas

***Looking for a fun and creative way to spend your evening?
Come join us for a Paint Party! No experience is needed – just
bring your enthusiasm and a smile.***

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
5:00PM - 7:00PM
HOSTED BY SERENA DUNCAN
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**REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHURCH
OFFICE OR STOP BY AND SIGN UP
(Please register by Nov 3rd.)**

Church scholarships available

A Beautiful Day to Walk for Breast Cancer Research

ONE MILE FUN WALK + RUN
FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

Raise awareness and join the world! Bring your family and friends to walk one mile to support breast cancer research in Alabama.

SUNDAY, OCT 20

PATRIOTS PARK
600 INDUSTRIAL RD, ALABASTER, AL 35007

1:30 PM REGISTRATION AT EVENT
3:00 PM ONE MILE STARTS

EVENT + REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Wear Pink
- 2.5K one-mile
- \$10 per adult
- Children under 10 walk free
- All donations welcome
- Water provided

Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Research Fund of the American Cancer Society. For more information, call 205-438-9807.



Christian Education Classes

Sunday:

“The Gospel of John” led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris in the Library. This class is for everyone

Disciple 2 Bible Study led by Anita Humphries in the Luther Room. A 32 week deeper study of Genesis and Exodus in the Old Testament and Luke and Acts in the New Testament.

Oasis with Maizie Nelson and Martha Green in the Luther Room Foyer:

Oasis = An area made fertile by a source of freshwater in an otherwise dry and arid region.

Oasis is a place for God to nurture the wellsprings of our souls. We seek the guidance of Holy Spirit as we grow together toward Christian maturity. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, brings back the outcast, and seeks the lost. We study God’s word, Old and New Testament, worship and praise him, sing, pray, and give mutual encouragement to one another. To God be the Glory as he produces fruit for the building up of his kingdom in our homes, the church, community, and the world. All are welcome, on any Sunday, to come for prayer or come for our entire class.

Children & Youth Sunday Education - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main Bldg, preschool nursery

3K & K ~ led by Debbie Fick & Christine George in the John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ led by Jennifer Minner & Cassie Carter in the Matthew/Mark Room

4th – 5th Grade ~ led by Lydia Pizner & Maureen Lynn in the Disciple Room

Jr High ~ led by Amanda DeGreen in the Jr. High Room

Sr High ~ led by Shandra Graf & Kathy Stepanksi in the Youth Room

Tuesday:

Sermon Prep 8:45 a.m. with Pastor and friends in the Library

EVERYONE Tuesday Morning 10:14 - 11 a.m. for everyone, both in person in the Library and on the phone. Those not physically present call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Prayer and Bible study (worship night) Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Wednesday:

Disciple 1 led by Pastor, Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle School Room. It is a 34-week overview of the whole Bible. All are welcome!

Children's Time (Bible Basic's) each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Jr. High Room

Youth Bible Study led by Amanda DeGreen at 5:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Bible/Book Club Discussion Group led by Pastor Chris, Wednesday's at 5:45 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome!

Thursday:

Disciple 3 Bible Study 1:00 p.m. at Barbara Scott's home. A 32-week deeper study of the prophets in the Old Testament and Paul's letters in the New Testament.

Friday:

Proverbs Bible Study 1:00 p.m. with Audrey Hains at Danberry. Written in 900BC by King Solomon but so relevant today.

Operation Christmas Child & Christmas Projects Update

The Missions Committee has decided that we will not participate in Operation Christmas Child this year as a congregation. However, if you would like to pack a Christmas Shoebox on your own you can find the information you will need on the Samaritan Purse's website: samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child.

You will find information on what can be included in your box and how to pack it. You can also pack a box online for \$25. You can use any empty shoebox or shoebox-sized plastic container. Hobby Lobby also has plastic boxes for sale. A \$10 suggested donation is requested to cover the cost of processing and shipping overseas. Shoeboxes must be turned in the week of November 18-25. See the website for local drop-off locations.

If you would be interested in coordinating a congregational shoebox drive next year please let us know.

We will be sponsoring two Christmas projects this year:

We will once again collect toys for the Walker County Preschool. Toys should be appropriate for 3 and 4 year olds. We will have a box in the narthex to collect toys starting Sunday, November 17th. We will also have a Mercy Basket on November 24 which will be used to purchase additional toys. We need to have all toys collected by December 8th so they can be delivered before the children get out for Christmas break.

We will also have an Angel Tree this year benefitting First Light, a shelter for homeless women and children in downtown Birmingham. The tree will go up after Thanksgiving and a box will be there for donations. A list of needed items from their wish list will be posted in the December newsletter.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Fick (205-862-1704) or Amanda DeGreen (205-901-0003)

Food Box Ministry



A food donation bin will be available in the hall, just outside the narthex, next to the choir cabinet. Please consider purchasing an extra food item when you grocery shop and donate toward the food box ministry. *A featured food item will be suggested each month, but any non-perishable food may be donated.*

November - Mac N Cheese

If you would like to participate in this ministry or learn more about it, email Wilma at wsween4423@gmail.com or call her at #847-915-5803.



Finance **UPDATES**

Ways to contribute financially:

Plates are at the back of the sanctuary, or

Give at www.ctkbham.org, or

Mail a check (611 Riverchase Pkwy W, Hoover, AL 35244), or

Contact the office to use Square

*Thank you so much for
your generosity!*

Will or Won't? Things a Will Won't (or Can't) Do

Wills offer many benefits and are an important part of any estate plan, regardless of how much property you have. Your will can ensure that after death your property will be given to the loved ones you designate. If you have children, a will is necessary to designate a guardian for them. Without a will, the courts and probate laws will decide who inherits your property and who cares for your children. But there are certain things a will cannot accomplish.

A will has no effect on the distribution of certain types of property after your death. For example, if you own property in joint tenancy with another co-owner, your share of that property will automatically belong to the surviving joint tenant. Any contrary will provision would only be effective if all joint tenants died at the same time.

If you have named a beneficiary on your life insurance policy, those proceeds will not be subject to the terms of a will and will pass directly to your named beneficiary. Similarly, if you have named a beneficiary on your retirement accounts, including pension plans, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), 401(k) or 403(b) retirement plans, the money will be distributed directly to that named beneficiary when you pass on, regardless of any will provisions.

Brokerage accounts, including stocks and bonds, in which you have named a transfer-on-death (TOD) beneficiary will be transferred directly to the named beneficiary. Vehicles may also be titled with a TOD beneficiary, and would therefore transfer to your beneficiary, regardless of any provisions contained in your will. Similar to TODs, bank accounts may have a pay-on-death beneficiary named.

The will's shortcomings are not limited to matters of inheritance. Generally, wills are not as well suited as trusts for putting conditions on a gift such as requiring someone to get married or divorced, or obtain a certain education level, as a prerequisite to inheriting a portion of your estate. A simple will cannot reduce estate taxes the way some kinds of trust plans can.

A trust, not a will, is also necessary to arrange for care for a beneficiary who has special needs. A will cannot provide for long-term care arrangements for a loved one. However, a special needs trust can provide financial support for a disabled beneficiary, without risking government disability benefits.

If you want to leave your estate to Fido, you're out of luck in many states. Without a special pet trust, your will may not be able to provide for pets to inherit your assets. You can use your will to leave your pet to someone, and then leave money to that person in trust to help take care of your pet.

A will cannot help you avoid probate. Assets left through a will generally must be transferred through a court-supervised probate proceeding, which can take months, or longer, at significant expense to your estate. If it's probate you want to avoid, consider establishing a living trust to hold your significant assets.

Our 1st Friday of the Month Prayer Summit,

11/01/2024!

It will be held from **7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

To join us by **Phone**, please call 425-436-6342

Access code #328663

PJ Prayer Time for Kids

Will Return on December 6

Contact Miss Jennifer or Miss Ashlyn to sign up



Aaron's Staff

Aaron's Staff is now at a new location! First Baptist Church of Alabaster, 903 3rd Ave NW, Alabaster.

Aaron's Staff is a monthly respite care ministry to families of special needs children and adults. It is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:30 to 8:00. We are always looking for volunteers. No experience needed. You will not be responsible for feeding or changing clients. You will interact with clients and assist them with various activities such as music, story-telling, art, sensory, and service projects. Please contact Debbie Fick for further information if you are interested. 205-862-1704

Black Belt Saturdays

Black Belt (Rich Soil Region) Saturday Mission

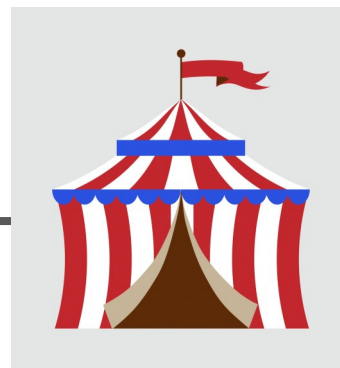
Saturday November 2 in Lafayette, AL

Contact the church office to coordinate travel

Websites:

A Promise To Help <https://www.apromisetoohelp.com/>

The Black Belt News Network <https://www.facebook.com/The-Black-Belt-News-Network-2313921062224293/>





Safety & Security

Food for Thought

Developing Safety/Security Intelligence For Your Church

Being aware of things happening in proximity to your local church is an important first step to aid the Security Ministry.

Many communities have local crime maps detailing where crimes have happened. Remember, not all crimes are reported and not all crimes make the local television or newspaper. Yet, understanding reports of crime in your church's geographic area can go a long way in protecting not only church property, but the people who visit your church.

In addition, search for information internally, Pastors and leadership often possess information about domestic situations, child custody issues, boyfriend-girlfriend problems, problems at other churches and a host of internal issues within the local body.

Ask your leaders to keep you in the loop about specific issues that may threaten the security of the church. Discretion is the word. Be worthy of the trust given you by only sharing the information with those who need to know, and avoid issues of gossip.

Lastly communicating with local law enforcement regularly is important as they can provide you with crime patterns in the vicinity of your church which you can share with your ministry team.

Church Safety-Security Alliance

November 2024	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
8:00 a.m.	Dave Demsky	Dennis Stanek	Dick O'Brien	Todd Vegter
10:40 a.m.	Jake Daniel	Jeff Minner	Dave Walter	Jeff Minner

November 2024	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Children Time 8:00 am 10:40 am	Patsy Scott Binnie Myles	Patsy Scott Binnie Myles	Patsy Scott Maureen Lynn	Patsy Scott Maureen Lynn
Lector 8:00 am 10:40 am	Kathy Stepanski Anita Humphries	Laurel Stanek Crystal Rice	Wendi Vegter Amy Hoaglund	Sherry Gilbert Doug Sweeney
Prayers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Carla Demsky Amanda DeGreen	Ann Dawson Shandra Graf	David Walter Gerry Roden	Daphne Phillips Maizie Nelson
Ushers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Dave & Carla Demsky Jeff Minner, Jake Daniel	Lee & Joye Sherrill Jeff Minner, Elizabeth Cooper	Todd & Wendi Vegter Jake Daniel, Casey VanKralingen	Cole Remillard, Sherry Gilbert Jeff Minner, Elizabeth Cooper
Communion 8:00 am 10:40 am	Amanda DeGreen, Jennifer Minner Amanda DeGreen, Jennifer Minner	Mark & Patsy Scott Shandra Graf, Camille Stanek	Dick & Cheryl O'Brien Eric & Amy Hoaglund	Mike & Matsy Remillard Doug & Wilma Sweeney
Crucifer 8:00 am 10:40 am	Lizzy Plaia Volunteer	Ranae Remillard Megan Durbin	Lizzy Plaia Arden Melton	Mikal Remillard Cate Wahl
Acolyte 8:00 am 10:40 am	Vera & Russell Moore Aubrie Nagel, Gabe Swysgood	Mikal Remillard Ashton Gorby	Vera & Russell Moore Ella Grace George	Ranae Remillard, Ashton Gorby Madison Daniel
Banner 8:00 am 10:40 am	Lydia Pizner, Chaplain Kathy Kendall Cross	Veterans Veterans	Retha Foster, Daphne Phillips Mason Fleming	Lydia Pizner, Chaplain Kathy Volunteer



3:33 Prayer

Please join our 3:33 prayer ministry by stopping each day at 3:33 to pray, "Lord please bring/continue revival in this nation and your church, and start/continue your revival in me."

40 Days of Prayer

As God has led us in this chapter of our life in Christ, when in 2003, it was put on our hearts to daily pray together the 3:33 prayers. So too, it's only through prayer that we can see where God would lead us now. Please join together in daily prayer:

1. *Dear God, help me to see with your eyes, (Matt. 14:14; 15:32) and reach out with your hands, (Mark 13:16; Luke 8:54) and be your body. (1 Cor. 12:27)*

And

2. *Lord God, I pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church, along with the surrounding community you've given us to serve. Show us your way, both dismantling what you didn't start, and also removing the opposition in each of us so that you can accomplish, through us, the ministry that you want to do.*

Please join us in stopping to pray EVERY DAY at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm and pray and act in accord with this command of God from 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Spread the word!



November Memory Verse:

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever."

Psalms 106:1

Let's Celebrate!!

November Baptisms

11/1	Kathy Stepanski	11/14	Pastor Chris
11/1	Nan McLean	11/17	Chris Grossmann
11/1	Rose Betz	11/19	Charles Williams
11/4	Lizzy Plaia	11/19	Adeline Williams
11/8	Jim Coe	11/20	Taylor VanKralingen
11/12	Stella Becker	11/24	Ella Grace George
11/13	Aubrie Nagel		
11/13	AJ Nagel		
11/13	Seraphina Carter		



November Anniversaries

11/1	Bradley & Megan Moore	16 years
11/7	Crystal & Ronnie Rice	9 years
11/19	Herman & Donna Vogel	47 years
11/26	Tom & Maizie Nelson	19 years



November Birthdays

11/1	Chase Stiffler	11/20	Eric Hoaglund
11/2	Joye Sherrill	11/21	Dick O'Brien
11/3	Susan Dearing	11/22	Roe Lawrence
11/3	Mike Steele	11/24	Casey VanKralingen
11/4	Karen Pierce	11/24	LaDonna Herring
11/4	Anne Allen	11/24	Ella Grace George
11/4	Tammy Beasley	11/25	Ann Dawson
11/6	James Dampier	11/25	Leschen Hamner
11/6	Addison Nagel	11/25	Cole Remillard
11/7	Megan Moore	11/27	Amy Hoaglund
11/7	Kayla Reinicke	11/28	Anita Humphries
11/7	JJ Miller	11/29	Loren Stiffler
11/8	Zack Vegter	11/29	Jim Courtney
11/12	Stella Becker	11/30	Camille Stanek
11/14	Maizie Nelson	11/30	Art Fries
11/17	Susan Johnson	11/30	Harley Davis
11/18	Nick Vegter		
11/18	Laurie Kinnebrew		
11/19	Phyllis Nichols		

December Birthdays

12/1	Nathan Page	12/19	AJ Nagel
12/2	Doug Smyth	12/19	Fayana Armando
12/3	Fischer Reinicke	12/19	Caleb Wilger
12/4	Janice Sagissor	12/20	George Bargman
12/4	Maddie Hoaglund	12/20	Diana Ashe
12/4	Cathy Troha	12/22	Paula VanKralingen
12/5	Ellie Shinaberry	12/22	Libby West
12/7	Earl Waller	12/22	Greg Carter
12/7	Adeline Williams	12/24	Adam Camlic
12/11	Patsy Scott	12/24	Kyle Camlic
12/12	Eva Smyth	12/25	Wray Allen
12/14	Judy Roberts	12/25	Bill Kinnebrew
12/15	Megan Durbin	12/26	Shawna McGriff
12/15	Flavio Armando	12/29	Angela Dunn
12/16	Tom Fisher	12/30	Jerry Nichols
12/17	Sara Shelley	12/30	Robbie Wahl
12/18	Joseph Kasper		





2024-2025 Church Council

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Please join us for Worship:

Wednesday:

11:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:40 a.m. Contemporary

Other ways to connect with or worship with us:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/ctkbham

YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g)

Instagram

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