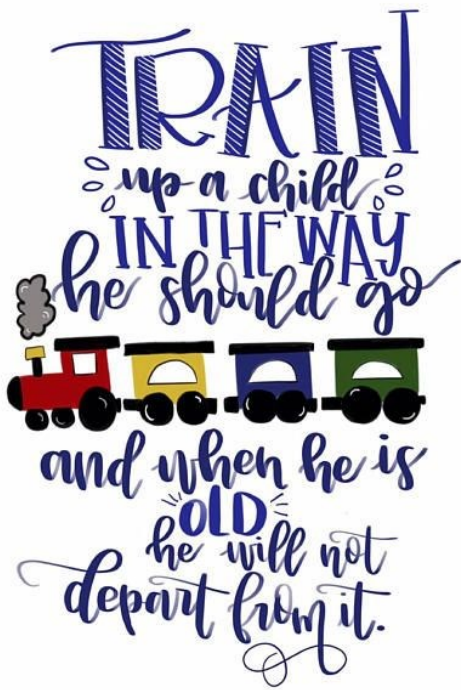


The King's Herald

August 2024



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!

August 2

Prayer Summit
7:00 p.m.

August 18

Confirmation Lunch &
Learn

August 3

Black Belt Saturday

August 18

Church Council Meeting

August 4

Rally Sunday
10:40am Prayer &
Healing

August 28

Youth Led Worship

August 7

Youth Pool Party

August 10

2nd Saturday

August 11

Tom's Retirement
Luncheon

Pastor's Notes — WATCH YOUR TONGUE?

A Workshop & Training this Friday at Church

How in the world do you watch your tongue? I can't even see my tongue unless I'm looking in a mirror. But it sure seems like a good thing for children and adults alike to learn with a new school year starting soon.

Let's learn together this Friday at 7 p.m. at our 92nd monthly 1st Friday Prayer Summit!

Attend 1 of 2 ways: 1) come to the church library in person or 2) call (425) 436-6342 using Access Code 328663. If you absolutely can't attend, you can request the training scriptures from the church office or pastor.

Where does that phrase "watch your tongue" even come from? First, it's God's established and revealed truth in both the Old and New Testament of the Holy Bible. Second, there are many worldly sources that offer literal explanations like "it means to keep your eyes on the words and language that come out of your mouth" and even better "it means to envision what those words will look like before they actually come out of your mouth so as to avoid trouble!"

But I'd humbly offer a third "origin" by simply referring back to and unpacking the first, namely, "the phrase 'watch your tongue' comes from God's established and revealed truth in both the Old and New Testament of the Holy Bible."

The explanation is that "watch" doesn't literally mean to use your eyes. "Watch" in the Bible means "to guard." To "watch your tongue", therefore, means to acknowledge that we should all guard the use of our tongue. The words that come from our tongue can be an ally and an asset that build up our lives and guard us from danger. Or the words that come from our own tongue can actually become our own worst enemy, injuring our own mind and vital relationships or, at an extreme, doing great, even irreparable, harm to our mental health, to the way that we think about ourselves, and to the relationships that we vitally need to have Abundant Life together in the Lord.

Letting down our guard, (not "watching" our tongue), and using profanity and curse words, for example, is to use foul (stinky) words that do great harm to our self-identity, our self-respect, our dignity, and our relationships with God and others.

Foul language also reveals to others the current condition of our soul, the current condition of our self-dignity, the current condition of our regard for others, and the current condition of the value of God's Word to us because God's word is life-giving, not destructive.

At this Friday's training/workshop and Prayer Summit, we will only spend time with a few of the 27 scriptures that are available to us, but let's offer this sampling of training that will be offered at the Prayer Summit Workshop: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." - Ephesians 4:29

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

Children & Youth Ministries

Transitions



Mrs. Susan and family are settling into their new home in Arenzville, Illinois. Pastor Phillip had a great first Sunday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Cruz now has a phone so he can keep in touch with all of us! Please join us in praying for the Dearing Family as they follow God's plan for ministry.

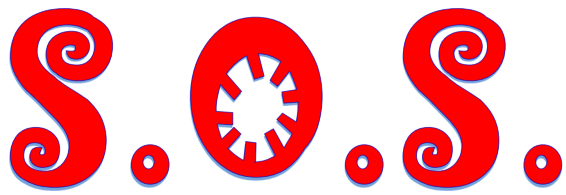
Christ the King will soon begin looking for a new Director of Youth Education. In the interim, Jennifer Minner will oversee Children's Ministries and Amanda DeGreen will oversee Youth Ministries.

Youth Calendar

- Aug 3 Blackbelt Regional Mission to Gee's Bend
- Aug 4 Rally Sunday @ 9:20 AM in the Luther Room
- Aug 7 Back to School Pool Party @ 5:30 PM at the Bibb's
- Aug 18 Confirmation Lunch & Learn - Confession & Absolution
- Aug 28 Youth-led Worship @ 6:30 PM

Children's Calendar

- Aug 4 Rally Sunday @ 9:20 AM in the Luther Room
- Sept 13 PJ Prayer Time



Christian Service
Mission



Freedom Manor
Christmas in July



Grace Klein
Ministries



Groceries for
Freedom Manor



Community
Food Bank



Hey everyone!

I can't believe that it is a new school year already time has flown by. Our kids have had a great summer this year.

They loved water day the most. They had fun dressing up also.

I would like to let you all know that I have resigned from my position as director of the preschool. My last day will be August 31, 2024. I have decided to move in with my daughter and granddaughter in Cullman. I would like to say thank you so much for the opportunity to work with the church and preschool.

May God Bless you!
April





**Sunday, August 4
9:15 a.m.
in the Luther Room!**

Celebrate Tom's retirement with a luncheon on Sunday, August 11 immediately following the 10:40 a.m. worship service! A message from Tom: *"The meal is to celebrate my retirement as Treasurer and other roles. I plan to use this occasion to tell some of the history of God's work in the earlier years at Christ the King."*

Dick O'Brien is Retiring!

After 20 years and many countless hours of love and dedication as the church Business Manager, Dick is retiring October 1. We are so incredibly thankful for his guidance here and will miss his "grumpy" face on a daily basis. Stay tuned for his retirement party information.



We are accepting applications for the following positions. Please submit your resume to the church office.

Business Manager

CDC Director (April has decided to move to Cullman to be with her daughter & granddaughter)

Assistant Treasurer

Christian Education Classes

Sunday:

Jesus's Questions in The Gospel of John led by Pastor Chris in the Luther Room:
This class is for everyone

Disciple 2 Bible Study led by Anita Humphries in Fellowship 2

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:

Tuesday:

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

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 & Zack Vegter in the Jr. High Room
Sr High ~ led by Shandra Graf & Kathy Stepanksi in the Youth Room

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 the one step number 727-731-7466, or 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Prayer and Bible study (worship night) Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. call the one step number 727-731-7466, or use the old number and access code: 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Wednesday:

Disciple 1 led by Pastor, Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle School Room. 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 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. Beginning May 16.

Friday:

An inspiring Bible Study 1:00 p.m. with Audrey Hains at Danberry.

Mission Challenge 47

Tracy Hipps, Executive Director of Christian Service Mission (CSM), says our annual Mission Challenge hands and \$4,700 goal this year can help the Kingdom of God to

- 1) finish and furnish (\$2,700) a transitional house for abused women who (with any children) may live there until they get on their feet in partnership with CSM & Rebirth Church in the Kingston Community of Birmingham. The pastor of this congregation grew up in an abusive home through which God has worked the pastor's burden for this ministry. And...
- 2) to help a single, senior working woman have a sorely needed roof replacement (\$2,000+) on her modest home in North Birmingham.

Thank you for the over \$3,700 given so far!!

Our 1st Friday of the Month Prayer Summit, 8/02/2024!

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 in September!

Contact Susan or Miss April to sign up



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.*

August - Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles

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.

Christ the King Lutheran Foundation

10 Things You Can do Today to Support Christ the King Lutheran Foundation

1. Prepare a will. Only 50% of those who pass away have one. Without a will, you lose control of the possessions you worked a lifetime to acquire.
2. Leave a gift in your will for Christ the King Lutheran Foundation, which will make a difference in your life.
3. Leave a specific dollar amount or percentage of the assets in your will to Christ the King Lutheran Foundation.
4. Consider using assets for your charitable gift. These can include, but are not limited to, stocks, bonds, CD's, real estate, etc. Such gifts may even provide tax savings.
5. Name Christ the King Lutheran Foundation as the beneficiary of your IRA, 401K, or pension plan.
6. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming Christ the King Lutheran Foundation as beneficiary.
7. Name Christ the King Lutheran Foundation as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
8. Remember deceased loved ones with a memorial gift to Christ the King Lutheran Foundation.
9. Encourage family members to leave gifts to Christ the King Lutheran Foundation.
10. Ask your financial advisor to include charitable giving as a part of their counsel to other Christ the King Lutheran Church members.



Safety & Security

A PEARL OF WISDOM

Don't be alarmed by the things that you hear, see happening, or rumors that are circulating, says the LORD. Your response to the bad news that causes others to fear and tremble needs to be different. Counter it with the GOOD NEWS that I have given you. Be steadfast in your faith and trust in Me at all times. You will become a pillar of strength as you remain strong in Me. I have called you out of the darkness, into my marvelous light. As you remain fearless, you will not only prevail over the enemy but lead others to the SECURITY and SAFETY that will be found exclusively in Me, says the LORD. Stand up! Gear up, and get ready to resist the enemy, as I have equipped you and prepared you to do, says the LORD. For great is the result of your unwavering faith, as you refuse to cower, resist fear and remain confident in Me and My infallible Word, and are a doer of it. Your decision will impact the lives of those around you, and you will be a signpost that will direct others to Me, says the LORD. Amen.

**** WE NEED MORE TEAM MEMBERS ****

August 2024	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
8:00 a.m.	CJ Crum	Todd Vegter	Dennis Stanek	Dave Demsky
10:40 a.m.	Robbie Wahl	David Walter	Jeff Minner	Jake Daniel



Aaron's Staff

Aaron's Staff, a monthly respite care ministry to special needs children and adults, is in need of volunteers, but especially nurses. If you are a nurse, please consider volunteering, even if just once or twice a year. We serve on Saturdays from 3:00-8:00pm. See Debbie Fick for more information. 205-862-1704.

Black Belt Saturdays



Black Belt (Rich Soil Region) Saturday Mission

Saturday August 3, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Boykin Nutrition Center in Gees Bend, 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/>

2nd Saturday



2nd Saturday Fellowship

Join us Saturday, August 10 in the Luther Room.

Contact the church office to RSVP

August 2024	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Children Time 8:00 am 10:40 am	Wendi Vegter	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott
	Binnie Myles	Binnie Myles	Maureen Lynn	Maureen Lynn
Lector 8:00 am 10:40 am	Lydia Pizner	David Walter	Laurel Stanek	Kathy Stepanski
	Anitia Humphries	Crystal Rice	Arden Melton	Doug Sweeney
Prayers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Laurel Stanek	Kathy Stepanski	Debbie Fick	Maizie Nelson
	Prayer & Healing	Lydia Pizner	Gerry Roden	Maizie Nelson
Ushers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Steve & Connie Owen	Lee & Joye Sherrill	Sherry & David Gilbert	Casey Van Kralingen, Mark Scott
	Jeff Minner, Larry Loyacano	Jake Daniel, Jeff Minner	Jeff Minner, Lydia Pizner	Larry Loyacano, Jake Daniel
Communion 8:00 am 10:40 am	Dick & Cheryl O'Brien	David Walter, Robert Johnson	Mark & Patsy Scott	Pat Loyacano, Lydia Pizner
	Pat Loyacano, Amanda DeGreen	Sharon Swysgood, Lydia Pizner	Shandra Graf, Camille Stanek	Doug & Wilma Sweeney
Crucifer 8:00 am 10:40 am	Ashton Gorby	Ranae Remillard	Volunteer	Mikal Remillard
	Cate Wahl	Megan Durbin	Arden Melton	Madison Daniel
Acolyte 8:00 am 10:40 am	Vera & Russell Moore	Mikal Remillard	Vera & Russell Moore	Ranae Remillard
	Aubrie Nagel	Olivia Durbin, Gabe Swysgood	Ella Grace George	Cate Wahl, Aubrie Nagel
Banner 8:00 am 10:40 am	John & Judy Roberts	John & Judy Roberts	John & Judy Roberts	Volunteer
	Harley Davis	Kendall Cross, Harley Davis	Mason Fleming, Harley Davis	Harley Davis



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!



August Memory Verse:

"Train a child in the way he should go,

and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverb 22:6

Let's Celebrate!!



August Baptisms

8/1 Mark Scott
8/3 Aria Shelley
8/18 Kennedy Minner
8/23 Larry Loyacano
8/24 Connor Nethery
8/25 Wendi Vegter
8/25 Elias Carter



August Anniversaries

8/13 Chase & Mary Pat Stiffler 2 years
8/17 Kris & Angla Dunn 33 years
8/18 Wray & Anne Allen 56 years
8/22 Flavio & Sonia Armando 16 years
8/26 Dick & Cheryl O'Brien 61 years

August Birthdays

8/2 David Keith	8/20 Max Kusiak
8/2 Tim Shelley	8/21 Tom Nelson
8/3 Jan Kneule	8/23 Margaret Suling
8/5 Barbara Hale	8/25 Audrey Hains
8/5 Megan Cain	8/27 Bill Bibb
8/5 Russell Moore	8/28 Ralph Hyatt
8/7 Brandon Stiffler	8/28 Vincent Cottone



8/8 Brooke Beasley
8/12 Katie Bialko
8/14 Joy Dearing
8/14 Trinity Brown
8/16 Larry Loyacano
8/17 Aaden Cain
8/18 Ola Branon
8/19 Gladys Nelson
8/19 Jodi Richardson

September Birthdays

9/1 Alex Pierce	9/12 Pastor Chris
9/2 Wilma Sweeney	9/12 Chris George
9/3 Mary Anne Smith	9/12 Bob Bender
9/3 Autumn Kusiak	9/18 Elise Catron
9/5 Tim Champion	9/18 Mike Remillard
9/5 Cruz Dearing	9/19 Robert Johnson
9/5 Rachel Garrett	9/21 Beth Brasher
9/6 Colleen Wilger	9/21 Sherry Gilbert
9/7 Chuck Segrest	9/21 Sherry Stepanski
9/8 Debra Horton	9/21 Linda Kretzschmar
9/8 Ashley Hagemeyer	9/21 Sonia Armando
9/9 Darlene Thorson	9/22 Melissa Segrest
9/9 Wendy Wrona	9/22 David Walter
9/10 Maria Vandenberg	9/25 Flavia Armando
9/10 Vera Moore	9/27 Seraphina Carter
9/11 Dick Baumgarten	9/28 Ashton Gorby
9/11 Rich Richardson	9/29 Brooks Melton
9/11 Cassie Carter	9/29 Gena Trammel
	9/30 Kathy Stepanski
	9/30 Landon Daniel



2024-2025 Church Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Staff Support</u>
Jeff Minner	205-482-7682	President	
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Sharon Swysgood	205-540-0517	CDC/preschool	Dick, Wendi, April
Lynn Whited	334-215-3530	Education	Jennifer & Pastor
Jon Young	205-576-2646	Disciplemaking/ Evangelism	Pastor



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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

[ctklutheranbham](https://www.instagram.com/ctklutheranbham)

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