



eNEWSLETTER

May 2019

After the first Easter, when the disciples knew that Jesus had risen from the dead, they stayed hidden in the upper room. After Jesus appeared in the locked upper room and Thomas was able to see Jesus and place his hands on the wounds Jesus suffered during crucifixion, the disciples returned to Galilee.

They didn't go into the countryside to spread the gospel and tell the good news.

They went fishing.

They went back to what they were comfortable doing. We all do this. We like consistency. We like our comfort. Being a follower of Jesus is anything but comfortable. It is risky. It takes courage. It is not easy to step outside our comfort zone to do what we have been asked by Jesus.

Being disciples and sharing the gospel requires more from us than sitting in our regular spot in a pew for one hour a week. It involves stepping outside the walls of our congregation and into our neighborhoods and communities so that people can experience the gospel through our actions and words.

We can no longer wait for people to come to us. We have to go to them. The world and the church are changing as we know it and it will make for some uncomfortable growing pains. In order to make visitors and guests feel more at ease, we may have to give up things which have been comfortable for us because it is what we have always done. We can't even expect that people will know what to do if and when they step inside our building.

More and more people are growing up outside of any mainline denomination, and if we want to help equip disciples and grow God's Kingdom, we will need to examine everything we do in worship and in outreach and evangelism.

As part of our work with the Collaborative we will be taking a look at everything we do, including our biblical identity. It will feel uncomfortable. We will be asking tough questions. Questions we may not feel prepared to answer.

But don't worry. Jesus will keep showing up. Gently guiding us and reminding us whose we are and what we are called to do. And in the process we will grow spiritually and will grow the kingdom of God.

In His name,

Pastor Matt

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WORSHIP

Worship Schedule

Saturday @ 5 pm

Sunday @ 11 am

Cottingham Worship

Sunday, May 12 @ 2:00 pm

**Cottingham Retirement Community
(3995 Cottingham Dr.)**

Come share worship with our friends at Cottingham Retirement Community for Mother's Day (1 mile south of CtK on Route 42 across from Walgreens). The service typically lasts about 30-40 minutes and is located in the second floor chapel. Christ the King is the only church who regularly brings Holy Communion to the residents for their Protestant worship.

[Contact](#) Denise

Guitar Liturgy

May 18/19

CtK's guitar ensemble will lead these worship services which will feature the *Heartland Liturgy* by Jonathon Rundman. Invite your friends.

The Edge House

Sunday, May 26 @ 11:00 am

Pastor Alice Connor, campus minister at The Edge House, University of Cincinnati, will preach in worship and share about this exciting ministry. Some of her students will also be here to answer questions and share their experiences. Learn more about Edge House's ministry at www.edge-uc.org.



Easter Butterflies

Butterflies have emerged and will "live" in the sanctuary through the Easter season.

New life! Jesus changes everything!



Bread Bakers Meeting

Sunday, May 5 @ 12:30 pm

Christ the King will soon be serving only gluten-free bread during communion. What an inviting and inclusive way to welcome EVERYONE to the Lord's table as we share the same bread! There will be a short meeting after worship to share information about the new recipe and to discuss gluten-free baking techniques.

Please come if you are a current bread baker or if you would like to be part of this ministry team.

Pentecost Foreign Language Readers Needed

June 8/9

Sign up on the kiosk if you'd like to participate in the foreign language reading during Pentecost worship services. Readings and translations will be provided.

[Contact](#) Denise

Summer Storytelling

Personalities in the Bible

All services, beginning June 16

INTP, ESFJ, introvert, extrovert, neat desk, piles on the floor, up with the sun, awake at midnight...

What personality traits do you share with characters in the Bible? Are you more like Mary or Martha? King David or Jeremiah? Peter or Paul? Each week in worship, this summer's stories will be highlighting one of the great personalities in the Bible, and how they used their unique gifts to serve the Lord.

Sign up on the kiosk if you're interested in sharing. And make sure to attend the Discovering Spiritual Gifts classes (more details on page 3).

[Contact](#) Denise

Pastor Matt's Weekly Sermon Podcast

A video of Pastor Matt's weekly sermon is posted on CtK's Facebook page each Sunday at 2:30 pm. Tune-in if you're unable to make it to church that weekend or share it with your friends. You can access archived sermons on CtK's website (www.ctkluth.org).

Readings for May

May 4/5—3 Easter

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 11/12—4 Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 18/19—5 Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 26/27—6 Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

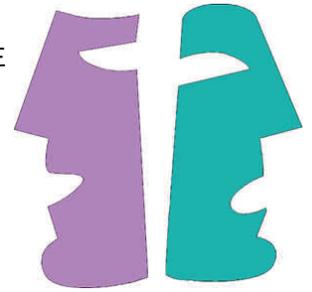
John 14:23-29

DRAMA CAMP

Register Now!

Drama Camp is for EVERYONE in the family age 5 and up.

Together a musical script, based on a biblical story, is brought to full production in only one week. Come a few days earlier for the Stage Craft Mini-Camp. We'll work on everything behind the scenes—sets, props, and costumes.



Stage Craft Mini Camp

Thursday, July 19 - Saturday, July 21

Script Read-Through

Sunday, July 22 @ 12:15-1:15 pm

4 Rehearsals

Monday, July 23 – Thursday, July 26 @ 6:00 -9:00 pm

Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, July 28 @ 9:00 am – Noon

Final Performance

Sunday, July 29 @ 4:00 pm

Go to www.ctkluth.org to learn more and to register. Informational flyers can be found on the Gathering Area kiosk—pick up a few and share with your family and friends!

[Contact](#) Denise

EDUCATION

Discovering Spiritual Gifts

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19 @ 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday, May 11 @ 6:00-7:00 pm

For the past few months, we have been building on our prayer life to tune our ears to how God is calling us. The next step is to evaluate what assets we have. Come learn how you and the gifts which God has blessed you with fit into that picture.

[Contact](#) Pastor Matt

OUTREACH

Holy Week Food Drive

During Holy Week, CtK collected over 563 pounds of food and personal care items for the food pantry at Faith Community United Methodist Church. Thank you for your generosity!

Stepping Forward Dinner

Tuesday, May 14 @ 4:00-7:30 pm

Faith Community UMC (8230 Cox Rd., West Chester)

Christ the King will be providing the meal for the community dinner on May 14. All are welcome to join this energetic ministry team as they prepare and serve food and clean up for the community meal.

[Contact](#) Sue

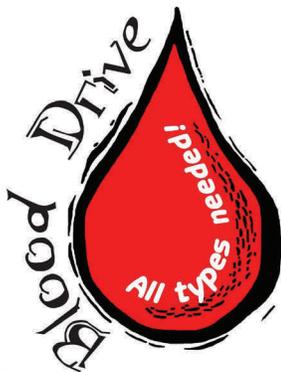
Hoxworth Blood Drive

Thursday, May 23

1:00-3:15 pm & 4:30-7:00 pm

It's only a few weeks until our blood drive. Donating is easy and greatly appreciated! **To register, please visit hoxworth.org/groups/ctk or call (513) 451-0910.** This event is open to the whole community, so invite your friends and neighbors to participate.

Go to <https://hoxworth.org/donors/eligibility.html> to determine if you are eligible to donate.



EVANGELISM

Spread the News

Interested in learning how you can make a difference in spreading the news about CtK activities? CtK is establishing a team to engage our community by helping to distribute fliers and putting up banners announcing these events.

We need you! Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate.

[Contact](#) Mary

MEMBER CARE

Support for Home Meals, Transportation, and Funerals

CtK is using the online organizational tools on the "Lotsa Helping Hands" website to coordinate providing meals and transportation for members in need, as well as, preparing meals for funerals. Each of these 3 ministry areas is organized in a different "community". If you would like to participate in preparing home meals, providing transportation, or preparing funeral meals, follow these steps:

1. Go to www.LotsaHelpingHands.com
2. Click on "Join a Community" and enter "Christ the King" into the community name search. You should see a listing of 3 communities.
3. Join the ministry communities you would like participate in by selecting "join" and follow the sign-in directions.
4. You will be notified by email when a need arises.

[Contact](#) Kathy

PRAYER MINISTRY

First Friday Prayer Vigil

Friday, May 3 @ 11:00 am-3:00 pm

The ARK will be open for anyone to come for quiet prayer and meditation. Names of those on our prayer lists will made available, so that you can lift up their names. **Please sign up for a time-slot on the Gathering Area kiosk.**

Prayer Calendar

Our prayer journey continues through the season of Easter with daily scripture verses and prayer prompts. You can pick up a hard copy of the prayer calendar in the Gathering Area, or access a digital copy online at www.ctkluth.org. You are encouraged to journal your thoughts, get with a prayer partner, or post on the Prayer Journey Wall in the sanctuary.

WELCA (WOMEN OF THE ELCA)

Mary Martha Circle

Tuesday, May 14 & 28 @ 11:30 am

Bring your lunch and join in the creation of quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local needs. All are welcome!

[Contact](#) Ruby

Sewing Machine Needed

Mary Martha Circle is in need of a sewing machine. If you have one which you would like to donate, please [contact](#) Ruby.

Rachel Circle Salad Supper

Tuesday, May 21 @ 6:30 pm (note time change)

Meet at CtK

All women are invited and welcome to join in the special Salad Supper meeting. Mary will host by providing drinks and dessert. Please bring a salad to share.

Kathy will lead the study from the May issue of *Gather Magazine*, "From Generation to Generation: Two-way blessings."

[Contact](#) Judy

Trash to Treasure

Set up Dates: Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 2 @ 9:00 am

Sale Dates: Friday, May 3 @ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 4 @ 8:00 am - noon

The annual Trash to Treasure rummage sale is almost here. Volunteers are needed to before, during, and after the sale. Come help as you are able. The proceeds from community event go to many ministries inside and outside the walls of CtK.

[Contact](#) Kathy



YOUTH

Youth Group News

The CtK youth group had their flashlight Easter egg hunt on the evening of Friday, April 12 with six youth, seven visiting youth, and six parents attending. Twenty-eight eggs are yet to be found. Keep your eyes out!

Help with Trash to Treasure Sale

All youth and parents are needed to volunteer for the Trash to Treasure sale. This is huge a community service event. If you did not have a chance to sign up on the kiosk, we would still love for you to come when you can to help with the set-up, sale or clean-up afterward.

2019 Graduates

We celebrate with and bless the following students as they graduate from High School and University.

Olivia, Katie, Kelly, Anna, Haley, and John





Monarch Fest

Saturday, June 1 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Planning for Monarch Fest continues. This is going to be a BIG event for Ctk. Come for a fun, informational day for all ages.

- **Special speakers**— Listen to presentations from the Cincinnati Zoo, Great Parks of Hamilton County, the past president of the Cincinnati Chapter of The Wild Ones, and our very own horticulturalist and landscape architect, Susan.
- **Garden tour**—See what has been done on our grounds to establish Ctk as an official Monarch Waystation.
- **Free milkweed plants**—Take home a plant grown by Ctk's youth group and other green-thumb blessed members.
- **Kids' activities**—Create soil blocks, enjoy face painting, and participate in the pollinator parade.
- **Pollinator plant sale**—Thanks to Natorp's for their support!
- **Flight of the Butterflies film**—Watch this award winning film.
- **Citizen Scientist Area**—Learn how you can contribute to scientific knowledge about pollinators by collecting data in your own backyard.
- **Music with a Mission Concert** featuring the bluegrass band, Kentucky 31—Toe-tapping at it's best!
- **Food** by Pop-A-Dog food cart— Grab a tasty hot dog, chips, and a drink.

All proceeds will go the Pollinator Partnership.

More details can be found at www.ctluth.org.

Monarch Fest in the News

Look for the article about Monarch Fest in the April edition of *West Chester/Liberty Lifestyle* magazine. www.westchesterandlibertylifestyle.com/2019/03/28/flying-with-the-monarchs/

Hard copies are available in the Gathering Area.

Volunteers Needed!

Your help is needed before, during, and after the event. There is something for everyone (even getting to sit inside with the AC). **You can sign up on the kiosk or online at bit.ly/MonarchFestSignUp.**

[Contact](#) Laura

Sponsorships Welcome

If you or your business would like to help sponsor this event, please [contact](#) Laura.

Attention milkweed growers!

If you need bigger pots for your milkweed, or if you are having any problems and need advice, please [contact](#) Donna or Susan. And thank you very much!



THANK YOU

I would like to thank all my brothers and sisters at Christ the King for all their prayers, calls, and cards I received during my recent illness.

Sincerely, Gail

THE COLLABORATIVE

Welcome to The Collaborative!

This is a 2-year journey for Christ the King to experience the depth and breadth of God's love in worship, prayer, study of scripture, and sharing of faith as we discern the presence and will of God in our midst.

Next Steps—What's your Story?

So far, we have been building-up our collective prayer practices to listen to how God is calling us to serve in our community. Now, we're going to focus on telling our stories and assessing our personal and congregational resources.

- There will be opportunities to identify the gifts which God has blessed each of us with and to explore the ways in which those gifts shape our stories. **See information about Discovering Spiritual Gifts on page 3.**
- Summer Storytelling will revolve around the people in the Bible who share our Spiritual Gifts and how their stories are similar to our own. **See information about storytelling on page 2.**
- A formal prayer partner ministry will be started in order to nurture relationships for sharing our faith stories and supporting each other in prayer. **Look for information in June newsletter.**
- There will be a congregational “summer read” from an author who shares her against-all-odds story of becoming a person of faith. **Look for information in the June newsletter.**

Getting to know ourselves (our stories) will help us understand our strengths and weaknesses as a congregation and will help us focus on who we are being called to be in our community.

[Contact](#) Laura



The Collaborative:
Stronger · Better · Together

FELLOWSHIP

Book Club

Tuesday, May 7 @ 7:00 pm

All are welcome to join the Book Club's final meeting of the program year as the group discusses ***I Should Have Honor*** by Khalida Brohi.

Khalida Brohi experiences the 'honor killing' of her female cousin who had the 'misfortune' of falling in love with someone other than who she was promised in marriage to by her father and launches into a full-on journey to educate and prevent this from happening again among her own countrymen in Pakistan and on the larger global stage.

A very interesting and inspiring story and lots of great topics for discussion.

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Book club is a great way to get to know fellow Ctk members.

[Contact](#) Donna

Lunch with Pastor Matt

Thursday, May 9 @ 11:30 am

**The Wooden Barrel
(9303 Cincinnati Columbus Rd)**

Grab something to eat and join Pastor Matt for lunch.

[Contact](#) Pastor Matt

Grapevine

Friday, May 17 @ 6:00 pm

Everyone age 50+ is invited to come for a fun evening of food and games. The hosts will supply drinks and desserts. You are asked to bring a side dish to share. All are welcome!

[Contact](#) Jeanine

Coffee with Pastor

Tuesday, May 28 @ 7:00 pm

Coffee Beans & Brew (7051 Yankee Rd.)

Join Pastor Matt for relaxed conversation and fellowship.

[Contact](#) Pastor Matt

For the Good of the Church

Thanks to...

- Dick and Sue for the useful Personnel Policy Handbook Model to guide us through the making of a CTK Personnel Policy.
- Mark and Todd for kitchen electric work, new stove, fan, and microwave installation.
- Les and Eric for contributions of shop vacs to the Church.
- Kevin for his time and expertise in updating the Church Windows software.

PROPERTY

Project Updates

- Sanctuary Carpet—The carpet installation has at last been completed. It gives a new and brighter look to the Sanctuary. We made the target of installation before Palm Sunday.
- Kitchen Oven—The second kitchen oven will be replaced with a range/oven. Because this requires a circulating fan above the range, we are looking at installing a microwave rather than just a hood with a fan. However, this required the replacement of the cabinet directly above the range. The cabinet, while not a custom item, did require a special order. Because of a structural beam in the wall adjacent to the cabinet, the new electrical feed needs to be routed through the upper cabinet. Thus installation will be delayed until the cabinet is received and installed.

Property Work Day

Saturday, May 11

There are several maintenance projects around the property which need to be addressed.

- Complete unfinished painting in 3 areas
- Demolition of the outdoor worship area
- Finding and sealing squirrel entry points
- Installing molding on an HVAC unit door
- Mapping electrical outlets with breakers

Please sign-up on the Gathering Area kiosk.

[Contact](#) Mark



COUNCIL

A Note From the Council President

Dear Friends in Christ,

We will be covering several important topics in our upcoming congregational meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone there to give input, feedback and lastly voting agreement on the following topics:

- **Election of Elders**—Stewardship, Congregational Life and Secretary. A great deal of thanks and praise go out to Ernie, and Kathy for their years of service. Nancy will finish her interim term and look for your vote to continue on for a full term of two years.
- **Continuing resolution to increase council's monetary authority**—Currently the council has authority to approve up to \$5000 for a single expenditure without going to the congregation with a special meeting. Any expense over \$5000 currently requires a two week notice for a congregational meeting to take place and a vote taken for approval. We all know that CtK has air conditioning units that are nearing their useful life. They are now running over \$5000 in price. If one goes out, we would have to wait at least two weeks to notify the congregation and take a vote for the expense. This \$5000 expenditure limit has been around for decades. Council proposes a new \$10,000 authority limit for council to agree upon by majority vote.
- **Amendment to the Bi-Laws to include an Elder of Evangelism**—Mary is currently holding the position of Chair of Evangelism reporting to our Outreach Elder. We feel strongly that the position should be a full Elder role and sit on Council as a voting member.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend Christ the King's annual meeting on May 19, 2019.

I send my prayers for peace and God's grace to all of you.

Sheila



Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch

Sunday, May 19 @ 12:30 pm

All members are encouraged to attend the congregational meeting. The Annual Report will be shared and the following items will be voted upon:

- Election of Elders
- Increasing council's monetary authority
- Adding new Elder of Evangelism position

Lunch will follow the meeting. Please bring an item to share (salad, side dish, or dessert). The entrée and beverages will be provided.

OFFICE

Sign up for Text Alerts

If you would like to receive text alerts from CtK concerning important announcements, go to <http://bit.ly/2CtICOR>, click "join group", and follow the directions. Create a Groupme account if you don't have one—it's free. You can receive messages through the Groupme app or on your regular text messaging app.

[Contact](#) Laura

Contact the Church Staff

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VEIL (VIDA ETERNA IGLESIA LUTERANA)

VEIL is ...

Vida Eterna Iglesia Luterana
(Eternal Life Lutheran Church),
a local and Synodical ELCA Latino
Ministry.



Worship Services

Sundays @ 4:15 pm

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (6329 Tylersville Rd.)

You are invited to join VEIL for bilingual service of the Word and Sacrament.

Homework Fellowship Program

Sundays, May 5 & 12 @ 2:00-4:00 pm

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (6329 Tylersville Rd.)

Tutors are needed to help with basic reading and math homework. Please help as you are able.

[Contact](#) Susan

Summer Science Camp

Sundays @ 2:00-4:00 pm

Wednesdays @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

June 5-July 31

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (6329 Tylersville Rd.)

All children in grades K-8 are invited to join VEIL'S Summer Science Camp. It was made financially possible by a \$3,500 grant from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. This summer's theme is Weather & Climate Change. The lessons will be introduced on Wednesdays and an enrichment lesson will be provided on Sundays.

Please consider volunteering.

- All, including high school and college students, are invited to mentor the youth by helping the teacher with reading and short projects.
 - Lunches are needed on Wednesday.
- Spanish is not required. You can help once or come every day—whatever works with your schedule.

[Contact](#) Susan

Donations

Thanks at all at CtK who donated items to support VEIL's women's ministry and educational programs. ¡Gracias, gracias!

The follow items are needed:

- Feminine pads (thin, regular)
- Plastic tampons
- Baby wipes
- Ziploc bags (quart & gallon size)
- Snacks (healthy and shelf stable)
 - Granola bars
 - Chewy bars
 - Peanut butter crackers
 - Cheese sticks
 - Applesauce cups
 - Fruit cups

Please place your items in the VEIL basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Kroger Community Rewards

A very easy way to help support VEIL is to sign up (either online or at the Customer Service Desk) with Kroger's Community Rewards program and choose VEIL as the group you'd like to support. The group number is YG489 . A percentage of all that you spend at Kroger is sent to VEIL.



Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América

La obra de Dios. Nuestras manos.

MAY CALENDAR

Wed 1

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Set up for Trash to Treasure

Thurs 2

- 9:00 am Set up for Trash to Treasure
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri 3

- 8:00 am Trash to Treasure Sale
- 11:00 am Prayer Vigil

Sat 4

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
- 8:00 am Trash to Treasure Sale
- 5:00 pm Worship

Sun 5

- 9:30 am Discovering Spiritual Gifts
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm Bread Bakers Meeting

Mon 6

- 3:00 pm Music Lessons

Tues 7

- 10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Book Club

Wed 8

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Thurs 9

- 11:30 am Lunch with Pastor @ The Wooden Barrel
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sat 11

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
- 8:00 am Property Work Day
- 9:00 am Council Meeting
- 5:00 pm Worship
- 6:00 pm Discovering Spiritual Gifts

Sun 12

- 9:30 am Discovering Spiritual Gifts
- 11:00 am Worship
- 2:00 pm Cottingham Worship

Mon 13

- 3:00 pm Music Lessons

Tues 14

- 10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
- 11:30 am Mary Martha Circle
- 4:00 pm Stepping Forward Dinner

Wed 15

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Thurs 16

- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri 17

- 6:00 pm Grapevine

Sat 18

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
- 10:00 am Recital
- 5:00 pm Worship

Sun 19

- 9:30 am Discovering Spiritual Gifts
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm Congregational Meeting & Lunch

Mon 20

- 3:00 pm Music Lessons

Tues 21

- 10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Collaborative Team Meeting
- 6:30 pm Rachel Circle Salad Supper

Wed 22

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Thurs 23

- 1:00 pm Blood Drive
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sat 25

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
- 5:00 pm Worship

Sun 26

- 11:00 am Worship

Tues 28

- 10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
- 11:30 am Mary Martha Circle
- 7:00 pm Coffee with Pastor @ Coffee Beans & Brew

Wed 29

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