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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

FEBRUARY 2019

Dearly beloved of Christ the King;

Miracles don't come cheaply. The season of Epiphany (January 6th to Ash Wednesday) is a time in the church year where we focus on the divinity of the man Jesus. The One who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary is completely and totally man and at the same time completely and totally God. When God became man, he laid aside His divine prerogatives. "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him" (Isaiah 53:2). Jesus willingly took the form of a servant and yet hidden beneath His common appearance is the unending holiness and power of almighty God.

When Jesus was presented to Pontius Pilate, the Roman official who would judge His case, Pilate was incredulous as he asked: "You are a king?" From a worldly perspective, all the typical marks of royalty were absent from Christ. Even more, that the eternal dominion of the Creator of heaven and earth should abide in this lowly creature before him was unthinkable. Precisely. God does not reveal Himself in ways that man expects. Who would expect the author of creation to arrive on our scene and be born in a place where farm animals are sheltered and then be cradled in a feeding trough?

The suffering and death of Jesus on the cross is God's greatest self-revelation. To our eyes there is nothing majestic about the crucifixion, in fact it seems antithetical to our own ideas of what the divine should look like. This opens one of the most sublime windows into Christianity; a window that brings clarity to so many aspects of our faith. God hides Himself in order to reveal Himself. This is the greatest paradox of our Christian faith. God wants to be known and He chooses to conceal Himself in those things that seem to be the opposite of His nature for the purpose of making Himself known. God's power, righteousness, glory, wisdom, and justice are revealed in the injustice, shame, weakness, and poverty of a crucified King.

God chooses to reveal Himself in those things that directly contradict our preconceived (and faulty) notions of how the Godhead should appear. Why? Because we walk by faith and not by sight. Because

our sinful mind believes that the greatest should be served by the least, that the first should be first, and that we should hate our enemies. God's way is quite different. Jesus said: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27-28).

Though for the most part Jesus abstained from using His divine prerogatives He did, on occasion, provide raw glimpses into the nature of His person and His kingdom. He walked on water. He changed water into wine. He calmed the storm. He cured the diseased, the lame, and the blind. He fed the hungry multitudes with five loaves and two fish. He raised the dead. Jesus was not playing for the "wow" factor that drives so much of our culture today. By His miracles He is telling the story of His cross and what the shedding of His blood brings to poor and sick sinners.

During the season of Epiphany we ruminate on the miracles of Christ. Jesus' miracles are like the dog Toto in the movie *The Wizard of Oz*. Toto pulled back the curtain so that Dorothy and the others could see that the wizard was not all powerful but simply a man working a control booth. Jesus' miracles work the other way. The miracles pull back His veil of humility to show us that He is indeed fully divine and that He had come to usher in His kingdom by death and resurrection. Jesus' miracles don't come cheaply. Each display of His glory is intricately connected to His cross. It is there, in that once-for-all sacrifice, that He has revealed His will to save any and all.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Smith

LCMS President's statement regarding gubernatorial actions expanding abortion in New York, Illinois



The following statement from President Harrison is intended not only to address the current situation in our country, but also to provide a continued confession of the LCMS' position opposing abortion. President Harrison's statement is available for use in your congregation, local paper or any avenue proper for your situation.

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

On Jan. 22, 2019, the 46th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand, the governors of both New York and Illinois signed laws to extend and promote abortion.

"This is the evolution of humankind in America," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo as he signed the Reproductive Health Act into law. In Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed an executive order to ensure taxpayer funding of abortions, saying that it would make his state "the most progressive ... in terms of women's reproductive rights."

Life, not death, is the goal of humanity. History testifies that death is never the means through which justice and human rights prevail. We do not advance on the graves of our children. Germany, which sought

eugenics as the solution to problems, now has strict abortion laws. To defend and support life is the goal of every just government, and the right to life is the hallmark of a good society.

Yet abortion laws have allowed the abortion of more than 61,000,000 children since Roe v. Wade. That's nearly 50 times the number of American soldiers killed in all wars. The abortion industry and its proponents take great lengths to avoid facing the fact that abortion dismembers a living child in a horrid pool of its own blood. This is barbaric.

Abortion is a lie. Science is on the side of life. We shall stand against the barbarism of abortion until our dying breath. Abortion is illogical, as we slaughter babies in the womb while developing ever-better care for other unborn children. Abortion contradicts the

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natural law written on human hearts that teaches us it is wrong to kill.

Lawmakers and bureaucrats in our country have become emboldened to force citizens to go against their conscience. People publicly celebrate laws that lead to the deaths of children.

How long, O Lord, how long?

Our Christian faith teaches us to value life and to love each and every person as our neighbor. Love is life, and life is the great gift of love. Death is our natural enemy. This can be seen in our lives and in our world each day. Even the birds that seek food in winter testify that life is the goal of their movements and their work. The flowers that grow toward the sun seek the light that enlivens them. We all live under God, who grants life to His whole creation.

And in the giving of His Son to be the Savior, God shows that He is the Lord of life. Jesus came to love. He taught us to love all people, including those whom we consider our enemies. He taught us to unconditionally love every person, even those whom this world considers unworthy of love.

Jesus not only taught us to love. He brought healing and wholeness to the broken. He proclaimed peace to those who were troubled. He sat with those who were excluded. He lifted up those who were beaten down. But most of all, He loved through the sacrifice of His own life on the cross. He died to forgive the sins of all humanity. His forgiveness is a free gift for all who trust in Him, including those who suffer from guilt for aborting their child. He rose on the third day.

The resurrection of Jesus is God's grand statement that life is the goal of this creation. The resurrection of Jesus proclaims that all creatures find the goal of their existence in life. Just as God raised Jesus from the dead, so we learn that God treasures life over death.

We live as citizens in this world, and we seek to be obedient to our nation's laws. We thank God for our leaders and for this great land He has given to us and for its precious freedoms and opportunities. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod advocates strong citizenship and active participation in government. We obey the laws of our land and encourage those around us to do so.

We are, however, bound by our conscience to speak against those laws that are unjust and, especially, those laws that violate God's law and the natural law that binds all mankind. Abortion and other means through which humans kill humans violate these natural and moral laws that form the foundation of society.

Therefore, we stand against these actions and against all laws that sanction abortion or the taking of innocent life. We cannot stand silent when people

elected to positions in which they are to protect citizens continue to pass laws and advocate for legislation that undermines the sanctity of human life. Our conscience is bound by both the Word of God and reason to speak for life as a precious gift of God and to speak against any and all who promote the killing of unborn children. We cannot hide the evil of these laws under the banner of "rights" or "privilege." Children's lives are at stake. They cannot speak for themselves. We will speak for them, and we will work to protect their lives.

And we will continue to work to love and support the women who face difficult choices or suffer from the consequences of abortion. We support young mothers who have chosen life for their children. We work to provide adoption and other opportunities to care for children in need. And we continue to show God's mercy to all, just as He, in Jesus, has mercy on all.

We will work, love and pray that all might know the love of Jesus and trust in Him for salvation. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Prayer

Gracious Father, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts. We do not understand the disregard for the work of Your hands and the wanton destruction of human life that has taken place through the atrocity of abortion. Bring an end to abortion, euthanasia and all other legal means to unjustly take life. Instill in Your people love for life as is pleasing in Your sight. Grant wisdom and strength of conviction to those who make, execute and administer our laws, that they might protect the unborn, the aged and all those whom they govern. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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statement online**

Greetings CTK,

We were warned when we moved up to North Dakota that it was going to be cold. It is the second coldest state in the country! But I so far, I have to say that I have been disappointed. As of now we are experiencing a mild ND winter. There is snow on the ground, but it has been mild as far as the temperature goes.

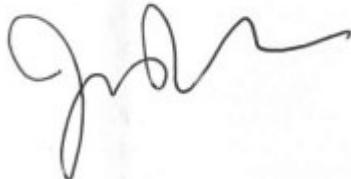
Things are going well up here. I actually really love it and will be sad to leave . I only have about 6 months to go. I have gotten to know my supervising pastors quite well as well as many of the pastors in the circuit. It truly has been a great experience so far. I preached just this past Sunday at Shepherd of the Valley. The sermon was on John 2:1-11. In fact it can be streamed online at www.facebook.com/groups/252399584853848/permalink/2067463656680756/ Tonight I'll be teaching Confirmation class. The topic? The First Article of the Creed.

Pastor Walla and his wife recently had a baby boy, Nathaniel James Walla. Our little girl, Rose, just adores that baby. She will go and stand next to him and his mommy and just stare and stare. It's really sweet. The older boys are involved in a homeschool group that is participating in a National Science Olympics contest. That, along with school and sports keeps them pretty busy. Ezra loves going outside to work on our small sledding hill and play in the snow.

Well it has been a wonderful experience up here! Thank you all again for all you do!

Blessings in Christ,

Vicar Woodside and Family



CTK,

Blessings to everyone in
Redlands from the Woodsides!
Hope to see you all
soon!

In Christ,
The Woodsides





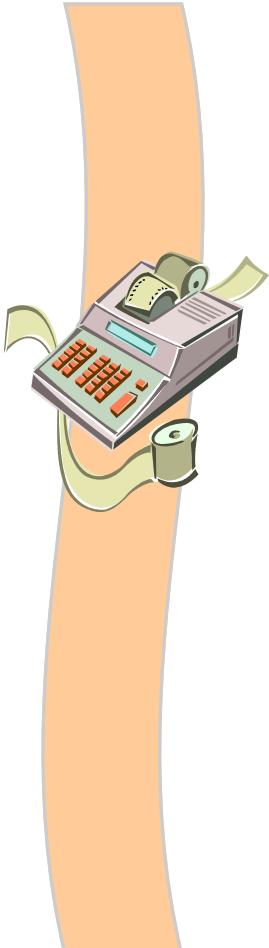
Christ the King – Missions

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



December 2018 Mission Support

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Tian Shan Mission Society	\$200.00
Thrive Single Moms (Hanna's House)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$2,600.00



CTK DECEMBER 2018 TREASURE'S REPORT		Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2018
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	\$ 35,979.33	\$ 303,085.94	
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	\$ 3,152.00	\$ 22,966.60	
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	\$ 200.55	\$ 1,885.34	
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,345.00	
Total Income	\$ 39,331.88	\$ 334,282.88	
Expense			
500.00 ACTIVITIES	\$ 354.23	\$ 8,487.71	
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 183.33	\$ 916.73	
510.00 PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 3,698.49	\$ 31,428.13	
530.00 MAINTENANCE	\$ 822.15	\$ 14,433.25	
540.00 MISSIONS	\$ 2,247.02	\$ 20,637.66	
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 14,874.74	\$ 160,609.83	
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	\$ 4,171.72	\$ 48,614.56	
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,314.32	\$ 17,428.99	
580.00 WORSHIP	\$ 383.19	\$ 3,980.26	
Total Expense	\$ 28,049.19	\$ 306,537.12	
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 11,282.69	\$ 27,745.76	

CTK February 2019 Events

CTK WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 3RD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th AT 9AM



Set aside an hour to have to enjoy some sisterly fellowship and café refreshments at the ESRI Café, located at 380 New York Street in Redlands (south of the post office). Hope to see you there.



LWML NEWS February 2019

February 16th at 5:00PM



CHILI COOK OFF & POTLUCK!

Sign up, in the narthex, to be in the chili contest for prizes or to bring something else to share. Everyone votes so come for the chili tastings and voting between 5-5:30pm. After that, you can grab a bowl of chili and other delicious foods to enjoy. We'll also be playing BINGO for prizes! (Note: if you are participating in the chili contest, please bring your chili between 4:30-5pm for labeling and staging.)

February 24th — "BACKPACK BONANZA" —



COLLECTING FOR

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Please bring backpacks, school supplies, assorted size balls and new socks (to be distributed to needy people within our Pacific Southwest District, in New Mexico, Mexico and beyond.) Monetary donations are also needed for the delivery of your gifts. Please leave your donations in the box in the narthex by Sunday, February 24th. If you prefer to donate money, please give it to Kaye Deen or Renee Murphy.



MAY 18th - SPRING FLING

For a performance of "Treasure Island" at the Lifehouse Theatre.



Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in St John the Evangelist Hall. Everyone is welcomed.



COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY at 7:30pm, February 1st

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there

Bible Study Saturday Mornings @ 8a.m. - 9a.m.

With Deacon Russ in the Church Office

Anniversaries



02/17 Caleb & Nicole Reiman
02/21 Thomas & Donna Crowley

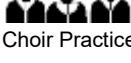
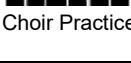
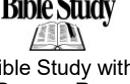
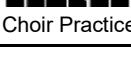
Birthdays



02/02	Emily Crowley	02/18	Renee Murphy
02/04	Rylie Edwards	02/20	Kaye Deen
02/07	Ricky Gross	02/21	Jiggs Gallagher
02/07	Sierra Scott	02/22	Steve Aimar
02/09	Jeff Egeland	02/25	Patricia Dawley
02/13	Don Krahm	02/25	Doris Herzberger
02/13	Diane Ronchetto	02/27	Brian Romberg
02/15	Dwayne Danielson		

If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Cindy Currier at the church office 909-793-5703.

CTK February 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <u>9:00 AM</u> Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class	27	28	30 <u>9:30 AM</u>  Adult Bible Study with Pastor Smith <u>6:30 PM</u> 	31	 <u>7:30 PM</u> 	 <u>8:30 AM</u>  Bible Study with Deacon Russ
3	4	5	6 <u>9:30 AM</u>  Adult Bible Study with Pastor Smith <u>6:30 PM</u> 	7	8	 <u>8:30 AM</u>  Bible Study with Deacon Russ
10 <u>9:00 AM</u> Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class	11 <u>6:30 PM</u> Stewardship Meeting	12 <u>7:00 PM</u> School Board Meeting	13 <u>9:30 AM</u>  Adult Bible Study with Pastor Smith <u>6:30 PM</u> 	14	15	 <u>8:30 AM</u>  Bible Study with Deacon Russ <u>10:00 AM</u> Elder Meeting
17 <u>9:00 AM</u> Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class	18	19 <u>9:00 AM</u>  Women's Coffee Fellowship	20 <u>9:30 AM</u>  Adult Bible Study with Pastor Smith <u>6:30 PM</u> 	21	22	 <u>8:30 AM</u>  Bible Study with Deacon Russ <u>5:00 PM</u>  LWML BINGO & Potluck
24 <u>9:00 AM</u> Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class	25	26 <u>7:00 PM</u> Church Council Meeting	27 <u>9:30 AM</u>  Adult Bible Study with Pastor Smith <u>6:30 PM</u> 	28	1 <u>7:30 PM</u> 	 <u>8:30 AM</u>  Bible Study with Deacon Russ

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Servants for February 2019



DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
Feb. 3	Gabriela Vasquez & Emma Hinkleman	Renee Murphy	Roger Loewecke
Feb. 10	Ava Belli & Jilian Belli	Erica Vasquez	Vic Haynes
Feb. 17	Layla Dippold & Sierra Scott	Margret Nowak	Anthony Lombardo
Feb. 24	Thomas Bosman & Ethan Haarala	Bernice David	James Wilson
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
Feb. 3	Tom & Donna Crowley	Feb. 3 & 10	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
Feb. 10	Ron & Renee Murphy	Feb. 17 & 24	John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez
Feb. 17	Deloris Koller	DATE	USHERS
Feb. 24	Virginia Alhorn	Feb. 3	Tom Crowley & Mike Bush
		Feb. 10 & 17	Steve Aimar & Joe Belli
		Feb. 24 & Mar. 3	Chris Hanson & Keith Ronchetto