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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

AUGUST 2020

Dearly beloved of Christ the King;
The Lord be with you.

“Enabling” is a word that has made its way into our cultural lexicon. In times past it was a fairly innocuous word, one that simply meant “to give (someone or something) the authority or means to do something.” A commonplace example of the use of the word is the following: “the evidence would **enable** us to arrive at firm conclusions.” This particular word began to take on a specific use in the addiction community and now it has that freight in our society’s parlance. In the addiction world, **enabling** means that **someone** else will always fix, solve, or make the consequences of one’s addiction go away. When one is in the throes of an addiction or some other grossly dysfunctional behavior pattern, he or she begins to rely on those who enable them in that addiction.

It is exceedingly well documented that enabling an addict is supremely counterproductive. It may appear loving externally to protect an addict from making a mess of a particular situation but it only ensures that they will not examine their behavior and make the necessary changes. With that bit of wisdom established, swap the word “enabling” with the word “pamper.” “Pamper” is defined as “to treat or gratify with extreme or excessive indulgence; to spoil.” It’s one thing to pamper one’s mother on Mother’s Day. It is quite another to spoil a child by giving in to their every whim continually.

Some eyebrows were raised when a particular phrase was uttered some weeks ago in a sermon. This line was this: “The time for pampering the fearful is over.” Though no one spoke to me directly, I suspect the sentence may have hit the ears of some in a way that smacked of a lack of compassion or that those who, by virtue of their vulnerabilities, were sheltering in place and were going to be forgotten, left behind, dismissed. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is a great deal of difference between consoling, uplifting, encouraging the fearful and pampering the fearful. And, to enable someone in their fear is hardly loving, hardly looking for their best interest. Can you imagine our Lord pampering the fearful, enabling fear in the heart of one He loves? It is equally impossible to imagine our Lord rejecting the fearful.

It is impossible to doubt that fear is a genuine enemy that has taken hold of the hearts of Christians in

this pandemic. Can you imagine our Lord leaving those He loves in a state of fear as though that spiritual condition is immaterial, of no concern to Him? What, exactly, would you suppose that He would do in a situation where His church is locked in fear and apprehensive about life itself? In the same vein, why does it matter that the church act in faith during this time? Is it important for the church, Christ’s body, the very instrument through which the Lord manifests Himself to the world, to behave in a way that reflects what we say what we believe?

It is my contention that this unique circumstance in which we are living is designed specifically for Christianity to shine. Those who want to put health above the Gospel, to have public health replace the Gospel, have made a significant error. This is not to say that we are to behave in a cavalier fashion. Prudence is a hallmark of wisdom. But now is the time for Christians to be bold, to proclaim the solution to this and every problem, and for their actions to reflect what they say that they believe. Our Lord wants us to rise above this virus and the ensuing lockdowns. Whether we remain at home because we are exceptionally vulnerable or whether we move about because we are not as vulnerable, we will not give way to fear; nor will we promote fear, enable fear nor pamper the fearful. There are way too many examples of threats which came upon God’s people in the Scriptures and how the Lord breathed into them a spirit of courage for us to dismiss those historical events and say that they don’t apply to us. Our forebears met their challenges with an inspiring and spirit-filled conviction. We are a blessed people. That is the number 1 reality that is to define what we are going through and how we go through it! For my part, I would like to instill in us a spirit of confidence, courage, hope and a renewed resolve that is based totally on Christ’s death and resurrection.

Here is a passage from the book of Isaiah that helps instill that spirit. I hope that you can see Jesus’ very present ministry in these words and that, by virtue of these Gospel-rich lines, fear is put to flight.

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are

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mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior” (Isaiah 43:1-3a).

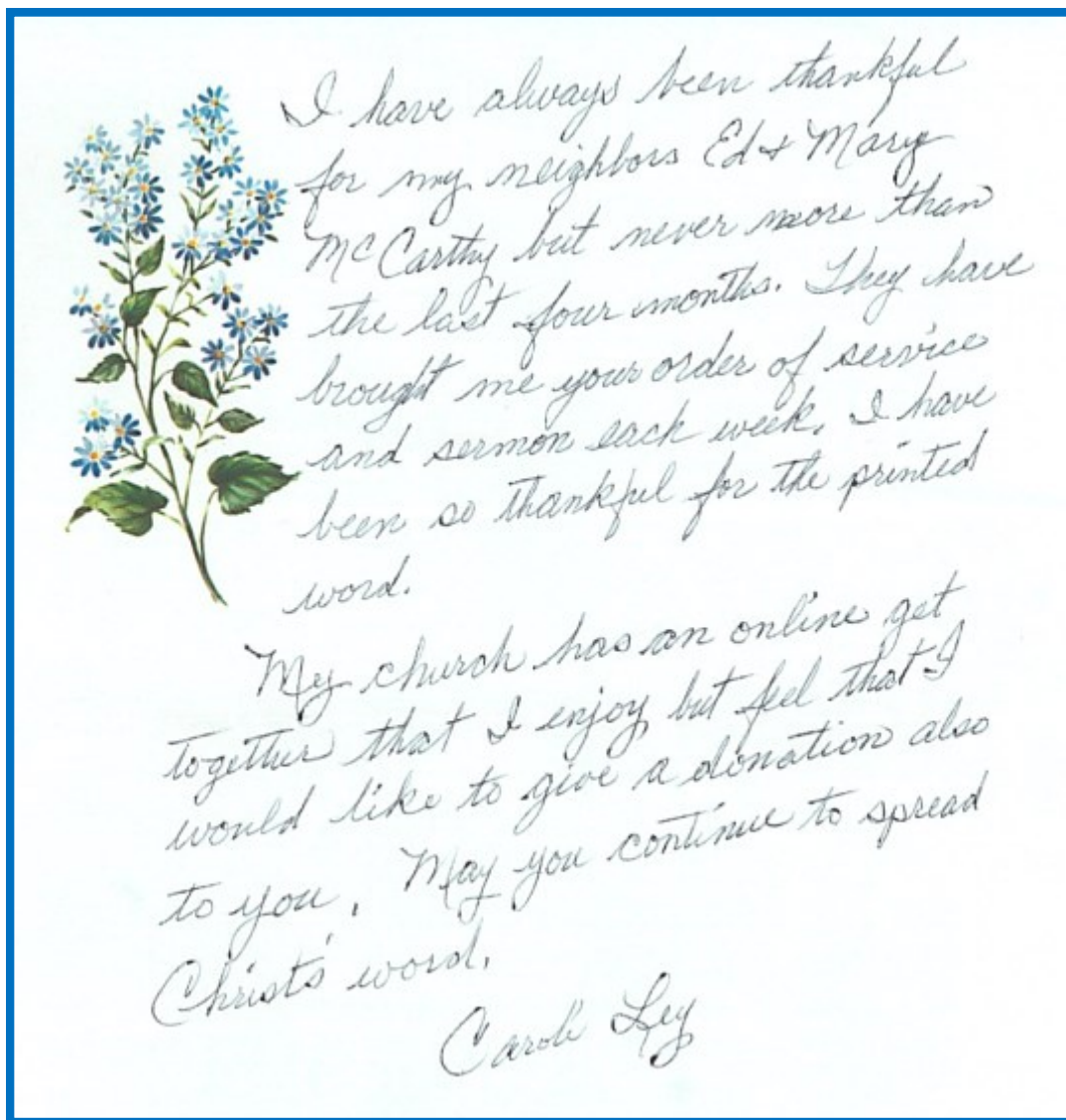
The Lord Christ is with us. That is the reality which is to grip our minds. Realization of His presence moves us emotionally, spiritually. Jesus Himself, by His presence, by His Word, moves us out of a place of fear to a place of trust and confidence.

Our eyes are fixed on Him. With our eyes fixed on Him we see that life is good. Life with Him is very good.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

“Peace be with you” (John 20:19).

Pastor Smith



Abundant Life in Times of Covid-19

Discover Where That Life is Found

August 12 from 7:00 – 8:00pm
(in the courtyard)



The church has a mission. In season and out of season, the mission does not change. What does change is opportunity. During the ongoing pandemic the church has taken a defensive posture. Health has become so central to people's outlook that the church has become blinded to the life of faith which our Lord calls us to. By extension, what else has suffered? Evangelism.

That time of defensive posture for the church is over. The times are screaming: Opportunity!!

Can you recall any moment in recent memory where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been more pertinent to people who are without Him? We stand at a time in human history that is so incredibly ripe for the Word of God to address the needs of people who are beleaguered, harassed and helpless at the hands of powerful and unhappy forces. We have a Word that sets people free. We have a Word that engenders confidence, courage, and hope. We have a Word that is not of human origin but is beautifully divine and full of life – resurrection and life.

This Word is for you – the believer. But it is also for those who have only a tangential awareness of Christ or none at all. We intend to reach out. Whether they know it or not, those who are living in fear, depression, or hopelessness are hungering for what God alone provides. There is one answer for living in the times of Covid-19. That answer is Christ the King.

On the second Wednesday of every month, we will be offering a forum to equip anyone and everyone with hope. From 7:00pm to 8:00pm in our beautiful courtyard, we will have a time of refreshment built around God's Word. It is not a church service. It is not a Bible study per se, but God's Word will be unleashed. We will sing. We will discuss what abundant living is (John 10:10) and people will leave refreshed, uplifted. You are called upon to invite others. Invite them and come yourself. God has something to say to them and you in this hour. What He has to say is for your great good. Evangelism! We are on our heels no longer. We see the opportunity and we will be exactly what the church has been called to be in every age: faithful, loving, and true.



Anniversaries

08/03	Don & Bernice David
08/07	Michael & Kaylea Bosman
08/07	Dwayne & Cynthia Danielson
08/18	Glenn & Jodi Henderson
08/18	Anthony & Carolyn Lombardo
08/21	Joe & Diane Ronchetto
08/30	Dan & Mary Beth Gosnell
08/30	Vance & Doris Herzberger

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



Birthdays

08/02	Lucy Becker	08/17	Patricia Townsend
08/02	Robert Hathaway	08/18	Marianne Anderson
08/04	Margaret Nowak	08/18	Connie Stevens
08/05	Karen Prill	08/19	Apollo Barlows
08/06	Anna Smith	08/21	Bukola Gross
08/08	Lorrie Hinkleman	08/22	Corrine Scott
08/09	Calista Bosman	08/23	Matt Townsend
08/09	Benjamin Whittier	08/24	Joe Ronchetto
08/16	Aric Perez	08/31	Fred Nowak
08/17	Cheri Haarala		

July 22, 2020

Dear Members of Christ the King,

On behalf of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico and ourselves we thank you for your donation of \$750 to the Mexican mission. The Psalmist exhorts us with these words: "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endureth forever. "(Psalm 136:1)

Here in Mexico we have been taking every precaution possible due to the Corona virus situation. We give thanks to God that our health has been fine so far. The stores and businesses have been opening but there is a limited amount of people allowed inside. At the entrance of all the businesses there is a person with antibacterial gel and a digital thermometer. Yesterday we had to go to the Mexican Telcel office to check on a damaged phone that we had dropped off. We waited in line for two hours under a broiling sun. Under normal circumstances we would have gotten everything done within 15 minutes. The number of cases of contagion continues to rise. Accordingly, we go out only for the absolute necessities.

Amid the corona virus crisis, the Word of God continues to go forward in Mexico. Yesterday the national pastors and missionaries held a Zoom conference in which we planned the Sunday services for the coming weeks. A different pastor will be responsible for the service every week. These worship services will be viewed through Facebook and YouTube. We ask you for your prayers that the Lord will continue to strengthen the church in Mexico during this difficult time. Be assured that you are likewise in our prayers as the Lord gives you strength during this health crisis.

Enclosed please find our prayer card and a photo of a pastoral conference that took place in Mexico City last year. Your support provides theological training, books, and materials for these present and future pastors. Thank you again for your donation. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad



Christ the King – Missions

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



July 2020 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
The Blessing Center, Reldas	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$,1600.00

CTK June 2020 Treasurer's Report



	June 2020	Jan - Jun 2020
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	\$22,872.00	\$165,977.99
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	\$1,452.00	\$9,403.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	\$301.33	\$1,287.52
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	\$0.00	\$4,281.00
Total Income	\$24,625.33	\$180,949.51
Expense		
500.00 ACTIVITIES	\$347.09	\$3,820.32
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	\$2,337.97	\$13,492.48
530.00 MAINTENANCE	\$1,302.04	\$8,234.07
540.00 MISSIONS	\$1,600.00	\$9,600.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$14,247.58	\$77,712.40
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	\$4,392.87	\$25,507.83
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$1,651.66	\$9,909.00
580.00 WORSHIP	\$165.12	\$1,629.53
Total Expense	\$26,044.33	\$149,905.63
Net Income	\$ -1,419.00	\$31,043.88



MITES BUCKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY FOR YOUR DONATIONS

In light of life's new challenges, and to make it more accessible to donate Mites, the Mites collection buckets will be on the chair with the offering plate on Sundays. Bring any denomination or use the calendar below for fun and creative ideas for daily giving that you could collect during the week, then donate each Sunday. Your change and dollars help our Mites' Missions to spread God's good gifts to those who may not receive them otherwise. God bless and thank you.

LWML Mite Challenge Calendar August 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Gospel Focus for August: <i>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).</i>						1 Thank God for Christian friends. Call a friend and catch up. Donate 10¢.
2 Set aside 30 minutes today just for God. Donate 10¢.	3 Full moon tonight. Appreciate God's careful planning of our world. Donate 10¢.	4 Pray for all preparing for this school year. Donate 25¢.	5 Read Matthew 6:25-34. Thank God for His loving care. Donate 10¢.	6 List five ways God has helped you see His plans for you. Donate 10¢.	7 Take a walk or look out your window. Look for 10 blessings. Thank God. Donate 10¢.	8 Place a US coin where you will see the words "In God we trust". Donate 20¢.
9 Sing to the Lord a new song — or an old one. Rejoice! Donate 10¢.	10 It's S'mores Day! Have a treat. Thank God for giving us more than we need. Donate 25¢.	11 Read Luke 15:1-10. Remember you are God's precious child! Donate 10¢.	12 Go to www.lwml.org . Check on grants. Pray for God's blessings. Donate 50¢.	13 Baker's Dozen day. List 13 people who need prayers. Pray for them. Donate 10¢.	14 Do you have garden fresh food? Donate 20¢ if yes, 10¢ if no.	15 National Relaxation Day. Rest and prepare for worship tomorrow. Donate 10¢.
16 Note three important ideas from today's sermon. Donate 30¢.	17 Pray for missionaries in foreign lands. Donate 50¢.	18 List three things for which you need to ask God's help today. Donate 10¢.	19 Pray for missionaries serving in the US. Donate 50¢.	20 Read Psalm 107. Thank God for His steadfast love! Donate 10¢.	21 Contact a senior citizen. Offer help and/or conversation. Donate 20¢.	22 You enter the mission field every time you go out. Pray for wisdom. Donate 10¢.
23 Plan a week of thankfulness and praise. Donate 20¢.	24 List 10 people for whom you are thankful. Donate 10¢.	25 Praise God for the blessing of having those 10 people in your life. Donate 10¢.	26 List five personal characteristics for which you are thankful. Praise God. Donate 10¢.	27 Ask God for guidance in using those characteristics. Donate 10¢.	28 List eight passages in the Bible for which you are especially thankful. Donate 10¢.	29 Read two of the passages you listed, praising God for His guidance. Donate 10¢.
30 Choose a hymn that fits today's Scripture lessons. Sing or read it aloud. Donate 20¢.	31 Celebrate the blessings of this month. Do a happy dance. Yes, really do it! Donate 10¢.	<i>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).</i>				

CTK August 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:00 AM Divine Service			 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
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8:00 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites			 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Abundant Life in Times of Covid-19			 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 10:00 AM Elder Meeting
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:00 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites	First day of PRESCHOOL 		 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
23	24	25	26	27	28	19
8:00 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites		7:00 PM Evangelism Stewardship Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
8:00 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites			 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ

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Servants for August 2020



DATE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR	ELDERS
Aug 2	Brett Crowley	Bernice David	Roger Loewecke
Aug 9	Brett Crowley	Anna Bush	Anthony Lombardo
Aug 16	Brett Crowley	Lorrie Hinkleman	James Wilson
Aug 23	Brett Crowley	Tammy Hathaway	Anthony Lombardo
Aug 30	Brett Crowley	Linda Whittier	Tom Crowley
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
Aug 2	Don & Bernice David	Aug 2 & 9	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
Aug 9	Michael & Kaylea Bosman	Aug 16 & 23	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
Aug 16	Glenn & Jodi Henderson	Aug 30 & Sep 6	John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joseph Vasquez
Aug 23	Harriet Ouimette	DATE	USHERS
Aug 30	Wiley & Anna Smith	Aug 2	Joe Belli & Glenn Henderson
		Aug 9 & 16	Dwayne Mugiishi & Keith Ronchetto
		Aug 23 & 30	Steve Aimar & Wiley Smith