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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

SEPTEMBER 2020

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,

The Lord be with you.

Christ the King Lutheran Church is growing – numerically and spiritually. We are growing numerically because of the visitors who are finding a home in our beloved congregation. The word has gotten out – CTK is open and conducting the Divine Service. Since the government ordered churches to close their doors, we have failed to conduct a public service twice – on Easter of all days, and on the Third Sunday of Easter. The reason we closed our doors on Easter was due to the radical change in guidelines issued by both San Bernardino and Riverside County Health Departments. We opened back up the very next Sunday and promptly received a “Cease and Desist Order” from the County of San Bernardino. That’s why we closed on the Third Sunday of Easter. It is worth noting that this order addressed us as a business, not a church. Clearly, it was a form letter that likely went out to a great many businesses. Two Sundays we were closed. While some may view our doors being opened during the pandemic as a scarlet letter of shame hung around our neck, I view it as a source of honor. Let me explain.

The effects of the “stay-at-home-at-all-costs” model of dealing with the virus is beginning to show. Those effects aren’t pleasant. Anxiety continues to increase. A spiritual lethargy is invading the hearts and minds of Christians. Hope is diminishing. On a national level, suicide is vastly on the uptick. Drug and alcohol abuse are likewise soaring. The mental distress, which otherwise well-adjusted people are enduring, is obvious. Many of my pastoral peers are expressing to me the same scenarios which I am dealing with – parishioners who are intimating their unhealthy mindset after isolating themselves from Christ’s church. Sadly, such a situation is altogether too predictable. How could we not see that removing a believer from the weekly celebration of Christ’s resurrection would have a spiritual effect on the heart and mind? Since when do we believe that not feeding the body makes it stronger? Since when do we believe that not putting gasoline in your car will make it run? All of us need what Christ offers. He instituted the Divine Service. We receive what He desires to give. Receiving what He wills to give is the highest act of faith.

If I were a demon general in Satan’s army, what would my number 1 strategy be to diminish the church’s influence in the culture? I would get Christians to bail on the Divine Service. Detach believers from the center of life with Christ, the Divine Service, and their faith will be put at risk, easier to attack. Also, who in society is going to be attracted to a church that abandons its hope when some threat is on the horizon? Is Eeyore a very good evangelist? You remember Eeyore. He is the overly pessimistic character from the Winnie the Pooh books. Everything is always unhappy with Eeyore. He predicts gloom and doom with every breath. Does that sound like a person who knows that the tomb is empty and death has no sting? Do you want Eeyore leading you into battle? Do you want Eeyore visiting you on your deathbed? Michael, the archangel in the book of Revelation, does he have Eeyore’s blood running through his veins? Does the church at large look more like Eeyore or Michael these days?

Christ the King Lutheran Church is growing numerically because there are people who have heard that our doors are open and that here they hear of the resurrection and are served by the Lord who loves them and gave Himself up for them. Visitors, whose faith compels them to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection, are finding exactly what you have found at Christ the King: “The Light of Christ Shines in this Place.” That light lifts their spirits in the midst of a strange time and enables them to cope with an altered life. That light breathes into their lungs the confidence of Easter which is the only truly divine method of coping with difficulty which this life inevitably brings. That light is a perpetual reminder that we don’t live only for this world, that there is a land where that light shines in all of its splendor – I’m but a stranger here, heaven is my home. That is the light of heaven – the bright beams of heaven break into the church service and those who are recipients of that light are refreshed, strengthened, empowered. People who have experienced those things want to go on receiving it. In a beautiful way, those who luxuriate in God’s Word are addicted to it, can’t live without it, come what may.

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Christ the King Lutheran Church is growing spiritually because our faith is being tested, exercised, put in the crucible. God is at work, for our good, to build us up in the faith. St. Peter wrote this: "...in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame" (1 Peter 3:15-16). It's hard to make a defense for the hope that is in us if we run away from that hope. The church of Christ on earth is going to be slandered. It will not stop. The church of Christ on earth will be tempted to distance itself from the Lord and adopt some sort of philosophy of protection as its Primary Commandment. The temptations have always come in one form or another; we are not the first to endure difficulty. But we know where our faith is located. We know that the resurrection informs every day of our lives and the choices we make. The hope that is in us wells up like a geyser and cannot be denied. Christ the King Lutheran Church is standing tall at this moment, a beacon to our community – a beacon of love and fidelity and trust. We are growing.

Linger over Psalm 46 be reminded of who rules our days and what His strength is.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the

- earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved
into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its
swelling.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make
Glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not
be moved;
God will help her when morning
dawns.
- 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
He utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on
the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the
earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the
spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

"Peace be with you" (John 20:19).

Pastor Smith

**...Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the
light of the world; he who follows Me
shall by no means walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life.**

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JOHN 8:12

What's going on at CTK!

From the Preschool:

The 2020/2021 school year is in full swing! We are happy to welcome back all of our little preschoolers and their families. We are also thrilled to be assisting our public schools with Distant Learning Assistance. Everyday a good group of elementary school children arrive, with lap tops and head phones in hand. Christ the King is happy to offer these young learners a beautiful space to complete their school work and meet their parents daycare needs as well. We are so grateful for our big beautiful elementary room. Our teachers are joyful to be back into a regular school year. We are looking forward to a year of growth and fun. Plan on purchasing some See's candy in November with our annual Christmas candy fundraiser. Its a tasty way to support the school. Please continue to pray for our school as we navigate through rapidly changing information.

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed.

From your Board of Elders

It's been a tough 5 -6 months for all of us what with navigating this threat of Covid - 19 both in our personal and spiritual lives. Worship just hasn't been the same though we are so very thankful that it continues somehow - Praise the Lord! So thankful for all who can make it and all who tune in. We look forward to the day we can all be back in worship together.

Until then, we remember that we are one in our Lord. We pray for one another as we remember each other (Phil. 1:3). We put on humility with the Lord Christ as our example (Phil. 2:3-8) remembering that perfect love drives out fear (1Jn. 4:18) and we to look Jesus (Heb. 12: 2), perfect love personified. God's got this! We've heard from our beloved Pastor so many times and it's so true, We are blessed people. God's peace be with you all.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Vic Haynes

From the Treasurer:

We paid out the last of the proceeds from our \$264,000 Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan in July. 95% went for Church and School payroll. The remainder went for mortgage interest and utilities. We think we are qualified for forgiveness on the loan. Debbie and I spent the morning of August 25th completing and submitting the online forgiveness application to our loan servicer. They will review the application and forward it to the SBA for approval. We should hear back in about four weeks if we have been approved. There is a \$5 billion bill currently in the Senate which is called the "Skinny Stimulus Bill". It includes an additional round of PPP funding. However the Speaker of the House has indicated that the House would probably vote down the Skinny Bill and release their own version of the Stimulus at some point in the distant future. It will also probably include funding for additional PPP, but when is very uncertain Politics as usual. Please convey your appreciation to Debbie for her work on this.

Bill Phillips



LWML is working on several projects to serve our congregation and the community.

Look out for a sign-up board in the next few weeks for a "Add Joy to Someone's Day" sign up to deliver a Portals of Prayer booklet to a CTK family member who hasn't been to church lately. We're hoping it will be a loving way for you to visit a someone who hasn't seen us in a awhile, in a socially distant way.

We're also working on creating Blessing Bags for Family Services to help homeless women during COVID. If you'd like to donate wipes, sanitizer, masks, socks, hair ties, and feminine hygiene products, please check out the upcoming sign-up board.

We won't be having a luncheon event in September this year, but our next event is LWML Sunday on October 4. See you there!

Michelle Bush, LWML President



Christ the King – Missions

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



| August 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, Relands | \$200.00 |
| LCMS World Mission | \$250.00 |
| Total Cash Contributions | \$,1600.00 |

CTK July 2020 Treasurer's Report



| | July 2020 | Jan - July 2020 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| 400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS | \$26,255.05 | \$192,233.04 |
| 420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME | \$1,652.00 | \$11,055.00 |
| 430.00 INTEREST INCOME | \$12.04 | \$1,299.56 |
| 440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME | \$47.00 | \$4,328.00 |
| Total Income | \$27,966.09 | \$208,915.60 |
| Expense | | |
| 500.00 ACTIVITIES | \$121.04 | \$3,941.36 |
| 510.00 PROFESSIONAL FEES | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| 520.00 ADMINISTRATION | \$2,481.65 | \$15,974.13 |
| 530.00 MAINTENANCE | \$934.09 | \$9,168.16 |
| 540.00 MISSIONS | \$1,400.00 | \$11,000.00 |
| 550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES | \$12,901.16 | \$91,163.56 |
| 560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS | \$4,245.57 | \$29,753.40 |
| 570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | \$1,651.66 | \$11,561.62 |
| 580.00 WORSHIP | \$558.38 | \$2,187.91 |
| Total Expense | \$24,393.55 | \$174,850.14 |
| Net Income | \$3,572.54 | \$34,065.46 |

LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League



September TO REMEMBER

Give to the Mission Goal on Sept. 15, 2020



September to Remember! LWML GivingTuesday 2020

Join us in supporting and praying for the LWML Mission Goal, which shares Jesus' love by reaching out to the hurting, helpless, and unbelieving people throughout the world.

GivingTuesday ... a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating this event on **September 15, 2020, our LWML September to Remember.**

This will be an opportunity to remember loved ones, a mentor, an LWML sister, or a pastoral counselor ... someone who kindled our love for doing the Lord's kingdom work. Write a note to someone who inspired you in your walk with our Lord and your support of LWML. **We encourage you:**

- to share your LWML story of that person on Facebook,
- donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that someone special, and
- pray for our mission grants.

Beginning September 1, and culminating on **LWML GivingTuesday 2020, September 15**, the LWML website home page will feature special stories of LWML encouragers, mentors, and loved ones. Read those stories at <http://lwml.org/>

Our goal is to use September to Remember to spread the Gospel message by receiving donations for LWML Mission Grants, which share the love of Jesus throughout all nations. Our goal is to also to honor those who have inspired us to serve the Lord. [Learn more about LWML below.](#)

Give on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Thanks to a generous family, this year all GivingTuesday donations will be matched, up to \$10,000 in matching funds!

Thank you. May God bless our efforts to further His kingdom and His Gospel message.

LWML-Lutheran Women's Missionary League
801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105

See what's happening on our social sites





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
September 2020**

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| Working Together | | 1 Find Mission Grant Resources at www.lwml.org under Missions. Pray for the grants. Donate 20¢. | 2 Pray for all teachers, staff, and students. Donate 10¢. | 3 Read Psalm 139. See how God cares for us. Donate 20¢. | 4 Color a note to send to a friend. Free downloads at www.lwml.org under The Word and Scripture in Color. Donate 10¢. | 5 Start your weekend being thankful for things starting with the letter S. Donate 20¢. |
| | | 6 Pray for those who put their lives in danger to spread the Gospel. Donate 10¢. | 7 Pray for those who labor. Read Matthew 11:28. Donate 20¢. | 8 Call someone living alone. Encourage her/him. Donate 25¢. | 9 Read Philippians 1:1-11. Thank God for the blessing of fellow Christians. Donate 10¢. | 10 Have a garden? Share its bounty. Donate 10¢. |
| 13 Dear God, May all we do be a reflection of You! Donate 20¢. | 14 Read Philippians 2:1-11. Ask God for strength to serve Him wisely. Donate 10¢. | 15 Read Philippians 2:12-18. Ask God for patience in serving Him. Donate 10¢. | 16 Pray for LWML leaders. Donate 25¢. | 17 New Moon tonight. Make a new list of ways to serve and praise the God of creation. Donate 20¢. | 18 Send a note or call someone whose company you enjoy. Share your appreciation. Donate 10¢. | 19 Start your weekend being thankful for things starting with the letter P. Donate 20¢. |
| 20 Thank You, God, for the blessing of a new week! Donate 10¢. | 21 It is apple season. Make something with apples. Donate 10¢. | 22 First day of Autumn. Praise God for consistent seasons. Donate 20¢. | 23 Pray for students away from home for the first time. Donate 25¢. | 24 Pray for parents missing their children away from home. Donate 25¢. | 25 Read Philippians 3:12-17. Ask God for guidance in following Him. Donate 10¢. | 26 Start your weekend being thankful for things starting with the letter T. Donate 20¢. |
| 27 Look at today's sky. Think how the clouds reflect God's glory. Donate 10¢. No clouds? Donate 15¢. | 28 Pray for students of all ages. Donate 10¢. | 29 Sing a favorite song of praise. Donate 20¢. | 30 Read Philippians 4:1, 4-9. Thank God for His loving support. Donate 10¢. | Gospel Focus: <i>Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind (1 Peter 3:8).</i> | | |

CTK September 2020 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|----------|--------|---|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites | | 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting |  9:30 AM Adult Bible Study | | | Bible Study  8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites |  <i>Giving Tuesday</i> | 7:00 PM School Board Meeting |  9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class | | | Bible Study  8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites | | |  9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class | | | Bible Study  8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 10:00 AM Elder Meeting |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites | | 7:00 PM Evangelism Stewardship Meeting |  9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class | | | Bible Study  8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service  Remember to bring your Mites | | | 9:30 AM Ac  y New Members Class | | | 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ  |

Anniversaries



Birthdays



09/06 Robert & Monique Arnold
 09/10 Christian & Beth Haarala
 09/10 Ken & Cheri Haarala
 09/26 Mike & Anna Bush
 09/29 David & Labecca Wills

09/02 Bruce Stevens
 09/03 Deborah Perez
 09/08 Dustin Hogue
 09/09 Michael Hogue
 09/13 Brenda Egeland
 09/18 Russ Gross
 09/24 Rebecca Mugiishi

09/24 Samuel Smith
 09/25 Lila Feiken
 09/25 Dwayne Mugiishi
 09/26 Lori Kelsey
 09/27 Kaylea Bosman
 09/27 Betty Mitchell
 09/30 Dominick Vasquez

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



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Servants for September 2020



| DATE | CRUCIFER | ALTAR | ELDERS |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sept 6 | Brett Crowley | Alise Smith | Roger Loewecke |
| Sept 13 | Brett Crowley | Anna Smith | Don David |
| Sept 20 | Brett Crowley | Erica Vasquez | Vic Haynes |
| Sept 27 | Brett Crowley | Margaret Nowak | Roger Loewecke |
| DATE | FLOWERS | DATE | FINANCE |
| Sept 6 | The Haaralas | Sept 6 | John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez |
| Sept 13 | Mike & Lee Alhorn | Sept 13 & 20 | Cindy Hanson & Anna Smith |
| Sept 20 | Dwayne & Rebecca Mugiishi | Sept 27 & Oct 4 | Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar |
| Sept 27 | Don & Bernice David | DATE | USHERS |
| | | Sept 6 & 13 | Glenn Henderson & Mike Nauman |
| | | Sept 20 & 27 | Tom Crowley & Joseph Vasquez |