



# CORNERSTONE

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

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

How many of y'all like to be manipulated? How many of y'all can spot it when it happens? When you shop online, somebody somewhere is tracking what you are looking at, and in the future, they are going to cater their ads to appeal to your history. Do you like that idea? On the positive side, as a consumer, you will be shown things that might interest you. On the negative side, you are certainly being manipulated (maybe in a soft manner, but still...).

The Social Dilemma is a documentary that "unveils the hidden machinations behind everyone's favorite social media and search platforms." The tagline for the film is that "the technology that connects us also controls us, manipulates us, polarizes us, and divides us." In fact, the tech experts behind the documentary confess that that was their goal all along. The tech experts figure out how to maintain your allegiance to their product, keeping you online as long as possible. Do you think that they are doing this for your good?

Has our culture been manipulated by the government during the corona virus? What about the media manipulating the culture by the news they cover, and, more insidiously, by what they don't cover? During this election cycle, are certain public policies being pushed that don't have our well-being in mind but rather because the policy helps one candidate or another? I don't particularly like being manipulated. It's one thing when the good lady wife mentions a perfume variety pack at J.C. Penny (Sephora Favorites!) and how it might make a good Christmas gift, and it's another thing when social media attempts to control what information I have access to. My wife loves me. Social media, I am learning, just wants to control me.

What is beneath some of this manipulation? Outside forces want to create within you their preferred sense of identity. Put another way, outside forces want to force on you what they want you to be. The first step in ensuring that you are not a patsy to this nefarious game is awareness. The naïve will be manipulated without much push back. The aware, the perceptive, the folks who objectively evaluate

what is being pushed on them and why it is being pushed will be less likely to fall into the manipulation trap that is seemingly all around us.

Some believe that a Christian perspective is something that we employ at certain times and something that is left dormant at other times. Do you believe that? Consider what St. Peter wrote: "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Do you believe that the evil one ever takes a vacation? The devil wants to change your sense of identity. He wants to rewire your mind. He wants to detach you from Christ and His church. He wants to diminish the "everydayness" of your Christian faith. He wants to marginalize your robust Christian perspective and replace it with the social concerns of the day. "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ" (Colossians 2:8). The devil is taking captive many people in our contemporary age, and he is using new weapons to do it. Our defense is to anchor ourselves to Christ.

Ask yourself what issues have come up in your life that have served to distance you from Christ and His church. Ask yourself where those issues originate. Ask yourself if it is possible that you have been manipulated.

I love our congregation. I love the common life of faith that is lived out here in this place. I love the people, I love the vibrancy of the Word, I love the genuine feel of family, I love the Spirit which brings camaraderie and fellowship and a sense of "togetherness" that is found nowhere else. The reality that is our congregation is not of human origin. Christ is at work in this place to knit us together as one communion. Jesus is life for us. He is present, crucified and risen, and serves us with heavenly treasure. My sense of who I am comes from God and His Word, God and His

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# What's going on at CTK!

## From the Preschool:

The Preschool children participated in the statewide Great Shake out, on October 21st. The kids had a chance to practice both a fire drill and an earthquake drill.

Did you know, that the preschool sponsors many mission projects a year? As a "mission minded school" we strive to teach the children the value of sharing with others through money, time and talent. The November mission of the month is Redlands Family Services. The preschool will be collecting canned and dry goods to donate to the center. If you would like to share with others feel free to drop off your donations in the school office.

Our See's Candy Fundraiser starts on November 2nd -13th. Order forms are in the Church narthex, please consider buying a sweet treat for a loved one!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed.



LWML is hosting a lunch event coming up on November 8 where we'll be bringing sack lunches and sitting in the courtyard to hear about Samuel's recent bicycle trip across the country. It's open to everyone, not just those in LWML, so please join us

Following Sam's talk, we'll be holding our business meeting, so please stay for that if you'd like.

This Fall, we are also donating supplies for the homeless in Redlands to help support them during the pandemic. We have ordered socks, ponchos, sanitizers, wipes, and masks to Redlands Family Services to help these folks stay warm, safe, and dry this winter.

Michele Bush, LWML President

## From the Treasurer:

Debbie Wolff and I have been working on the 2021 church budget draft. By the time you read this, the budget committee will have met on October 24 and gone through the draft and agreed to any necessary adjustments. This document will be presented at the November Voters Assembly for final approval Please see the Church Calendar in this newsletter for the date and time of the Voters Assembly. Please plan on attending.

Bill Phillips

## From the Trustees Board

As head of the Trustees I work very closely with Mike Bush to make sure that he gets everything he needs to keep the Church and School in working order; which Mike does a very good job. We've had to cancel

The driveway asphalt work has been postponed due to funds and will be completed as soon as funds are available. Some projects have been put on hold do to Covid 19.

Have a blessed day,  
Glenn Henderson

## From your Board of Elders:

To the dearly beloved saints of Christ the King. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

An old Danish proverb states, "It is easy to sit at the helm in fine weather." The last seven plus months have been anything but smooth sailing. We've all had to make difficult decisions about the health and welfare of ourselves and our families as well as our neighbors and brothers and sisters. Add to that increased concern due to social and economic distress and isolation from family and friends and well, times are tough! It's time to endure and fix our eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:2) and trust our God who did not withhold from us even His own beloved Son but gave Him up for us (Rom. 8:32).

At CTK, one source of potential conflict and tension is the response we have had as a congregation to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board of Elders, along with Pastor Smith, has

endeavored to navigate a prudent course through these turbulent waters. Please understand, we serve you to the best of our ability and we take our responsibility to you seriously.

Over the last (7+) months, we have had to make decisions about whether to have services or not, how many services to offer, where services should be held and what should take place within these services.

All of our decisions were made after hours of deliberation and offerings of perspective. Considerations included:

Sanctity of Life, a gift from God without whom we would not possess it. He is at work in our lives.

The fact that worship in some form is absolutely essential for believers to maintain spiritual health. Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy (the 3rd commandment). Do

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Christ, God and His church. Everything else is going to fade away. This reality endures because God endures and these are His divine gifts. Our congregation, and so many just like it, is the most real thing in this world. As in every age, Christ's church is under attack. Satan hates Christ the King. Manipulation is an "in your face," unmasked, demonic scheme. But this is true: the gates of hell will not prevail. Christ is our Captain in the well-fought fight. "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" (Colossians 2:15).

The Lord Christ loves our congregation. He abides among us, blessing us, serving us, strengthening us, leading us, forgiving us, empowering us, teaching us, and giving us His peace. All of that is quite the opposite of manipulation. He

gives us every good and perfect gift. He gives us His identity. He is the blessed one (Romans 9:5) who makes us blessed.

Cling to Him, brothers and sisters. Anchor yourself to Him. Come to Him. Receive what He wills to give. Be refreshed by life and love and truth and freedom and hope that does not disappoint. May the beauty of His Word shine ever brightly in the heart of our congregation.

Peace be with you (John 20:21).

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).

Pastor Smith

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not forsake the gathering together (Heb. 10:25) to receive God's gifts and be nurtured in the faith.

Our Constitutional rights as afforded by the 1st amendment.

Our desire to obey just governing authorities.

Sometimes, unfortunately because of our situation, no overwhelmingly clear decision as to what is good and right presents itself. So, we decide on what seems best and continue to trust God in the midst of it. We are reminded that "these light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2Cor 4:17-18).

As your board, we serve you and take collective responsibility for the decisions we have made. As a congregation we have a collective self-determination when we gather in the face of government restrictions and a virus that poses a risk, especially to some members of CTK. In times of trial, not everyone is going to be pleased with whatever course is pursued and some tensions may arise. The important thing is that we accept responsibility for the choices we make in Christian liberty, recognizing the risks and being willing to be accountable for our decisions.

Life is perpetually lived in a broken world, which entails risk of one sort or another. By all objective measurements, we have navigated this pandemic very well. One of our primary considerations was that we believe that the cure being advocated by the government is worse than the disease. We have not, however, been reckless but have endeavored to strike an appropriate balance considering the best information and the needs of CTK.

We all must take responsibility for our decisions and support each other in theirs and above all keep trusting our gracious God and Savior. Here are some recommendations from the board:

While being considerate of each other, respect one another's right to wear or to not wear a mask.

Respect each other's space and needs. Try not to take offense one way or the other.

If you are sick, it is imperative that you stay home and not expose others.

If you are in the most vulnerable category, it is possible for you to attend worship if you wear a quality mask; again your choice.

Should you choose not to attend, tend to your devotional life by tuning in on Sunday, read the Bible with your devotions, be constant in prayer and avail yourselves of Holy Communion. It was and is important to Jesus having instituted (Matt. 26: 26-29) it personally right before climbing Calvary (Isa. 25: 6) to the cross to provide it for you. It can be provided for you safely.

Finally, know that you are dearly loved by Pastor, your Elders, each other and most certainly by God. We are one body though we are different parts, we need each other (1st Cor. 12). And now choose the more excellent way, these three remain, faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is love (1st Cor. 13).

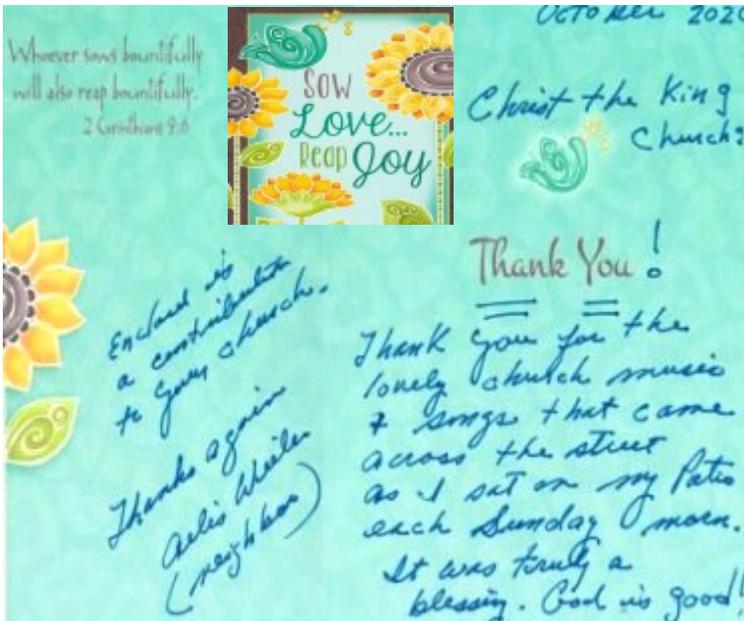
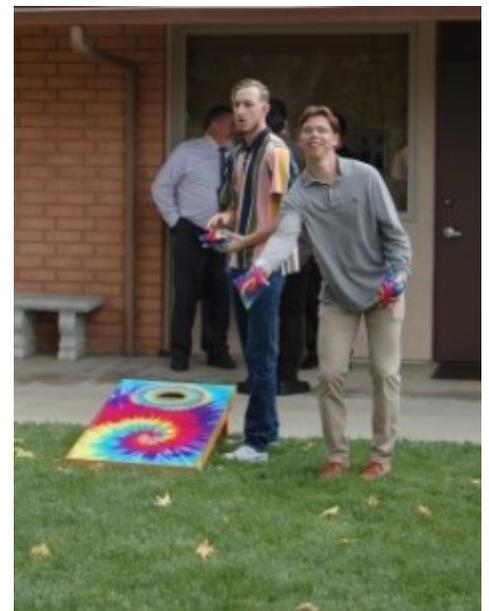
Thank you for the privilege of serving you,  
Your Board of Elders.

# REFORMATION PICNIC





**GAME ON!**



- Anniversaries**
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| 11/01 Bob & Tammy Hathaway  | 11/15 John & Betty Mitchell |
| 11/02 Larry & Deborah Perez | 11/18 Erick & Jeanie Nowak  |
| 11/07 Jeff & Brenda Egeland |                             |

- Birthdays**
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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 11/03 Connie Johnson    | 11/23 Dillon Hogue   |
| 11/04 Ed McCarthy       | 11/23 Gloria Paulus  |
| 11/06 Wiley Jones Smith | 11/25 Maritza Guzman |
| 11/11 Agneta Hauschild  | 11/26 Tammy Hathaway |
| 11/11 Anthony Lombardo  | 11/26 Louava Wideman |
| 11/12 Timothy Reiman    | 11/27 Cindy Currier  |
| 11/16 Debbie Wolff      |                      |

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



## Christ the King – Missions

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



October 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, Redlands	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
<b>Total Cash Contributions</b>	<b>\$,1600.00</b>

## CTK September 2020 Treasurer's Report



	Sep 2020	Jan - Sept 2020
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	21,928.00	244,213.04
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	13,959.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	11.59	1,323.18
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	0.00	4,360.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>23,391.59</u>	<u>263,855.22</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
500.00 ACTIVITIES	0.00	4,225.64
510.00 PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	100.00
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	4,010.98	22,241.55
530.00 MAINTENANCE	801.05	16,754.05
540.00 MISSIONS	1,600.00	14,400.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	12,860.89	116,911.57
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,231.52	38,210.22
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	1,690.88	14,983.35
580.00 WORSHIP	470.68	2,829.56
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>25,666.00</u>	<u>230,655.94</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-2,274.41</u>	<u>33,199.28</u>

# CTK November 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Jr. Confirmation Class Remember to bring your Mites	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	 <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> New Members Class	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	 <b>8:00 AM</b> Bible Study with Deacon Russ
<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Jr. Confirmation Class <b>12 Noon</b>  Picnic Program (Sam Smith) and Meeting Remember to bring your Mites	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> School Board Meeting	 <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	 <b>8:00 AM</b> Bible Study with Deacon Russ
<b>15</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Voter's Assembly Remember to bring your Mites	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	 <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> New Members Class	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	 <b>8:00 AM</b> Bible Study with Deacon Russ  <b>10:00 AM</b> Elder Meeting
<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Confirmation Class Remember to bring your Mites	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Evangelism Stewardship Meeting	 <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> New Members Class		<b>27</b>	 <b>8:00 AM</b> Bible Study with Deacon Russ
<b>29</b>  <b>First Sunday In Advent</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Confirmation Class Remember to bring your Mites	<b>30</b>	<b>December 1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	 <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Vespers  	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	 <b>8:00 AM</b> Bible Study with Deacon Russ



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## Servants for November 2020

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	DATE	FLOWERS		
Nov 1 & 8	8:00am	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Nov 1	Fred & Margaret Nowak		
	10:30am	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez	Nov 8	Irene Pickering		
Nov 15 & 22	8:00am	Lauren Hathaway & Alex Hathaway	Nov 15	Bobbe Monk		
Nov 15	10:30am	Hayden Hinkleman & Emma Hinkleman	Nov 22	John & Betty Mitchell		
Nov 22	10:30am	Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo	Nov 29	Deloris Koller		
Nov 29	8:00am	Ethan Haarala & Dustin Hogue	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>		
	10:30am	Brooke Cleary & Emma Hansen	Nov 1	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke		
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Nov 1 & Nov 8	8:00am	Joe Belli	Nov 1	Linda Whittier	Nov 8 & 15	John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez
	10:30am	Joe Vasquez	Nov 8	Alise Smith	Nov 22 & 29	Cindy Hanson & Judy Alder
Nov 15 & Nov 22	8:00am	Tom Crowley	Nov 15	Anna Smith	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDER</b>
	10:30am	Glenn Henderson	Nov 22	Erica Vasquez	Nov 1	James Wilson
Nov 29 & Dec 6	8:00am	Loren Scott	Nov 29	Margaret Nowak	Nov 8	Don David
	10:30am	Steve Aimar	Nov 22	Erica Vasquez	Nov 15	Vic Haynes
			Nov 29	Margaret Nowak	Nov 22	Roger Loewecke
					Nov 25	Anthony Lombardo
					Nov 29	James Wilson



**Happy Thanksgiving**