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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

SEPTEMBER 2021

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

I certainly don't feel like a prophet. Like Amos, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son" (Amos 7:14). But I am going to go out on a limb and make a prediction. I know full well what the repercussion/penalty is for a fellow who presumes to "prophesy" something that doesn't come true (Deuteronomy 18 doesn't paint a pretty picture for a false prophet). Here's my prediction: the church is alive, the church is swelling, the Wind of God (the Spirit of God) is beneath our wings. My feeling is that Christ's church is on the threshold of great things, humanly speaking and divinely speaking.

Perhaps it is just that I have had quite enough of darkness and doldrums and fear and apprehension and that my soul is yearning to throw off the shackles that have held us hostage for the last year and a half. Perhaps I am feeling what I *want* to feel and that it has no relation to reality or the near future or anything objective that God has in store for us. Perhaps I feel this way every Indian Summer as the strain of summer heat begins to dissipate and the coo of Autumn begins to sound in my ear. Whatever it might be, I truly feel as though we are on the cusp of joyful days, a resurgence of widespread hope, a happy enlarging of Christian purpose within our beloved congregation.

No one begs for discipline. Has God been discipling us? To be sure, He has been teaching us. I suspect that in a few short months we will look back upon our time making pilgrimage through the Corona Virus and see God's hand on our lives. He has led us, blessed us, and taught us to rely on Him with heart and soul. Are those not invaluable lessons? Do you believe that the church is stronger or weaker after navigating these tumultuous months? Are there certain things regarding our magnificent faith that you are no longer taking for granted?

Consider our Lord's words: "I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:1-2). We are the branches that the Father prunes. Discipline is unpleasant as you are going through it, but God's love is in, with, and under His discipline. Would you rather be an unfruitful branch or a fruitful one? St. Paul tells us that "God is at work in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). When your spirit blooms with joy and love and hope and mercy and forgiveness and grace and peace then you *know* that the Vinedresser has been at work on the branch of your soul. Pruning; God has

been doing it during the pandemic.

There are three things that Christians have long seen as benefits of suffering. The first is that suffering **curative**. There is much in our lives of which we are to repent. Contrition does not come easy to most of us. We know that we are to turn from the ugly aspects of our daily living but those ugly aspects can be deeply entrenched. Suffering brings about an opportunity to examine ourselves and turn from that which is ungodly. Suffering is curative.

Secondly, suffering shows us God's Fatherly **discipline**. We learn. We are stretched. We distill our outlook to that which is most true, most certain when we suffer. How much literal garbage do we tote around, thinking that the spiritual or material junk we carry is priceless while it is genuinely dead wood in God's eyes. What does He do? He prunes it. How does He prune it? By bringing difficulty into our lives.

The third thing that suffering is is **salutary**. Suffering is helpful to us. It is good for us to suffer. Being in prison might not be seen as such a great thing, especially if it is unjust. St. Paul was in prison. St. Paul wrote the book of Romans from prison. It was certainly unjust for Paul to be in prison but what amazing good came from that unjust imprisonment? God works all things together for good (Romans 8:28). One of God's tools to bring about good in our lives is suffering.

Christ's suffering was punitive. He was punished by man and by God. Man's justice was an abomination. Beneath it, beneath the cruel cross and the blasphemy of man, God was bringing about an eternal justice. Christ suffered that we might live. By His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5). Good fruit comes from that tree. **Christ is the tree of life precisely because He suffered for us.** The church in every age is vibrant, full of love and the most enticing place for sinners to find relief. What Christ the King Lutheran Church is at this moment is what the church has always been and always will be: the church is alive; the church is swelling; the Wind of God (Spirit of God) is beneath our wings. May September, and the many months to come, be a time of reflection on and celebration of God's glory.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters
National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
Saturday Sept. 18 2021

On Saturday, September 18, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time

Saturday, September 18, 1:00pm

Location

Pierce Brothers Crestlawn Memorial
 Park & Mortuary
 11500 Arlington Ave, Riverside, CA

Special Details

Service will be held at the gravesite of the 54 Chino Hills babies, and conducted by Rev. William Maggard, of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rialto, CA.

Local Contact

Erin Maggard, 909-600-4242
 ProLifeErin@gmail.com

For more information on this event, visit AbortionMemorials.com

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These are timely articles and one video that I think everyone would profit by reading. Pastor Smith

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/spring-2021/fatherhood-patriarchy-and-chaos/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/spring-2021/nimrods-artists/>

<https://justthenews.com/nation/religion/california-church-refused-close-covid-gets-800000-state-county-settle-suit>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fs4Clf6Wshc>

Anniversaries



Birthdays



09/06 Robert & Monique Arnold
 09/26 Mike & Anna Bush
 09/29 David & Labecca Wills

- 09/02 Bruce Stevens
- 09/03 Deborah Perez
- 09/03 Thornton Wills
- 09/08 Dustin Hogue
- 09/09 Michael Hogue
- 09/13 Brenda Egeland
- 09/18 Russ Gross
- 09/20 Aiden DeCent
- 09/20 Charlie DeCent

- 09/24 Rebecca Mugiishi
- 09/24 Samuel Smith
- 09/25 Dwayne Mugiishi
- 09/25 Lila Feiken
- 09/25 Tyler Nowak
- 09/26 Lori Kelsey
- 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.

MEET YOUR ELDER - LOREN SCOTT



Thank you for the opportunity to serve the congregation at Christ the King. I have only served for a few months, but its has been a real pleasure. The Senior Elders have taken me under their wing and showed me the ropes. They have been extremely helpful. How blessed we are as a congregation! I am very grateful to the Elders, Pastor, and Congregation on how the pandemic was handled. It is a true blessing for my family and me to be part of this church.

I was born in San Bernardino, CA, 1970. I was brought up in the Baptist Church. My Father was an ordained Baptist minister and my mother taught Sunday school and sang in the church choir. I am very grateful for both of my parents for teaching me about Jesus. I have an older brother Larry and younger sister Lori, all still local. My father baptized all of us and married most of us.

I grew up in San Bernardino, but lived in Texas for four years while my father attended the South Western Southern Baptist Seminary in the Fort Worth area. After his graduation we moved to Tennessee where we lived for a year. There was much racism within the area. As a family we passed out Vacation Bible School pamphlets to the neighborhood. Unfortunately to some, it was not the appropriate neighborhood and my father was scolded for this, but never stood down and would spread the gospel to ALL!

After a year my family moved back to San Bernardino. I grew up in this area, went to San Bernardino High School where I played football, ran track, and wrestled. I also met my lovely wife Ruth Pendleton.

Ruth and I went to San Bernardino High School together, dated shortly after graduation, and married in 1990. She was sent by God to me! She was a long time Lutheran through her family. She showed me the biblical verses of Baptism and much more. I have now been a Lutheran longer than I had been a Southern Baptist. Our boys were baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in San Bernardino and our daughter was baptized at Messiah Lutheran Church in Highland. Sierra began attending Christ the King Lutheran Pre-School and this is what led our family to this wonderful Church.

I worked at Stater Bros for ten years and then went through the Sheriff Academy to become a Deputy Sheriff and am still this day. I have spent my time working the jail, on patrol, and am now assigned to the Court House. It is a great assignment. I have been able to coach my sons in baseball and football. I was also able to attend most of their games. And, of course, watch my daughter play volleyball in club, high school, and now college.

My family and I are so grateful to be apart of this congregation. We have grown in our faith and learned so much. As a congregation we are truly blessed to have Pastor Smith and Deacon Russ along with the Elders of the church. II Timothy 1:7, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Thanks be to God.

What's going on at CTK!

From the Preschool:

Happy beginning of the school year!

We are finishing our second week of back to school, and the kids have done great! Preschool can be a big transition for a lot of our little ones. Leaving mom for the first time can be very hard for both mom and the preschooler. I am happy to share that everyone is easing back into the school schedule very well. August has brought a little bit of cooler weather and we are loving it. The teachers have created great classroom space and with cooler days we are trying to extend our outdoor play as much as possible. Here's to a great year. Remember to vote, so much legislation directly affects our school.

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed.

STEWARDSHIP:

COMMUNITY WORK DAY on Saturday, September 26

We sponsor the trash clean up along Ford Street just North of the Freeway. Join us in keeping the area clean after Bible Study, around 10:00am

EVANGELISM:

- **FAITH SEMINAR on Saturday, September 11, 9am-3pm**
Faith That Engages the Culture seminar with Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa in the Parish hall at Christ the King

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL on Friday, October 22, 6pm-8pm

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Churches Game Booth, hand out candy and enjoy a fun evening with our School. Keep an eye out for a sign-up board.



Christ the King – Missions



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



August 2021 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
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>Jan-July 2021</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	\$24,077.00	\$174,416.50
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	\$1,477.00	\$10,644.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	\$0.02	\$1,036.29
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	\$0.00	\$3,780.00
Total Income	<u>\$25,554.02</u>	<u>\$189,876.79</u>
Expense		
500.00 ACTIVITIES	-\$181.56	\$4,424.78
510.00 PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$100.00	\$100.00
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	\$3,079.98	\$16,007.14
530.00 MAINTENANCE	\$3,391.06	\$10,301.20
540.00 MISSIONS	\$1,600.00	\$11,200.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$14,277.34	\$99,375.65
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	\$4,036.12	\$28,088.98
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$3,194.64	\$14,695.55
580.00 WORSHIP	\$344.96	\$1,764.66
Total Expense	<u>\$29,842.54</u>	<u>\$185,957.96</u>
Net Income	<u>-\$4,288.52</u>	<u>\$3,918.83</u>

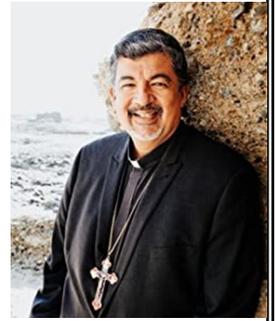


CTK SEPTEMBER 2021 Events

September 11, 2021, 9am-3pm

(In the Parish Hall)

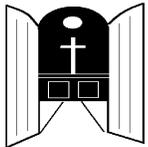
Christ the King Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a seminar conducted by the Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa. The topic couldn't possibly be timelier: **Faith That Engages the Culture**. We are seeing the broader culture around us change dramatically. The temptation is to sit paralyzed as these convulsions rock society and retreat to those familiar quarters where everyone shares our opinion. If this were to be the strategy of the church in our era (any era), what would the long-term ramifications be? Do you believe that our Lord would have us adopt a passive perspective on life in the 21st century? Pastor Al Espinosa presents a different perspective, a joyous and uplifting perspective ~ Christ's perspective. Author of the book of the same title, Pr. Espinosa will lead us to understand and embrace our calling in this critical time. Mark your calendar on September 11th, and sign up in the narthex to attend this blessed event.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:00 AM Divine Service (Outdoors) 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School			 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class		 7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class			9:00 AM Faith That Engages the Culture with Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School  Please bring your mites.		7:00 PM School Board Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class	7:00 PM Elders Meeting		Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School			 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class			Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
26	27	28	29	30	OCT. 1	OCT. 2
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School		7:00 PM Evangelism Stewardship Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ



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Servants for September 2021



ACOLYTES		ELDERS	
Sept 5	Emma Hansen & Emma Hinkleman	Sept 5	Roger Loewecke
Sept 12	Hayden Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Sept 12	Anthony Lombardo
Sept 19	Jilian Belli & Aiden DeCent	Sept 19	Loren Scott
Sept 26	Gabriela Vasquez & Ava Belli	Sept 26	James Wilson
ALTAR		FLOWERS	
Sept 5	Anna Smith	Sept 5	Harriet Ouimette
Sept 12	Tammy Hathaway	Sept 12	Don & Bernice David
Sept 19	Alise Smith	Sept 19	Glenn & Jodi Henderson
Sept 26	Nicole Cleary	Sept 26	Bill & Joy Phillips
FINANCE		USHERS	
Sept 5	Steve Aimar & Judy Alder	Sept 5 & 12	Tom Crowley & Dwayne Mugiishi
Sept 12 & 19	To Be Determined	Sept 19 & 26	Glenn Henderson & Hayden Ramsey
Sept 26	To Be Determined		