



# CORNERSTONE

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

MARCH 2022

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

Lent is not intended to be a six-and-a-half weeklong Good Friday. No doubt, the passion and death of our Triumphant King is perpetually in the background of the season of Lent. It is true, the contemplation of the Lord's suffering and death quite naturally would suggest the question, "what made the Crucifixion and Death necessary?" No one can evade personal culpability for our Lord's suffering. His love for us is universal. Delightfully, it is for the entire world that our Lord laid down His life. The converse of this theological truth is equally true. The entire world contributed to His agony on the Holy Cross. Only a cold-hearted toad would use the fact that the whole world is culpable for the grief that the Son of God suffered as a pretext for not taking responsibility for one's personal contribution. Sort of, "well, my part in His suffering is so small compared to the what He suffered for everyone else, corporately, so I'm not going to beat myself up about my sins. I'm good with me."

Lent is about spiritual revitalization. Lent is about discovering who we truly are. Lent is about clarity of thought in regard to Jesus and His death and resurrection being the divine dynamic that drives my life. All of this is captured within the simple notion that Lent is about repentance. When I do a chapel lesson with the children of our school on the topic of repentance, I tell them that every now and then I have the urge to smash my head against a brick wall and that it is uncontrollable. Then I feign that I am having one of these urges presently and I run pell-mell into the wall. Hilarity ensues as I hold my head and moan and stagger around the church. Then I station a teacher with a stop sign attached to a long, red, tongue-depressor stick in front of the wall. The word "STOP" has been replaced with the word "REPENT." The teacher is God's representative. She is looking out for me. She loves me as God loves me and doesn't want to see me get hurt and she knows that running pell-mell into the wall is very bad for me, regardless of how much I may want to do it.

As the urge once again comes over me to run into the wall the teacher, with the help of all the children, yells: "Repent." Hearing the call to repent, I stop abruptly, and then perform a smart "about face" (learned years ago in Navy boot camp). Now headed in the other direction, a teacher on the other side of the church is holding our processional cross and I move towards it, ultimately placing myself directly under it. That, my dear friends, is Lent. That is the Christian life in every time but it is highlighted with intentionality during Lent. We are presently engaged in a careful examination of our lives and we are determined to eliminate all of those habits, predilections, patterns of thought, and other bits of

selfishness and indifference to the things of God that have slipped back into our minds, hearts, and behavior. There are two basic reasons for this.

Primarily, that is what God calls us to perpetually. "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). It is true – what God demands, God provides. We are MADE holy in Christ; His righteousness being deposited in our account. We've been washed in His blood and we are, objectively, holy (all by His doing). But for us to soil ourselves, for us to act in manner that is contrary to our nature would be to profane God's holiness and this we simply must not do. Christians have been set apart for a holy purpose. We can't cavort in the culture's filth and expect that we are honoring the God who saved us, that we won't be bring a grievous conflict to our own heart, our own faith. Secondly, Easter is tremendously important. Easter is new life. Easter is the resurrection of Christ and the promise of our own triumph over death. What reality in your life even comes close to comparing to Easter? How, then, are we to celebrate this fabulous reality?

"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Corinthians 5:7-8). Our celebration of Easter is more than a maudlin remembrance of a distant drama, more than a self-focused call to "strike up the spiritual band," more than a mere religious exercise in stirring up feelings of hope and glory. We are new. Is it not right that we should behave in a way that reflects that reality? We are to rise with Christ at Easter and walk with Him in newness of life. That means getting rid of the old life (malice and evil) and those things that are contrary to Christ and that truly don't serve us well. All of time is a festival of the resurrection. Each of us have been give the superlative gift of Easter. What is more, Easter is not an external gift, but an "in you" gift. Lent prepares us so very well to live as Christ's disciples, His faithful followers who know that He is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

Let that whole passage sink into your hearts and as it does, I beg you to make the most of Lent 2022 at Christ the King Lutheran Church. "Jesus said to her [Martha], 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Smith

# Supplemental Reading

## Tightrope

<https://adflegal.org/faith-and-justice/february-2022/tightrope>

*“As far as it’s a religious issue or not, there isn’t an aspect of our lives that isn’t religious, because God wants our whole lives and everything we do to be oriented around him!”*

*“Thus, though we should rejoice at the end of Roe, it is not the end of the fight to protect human life in the womb. We should take heart, though, for undoing Roe proves that the march of history is not one of pro-abortion inevitability. We can win.”*

## What People Who Love Life Should Be Doing Now To Prepare For Roe To Go

<https://thefederalist.com/2022/02/28/what-people-who-love-life-should-be-doing-now-to-prepare-for-roe-to-go/>

## “A World Split Apart”

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/fall-2021/a-world-split-apart/>

*“A decline in courage may be the most striking feature which an outside observer notices in the West in our days. The Western world has lost its civil courage, both as a whole and separately...”*

*“The teachings concerning marriage and sexuality in the Bible arise from love of one’s neighbor, not from hate towards a group of people.”*

## Biblical truth on trial in Finland

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/biblical-truth-on-trial-in-finland/>

# Meet the School Staff

## Erin Hoekstra



Hey there, I'm Erin Hoekstra. I was born and raised in Westminster, CA where I lived until 1994. I have a certificate in early Childhood Education and I have worked here at CTK, as a preschool teacher, for almost 28 years!

My mother-in-law worked for Mission Aviation Fellowship here in Redlands and a lot of families used CTK when they were on furlough. She recommended it to me because she always heard about how great and accommodating CTK was. And so, here I am all these years later!

Prior to working at CTK, I worked at Orange Coast College Childcare Center in Costa Mesa, CA. I also worked at Laurel Pine Christian Camp as a camp counselor for three summers, and this is how met my husband Scott.

I have been married to Scott Hoekstra for 27 years. We live here in Redlands. Scott works for the City of Redlands. We have three children: Hannah is 25 years old and is currently working towards a Chiropractic Doctorate, Lauren is 22 years old and working on her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy, and Trent is 20 years old and studying Entrepreneurship at Cal Baptist University in Riverside.

We attend Citizens Church, where we have been for seven years and are actively involved in volunteering. I love being with my family and going on vacation together. I also love DIY home improvement projects. And, I absolutely love my job here at CTK, it feels like a second home to me!

## Talicia Gonzalez

Hey all! I'm Miss Talicia (Gonzales), I was born and raised in San Jose, CA and moved to Yucaipa in 1994. I still live in Yucaipa with my husband, Randy, and our sweet little Chihuahua named Angel. I love all things Disney, Harry Potter, and Star Wars. I sing on the worship team at Active Church. I also enjoy hand lettering, crochet and origami.

I attended Crafton Hills College for a year and thus have several child development classes under my belt. I attended William Jessup University and earned a BA in Bible and Theology/Psychology with a minor in children's ministries. I went on to attend Azusa Pacific University and earned my MA in Education and a School Counseling Credential.

Besides a brief stint in high school when I worked at Pharaoh's Lost Kingdom, I have always worked with children in some capacity. I did counseling at Inland Leaders Charter School. I worked in the youth department at my church. And many moons ago I taught at Yucaipa Christian School.

I have worked here at CTK since January of 2017. I started as a breaker and that fall I was offered a teaching position in Room 9, where I have been since. I also work in elementary daycare in the afternoons.

When I was let go at my job at church, due to budget cuts, I found myself searching for something else. My friend worked at CTK and told me they were hiring. I had always heard great things about this place so I applied for a job and the rest is history!



# What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



Where do our mission offerings go?

We contribute \$1,600.00/month to seven different missions. This amount is set in our budget voted on in November. Our Church Council decides on the specific missions in January. One of these missions is the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC) (Сибирская Евангелическо-Лютеранская Церковь). The SELC is a Russian Lutheran Church Synod whose bishop is Rev. Vsevolod Lytkin. It was founded in 2003, and participates in the International Lutheran Council. The church was previously associated with the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church. It's located in Novosibirsk, Russia. It's a partner church of the LCMS. We contribute \$200.00/month via the LCMS Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. Website: [lutheran.ru](http://lutheran.ru)

Bill Phillips

Treasurer

## Looking Back

Last month we had a guest visitor on campus. Rev. Mike Gibson, President of the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, was visiting our lovely church and school. He was given a tour of the school by our esteemed Director and Assistant Director. We are blessed to be able to share God's work being done here at Christ the King.



## From the Preschool

*Do you like green eggs and ham? CTK kiddos like green eggs and ham...or they just like the idea of a fun day celebrating! Every year I make dozens and dozens of green eggs and carefully cut the ham and the kids devour the toast! Some children are adventurous enough to give it a taste and some actually eat it, but all of them enjoy listening to the Green Eggs and Ham story, making fun hats, and having a fun snack! March brings parent conference to discuss the children's progress, spring break, spring activities and the talk of Easter and the resurrection of our Savior. March marks our 9th month of school and always feels like the year is moving by so fast. We are eagerly awaiting the time change and youth sports are starting up, this makes for busy transitions for our families. Enjoy the beautiful end of winter and welcome spring!*

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed.  
Christ The King Lutheran School

**Pleasant words are like a honeycomb  
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.  
Proverbs 16:24**





# Christ the King – Mission Support

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



February 2022 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
<b>Total Cash Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>

## CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	25,844.70	52,504.51
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,497.00	3,279.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	4.04	8.07
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>1,303.00</u>	<u>1,303.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>28,648.74</u>	<u>57,094.58</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	28,648.74	57,094.58
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	666.79	2,139.16
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	2,447.05	5,336.81
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	2,281.69	3,706.95
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	3,200.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,465.18	26,455.25
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,323.25	8,641.32
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,751.66	3,932.92
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>336.26</u>	<u>517.95</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>26,871.88</u>	<u>53,930.36</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>1,776.86</u>	<u>3,164.22</u>
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# CTK March 2022 Events



## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS ON HIATUS

We will resume after Easter Sunday.  
Everyone is welcomed.

## FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



Friday April 1st  
at 7:30 p.m.

1000 Holmes St.  
Calimesa CA 92320-1427.

Join us in the Mugiishi 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 Morning  
at 8:30 am**

With Daecon Russ in the Church

## LWML PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS

On behalf of LWML Zone 16, thank you for your generous donations to our Undie Sunday Campaign. Our collections will be combined with the donations from all the PSD LCMS Churches .

SAVE THE DATE! – 39th Biennial Convention TREASURED!!!  
(Matthew 13:44-46)

June 3 – 5, 2022

Tempe, AZ

Come and feel His love for you and be encouraged to take His love out into the world. Worship our Lord, laugh with LWML sisters, vote on new officers and mission grants, enjoy great food, sing praises to our Lord, and have some fun!!

## Anniversaries



03/11 *Bruce & Connie Stevens*

03/21 *David & Joanne Bates*

03/27 *James & Shelly Wilson*

## Birthdays

03/01 Don David

03/02 Samuel Lombardo

03/06 John Jay

03/08 Layla David

03/10 Carolyn Lombardo

03/13 Dylan Decent

03/13 Jeanie Nowak

03/14 Joy Phillips

03/15 Alexandra Hauschild

03/15 Liam Buck

03/15 Westin Buck

03/17 Cynthia Danigson

03/17 David Alder

03/22 Ethan Buck

03/25 Bill McDaniel

03/28 Hayden Hinkelman

03/29 Joseph Scott

03/31 Loren Scott



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

# March 2022 Calendar

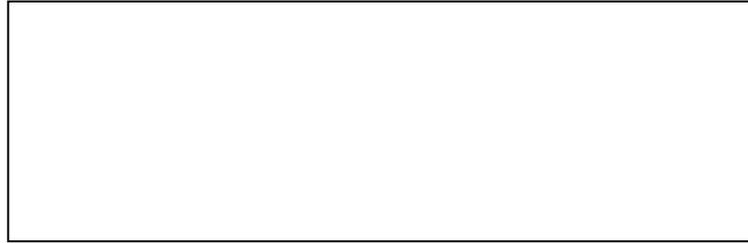
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service		7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Confirmation		7:00 PM School Board Meeting	6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Choir Practice			8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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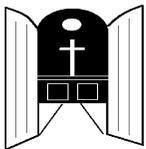
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



Check Out Our Website at [www.ctkredands.org](http://www.ctkredands.org)



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## Servants for March 2022

Thank you for serving



DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
3/6	Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo	Anna Bush	Tom Crowley
3/13	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Margaret Nowak	Dwayne Danielson
3/20	Gabriela Vasquez & Emma Hinkleman	Alise Smith	Vic Haynes
3/27	Aiden DeCent & Brooke Cleary	Anna Bush	Roger Loewecke
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
3/6	Ingrid Umland	3/6	Steve Aimar & Roger Loewecke
3/13	Bruce & Connie Stevens	3/13 & 3/20	John Hinkleman, Jr & Joe Vasquez
3/20	Donald & Bernice David	3/27	Steve Aimar & Judy Alder
3/27	Wiley & Anna Smith	DATE	USHERS
DATE	CRUCIFER	36	Steve Amir & Glenn Henderson
3/6	Joshua Hoffman	3/13	Steve Amir & Glenn Henderson
3/13	Dominick Vasquez	3/20	Rick Brua & Glenn Henderson
3/20	Aiden DeCent	3/27	Rick Brua & Glenn Henderson
3/27	Samuel Lombardo		