



# CORNERSTONE

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

JULY 2022

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

Lift High the Cross – it is one of our favorite hymns, as a congregation, as a church body. This magnificent hymn is nestled within the ‘Mission and Witness’ section in the Lutheran Service Book (our hymnal). The opening line, which also serves as the refrain, captures the essence of the hymn itself and the mission outlook of our faith.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

I still remember that after one particular Divine Service, maybe 20+ years ago, a young lass came up to me as I was greeting the departing parishioners and she asked me: “Do you know how many crosses there are in the church?” I pleaded ignorance. Then she told me a precise and rather unexpectedly large number. “I counted them all... twice, to be sure,” she said. I was both impressed and distressed. Impressed that she would embark on such a quest and that she would double check her work. Distressed that she would do it during the Divine Service (probably not paying too much attention – just kidding. There are totally worse things to occupy oneself with when bored in church).

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.**

To be sure, Christ the King Lutheran Church lifts high the cross. Lifted high above our altar we see the instrument upon which our Lord purchased sinners with His own precious blood. We are redeemed, reclaimed from sin and death, washed in the blood of the Son of God in Holy Baptism and made citizens of heaven. That cross is perfectly placed. It is lifted high by our faith, by intentional architectural design, and by theological truth. The cross and the altar interpret each other – they belong together. Similarly, there is a cross above the glass at the apex of the church, mounted on the exterior of the roof, to signal to anyone who comes into our complex what words are spoken here: We preach Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:23). It is a humble cross and one could easily miss it if not looking for it.

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.**

There is a cross which is a memorial that greets everyone who enters our parking lot. It is a very personal witness to a beloved daughter of Christ the King and it is impossible to miss. Andrea Hinkleman was struggling with terminal brain cancer. The tumor took her sight and one of her favorite objects to hold was a cross, contoured on its exterior with rocks. Andrea held it tight. Andrea held it by faith. God drew Andrea to Himself by way of Christ’s

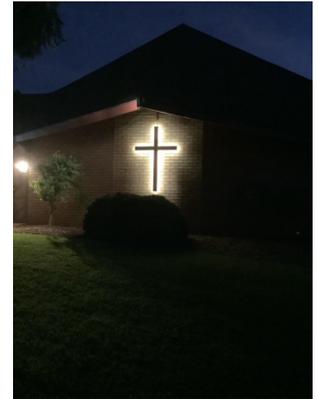
cross. Andrea fell asleep in Christ knowing who saved her, who gave her eternal life, and what His love would give and do. To depict our vibrant faith, a cross was replicated to mirror the hand-size one she clung to as she set the eyes of her heart on heaven. We lift high the cross. It is a universal sign of love but it also tells very personal stories – our stories.

**Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell**

I would like to draw your attention to some new additions around our lovely campus. Mr. Michael Bush fabricated a new cross which adorns the back of the parish hall – the exterior wall which faces South St. Elegant and also sturdy, this new cross is back lit to shine proudly into the Redlands night. To be sure, “we are not ashamed of the (cross) for it is the power of salvation for all who believe” (Romans 1:16).



Our campus sings. Our campus preaches the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Our campus rejoices in the Greatest who gave Himself up for the least (you and me). Lastly, our bell tower is now a cross tower. God bless T-Mobile; they said the top of the tower had to be enclosed. Okay, if that must be the case then let’s make the top speak what we believe. On all four sides a cross has been placed, prominently, boldly, to announce to east, west, north and south that Christ the King is both crucified and triumphant. He is alive. He is among us. He welcomes all people into His embrace, His kingdom, His church. We lift high the cross. We proclaim the love of Christ. We pray that all the world will adore His sacred name.



**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Smith

# Supplemental Reading

## Statement from LCMS Life Ministry on the 'Dobbs v. Jackson' ruling

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/statement-from-lcms-life-ministry-on-the-dobbs-v-jackson-ruling/>

## LCMS Board of Directors approves surplus budget for FY23

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/lcms-board-of-directors-approves-surplus-budget-for-fy23/>

*The movie is a reminder of what really matters in life, that good things can happen to good people, and that we can take heart in this.*

## 'Jerry And Marge Go Large' Is A Heart-Warming Defense Of The Twilight Years And Community

<https://thefederalist.com/2022/06/29/jerry-and-marge-go-large-is-a-heart-warming-defense-of-the-twilight-years-and-community/>

## Fault Lines in the LCMS?

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2022/6/28/fault-lines-in-the-lcms>

*As Pro-Life Christians rejoice in the aftermath of the Dobbs decision that ends the Roe v. Wade compulsion of states to allow infanticide of the pre-born, and to call it a "constitutional right," the ruling has revealed fault lines that were probably not obvious to the average member of confessional Lutheran church bodies.*

*Frank has a big announcement to make! And the journalists are excited to get things wrong!*

## Frank the Hippie Pope Resigns (Satire)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkMi68dQykg>

# Helping Our Youth Remain Steadfast

BY PASTOR MATTHEW HARRISON, PRESIDENT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Our youth are under attack. The devil heard them renounce him and all his works and all his ways at their confirmations. He heard the vows they made: that they “intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death” and that they “intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it” (Lutheran Service Book, p. 273). He heard these vows as certainly as he heard the similar vows their godparents made years ago to see that these children would be taught the faith and faithfully brought to the Lord’s Supper. He heard these vows as an assault on his straw-house kingdom and has taken them as a challenge, an affront to his fleeting empire. And they are.

Our youth are under attack from the same temptations that have besieged young people since the fall into sin. But they are also under new temptations — new at least within recent memory. I’ve been reading a staggering book called *Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters* by Abigail Shrier, a progressive Jewish opinion columnist for *The Wall Street Journal*. It’s not a Christian book by any means, and I don’t endorse all the author’s conclusions (her openness to homosexuality and her approval of transgenderism in adults, for example). But the book tries to get to the reason so many adolescent and teenage girls today are identifying as transgender.

Historically, childhood “gender dysphoria” (as the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition*, now calls it) only affected 0.01% of the population, and almost all were boys. “Before 2012, in fact, there was no scientific literature on girls ages eleven to twenty-one ever having developed gender dysphoria at all” (Shrier xxvii). But now? In 2018, the number of teenage girls seeking treatment in the U.K., for instance, rose by 4,400%! It’s the same in America. Girls grappling with questions about whether they might actually be boys are clustered in social circles. But body dysphoria isn’t contagious. So, what’s happening?

Girls (and boys) are suffering. Some researchers have identified a “mental health crisis” among young girls, with spiking rates of suicide attempts, self-harm, depression and eating disorders. Adolescence is hard. Teenagers live in increasing isolation from one another. Add to that the sharply critical lens that social media puts onto the quickly changing body of a girl going through puberty, and you’ve got a recipe for such an epidemic. Girls who discover the world of “trans influencers” on YouTube, TikTok and Instagram are quickly lured into this demonic deception.

If you are a parent, a grandparent, a godparent, a teacher, a youth leader or a pastor, you need to read this book. Shrier concludes with some hopeful recommendations about how to guard young girls from this dangerous influence. Her final two recommendations quite touchingly and poignantly celebrate the uniqueness and beauty of girls, which we certainly affirm and celebrate as well. Part of the beauty and goodness of creation is that God made male and female separate and unique. Their differences complement one another, and those differences are worth celebrating.

But as excellent as her book is, Shrier misses the heart of the solution, because she doesn’t diagnose the real problem. The problem is sin, so the solution is Jesus. Though the details vary from age to age and the devil assaults us in different ways throughout the stages of our lives, the solution for sin, for the brokenness of creation, for our universal dysphoria — knowing that all things are not as the Creator intended them to be — is Jesus.

That’s not too simplistic, and it’s too often forgotten. Boys and girls alike live in a fallen world. They will contend with myriad temptations throughout their lives. And each one is designed to get them to break their baptismal and confirmation vows by abandoning the faith and leaving the church.

As you read this insert to *Reporter*, with our focus on youth ministry, there are tens of thousands of Lutheran youth being fed with the life-giving, hope-restoring, sin-destroying, deathdefeating Word of Jesus. This is happening at the LCMS Youth Gathering, at Higher Things conferences, at Lutheran summer camps, in summer school programs at our Lutheran day schools, at sports camps at our Lutheran high schools, at confirmation retreats, at church lock-ins and pizza parties. And every single Sunday, in the Divine Service, these youth are not segregated into age demographics but are gathered with all the diverse people of God around the altar, pulpit and font where He feeds and sustains all of us.

I pray for you and your children in these challenging times. Across the Synod, we have a lot of people deeply invested in helping shepherd them through the uncertain times of adolescence, teen years, college days and beyond with the Word and Sacraments of the Savior who commanded, “Let the little children come to me.”

# What's going on at CTK!

## Follow CTK on Facebook and Instagram

If you are on social media please find our pages and follow along. All you have to do is open your phone camera and hover it over the QR codes and open up the link. If that doesn't seem to work, you can find us on both platforms by our handle name @christthekingredlands



## From the Preschool

**Happy Summer! The teachers are busy with the start of our Summer Fun in our Preschool and Elementary programs. There are a lot of exciting activities such as water days, and fieldtrips (for our elementary kiddos). Whatever Little Pony will also be back for the children to take a picture and have a pony ride. Our staff and school families will be off on Monday, July 4th to celebrate Independence Day. Thank you to everyone that came to Chris' Farewell Party! She and her family made it safely home to Tennessee. Have a wonderful and safe summer!**

**Blessings,  
Sheri Coe  
Director - Christ The King Lutheran Preschool**

**A happy heart makes the face cheerful  
Proverbs 15:13**

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT – “TREASURED”

LWML PSD President Nila Rodriquez welcomed over 216 participants to the 39th Biennial Convention, held at the Embassy Suites in Tempe, Arizona, June 3rd-5th. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it (Matthew 14:44-46), was the basis of the theme “Treasured!” reminding the attendees that we are treasures to God.

Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson, President of the LCMS PSD, was the opening worship proclaimer, Keynote speaker Jan Struck shared her story and Donna Snow served as Bible study leader.

The theme “Treasured” was a highlight throughout the entire convention. The focus of the speakers surrounded this theme. During the closing worship service, everyone received two small mirrors. During his sermon Rev. Tim Jenks had those assembled look into one of the mirrors to see God’s treasures – themselves. He challenged everyone to find someone with whom to share the second mirror so that they too, could see that they are treasured by God..

The voting body selected seventeen mission grants for a mission goal of \$292,463.02. Gifts from the Heart were collected to benefit Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest and Sunshine Acres Children’s Home. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as delegate for Christ the King and Zone 16.

Treasured in Christ,  
Mary Coppenger  
Zone 16 President

## Pentecost -- Confirmation Day!



From left to right: Deacon Russell Gross, Brooke Cleary, Samuel Lombardo, Hayden Hinkleman, Dominick Vasquez, Aiden DeCent, Joshua Hoffmann, Christian Vasquez, Emma Hansen, William Lombardo, Pr. Wiley Smith



# Christ the King – Mission Support

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



June 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>May 22</u>	<u>Jan - May 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	26,861.90	131,371.03
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	7,680.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	4.16	23.65
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	0.00	4,909.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>28,318.06</u>	<u>143,983.68</u>
Gross Profit	28,318.06	143,983.68
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	2,041.84	5,270.21
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	2,277.79	11,256.60
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	1,454.92	9,492.23
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	8,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,762.20	67,926.65
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,358.56	21,726.96
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,734.27	9,307.07
580.00 · WORSHIP	123.69	1,835.19
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>27,353.27</u>	<u>134,814.91</u>
Net Ordinary Income	964.79	9,168.77
Net Income	<u>964.79</u>	<u>9,168.77</u>



# CTK July 2022 Events

## Bible Study



**Wednesday mornings  
at 9:30 am  
&  
Saturday mornings  
With Deacon Russ in the Church  
at 8:30 am**

## FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

Is on a hiatus for summer!  
We will resume in the fall.



**VBS is  
almost here!**  
**July 11-15,**  
**from 6-8pm**  
**Age: 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

## Nothing says summer like Baseball Season!

Please sign up in the narthex to reserve your seat at Faith and Family Night at San Manuel Stadium, home of the San Bernardino 66ers for **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The 66ers, a Farm Team of the Anaheim Angels, will play local rivals, the Lake Elsinore Storm, a Single A division team of The Padres.

CTK has reserved 50 seats behind the home plate for a fun evening of fellowship and baseball. Tickets are \$12. Carpool services are provided by CTK, however if you choose to drive on your own, parking is \$10. Hot dogs are just a dollar and drinks are \$2.50.

Carpool travelers are meeting at CTK on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:45 pm, we will depart at 5:15 sharp. The doors open at 6 pm with concessions available. The game starts at 7:05 pm and fireworks follow the game and conclude the evening. The CTK carpool will return to church around 9:30-10 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Smith or  
Rebecca Mugiishi ([rmugiishi@gmail.com](mailto:rmugiishi@gmail.com) or 909-379-9993).  
**Last day to sign up pay and is Sunday, July 10 after the church service.**



## Anniversaries

07/04 Joshua & Corrin Scott  
07/10 Jordan & Cindy Carrier



## Birthdays

07/02 Sandy Nauman	07/20 Irene Pickering
07/08 Judy Alder	07/21 Brittany Reading
07/14 Christine Reiman	07/21 Mike Bush
07/14 David Wills	07/23 Bill Phillips
07/14 John Hinkleman Jr.	07/25 Barbara Rayworth
07/17 Glenn Henderson	07/27 Ryan Buck
07/19 Jackson Scott	07/28 Monique Arnold
07/20 Emily Nowak	07/31 Erica Vasquez



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the



# July 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	4	5 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	6	7	8	9 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 
10 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	11  6:00 PM-8:00 PM VBS	12  6:00 PM-8:00 PM VBS	13 9:30 AM Bible Study  6:00 PM-8:00 PM VBS	14  6:00 PM-8:00 PM VBS	15  6:00 PM-8:00 PM VBS	16 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 
17 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	18	19	20 9:30 AM Bible Study	21 7:00 PM Elder Meeting	22 5:15 PM Faith and Family Night  66ers baseball game	23 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 
24 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	25	26 7:00 PM Stewardship/ Evangelism Committee Meeting	27 9:30 AM Bible Study	28	29	30 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 
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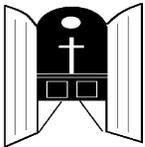
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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## Servants for July 2022

Thank you for serving



DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
7/3	Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo	Erica Vasquez	Anthony Lombardo
7/10	Emma Hinkleman & Josh Hoffmann	Margaret Nowak	Loren Scott
7/17	Aiden DeCent & Josh Hoffmann	Alise Smith	James Wilson
7/24	Samuel Lombardo & Emma Hansen	Anna Bush	David Alder
7/31	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
7/3	Fred and Margaret Nowak	7/3	Steve Aimar & Mary Coppenger
7/10	Anonymous	7/10	Steve Aimar & Mary Coppenger
7/17	Glenn and Jodi Henderson	7/17	Still awaiting confirmation
7/24	James Zimmerman	7/24	Still awaiting confirmation
7/31	<b>Available for sign-up</b>	7/31	Still awaiting confirmation
DATE	CRUCIFER	DATE	USHERS
7/3	Aiden DeCent	7/3	Robert DeCent & Hayden Ramsey
7/10	Dominick Vasquez	7/10	Mike Nauman & Tom Crowley
7/17	Samuel Lombardo	7/17	Mike Nauman & Tom Crowley
7/24	Hayden Hinkleman	7/24	Apollo Barlows & Steve Aimar
7/31	Aiden DeCent	7/31	Apollo Barlows & Steve Aimar