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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

AUGUST 2022

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

Charles Baker remembered Christ the King Lutheran Church in his will. After his estate has gone through an extended time in probate, a check will soon arrive that is the execution of Charles' desire to bless CTK with a medium-sized windfall. Charles dearly loved our congregation. It was because of our adherence to Lutheran teaching, the delight that we take in the liturgy and hymnody of the church, and the people who both welcomed him warmly and love one another without embarrassment. Charles was idiosyncratic, no doubt about it. He was trained as a Lutheran pastor at Concordia Theological Seminary in the early '80's. Charlie was extraordinarily well-read, theology and politics being his twin passions. He suffered mightily with diabetes. He went on a theological walk-about after his call into the ministry turned out badly. Ultimately, Charles made his way back home to "Mother Missouri" when he moved to Redlands, in The Village, a retirement community across from the Mormon Temple (no comment).

One of the hallmarks of our beloved congregation is the outstanding stewardship that has been demonstrated here for many, many years. Wisdom, prudence, and faithfulness are interwoven into our financial tactics. God has blessed us with a beautiful property and a deeply aesthetic place to conduct the Divine Service as well as a very elegant and practical parish hall. In just the last few years we have managed to accomplish the following:

- A complete overhaul of our parking lot (wow!)
- Removal of all the juniper bushes and upgrade the landscaping (amazing)
- Upgrade the entire campus phone system (huge job – thanks Steve)
- New roof on the church wing and the parish hall wing (mega big job)
- Improved and functional outdoor lighting throughout the campus (safety first)

We accomplished all this while maintaining our commitment to support the Gospel and the cause of life both in our neighborhood and abroad. I congratulate the congregation as a whole for your faithful stewardship

and specifically those who steer the ship in this regard. God has blessed us.

And we are presently facing a downturn in the economy. Inflation and other economic indicators are trending in the wrong direction. Who knows how long this malaise will last? In the coming months, the church council will consider what to do with Charles' estate money. We have an endowment fund that could well be a short or long-term receptacle. The A/C in the narthex is limping – that fix likely won't be cheap. Charles had a deep affinity for liturgical finery. Should we purchase a new set of red paraments (our red set is made of wool and has some moth holes) and dedicate them to his memory? Should we investigate placing a "Christus Rex" cross above the altar to properly match the name of our beloved congregation? Should we get an estimate for a stained-glass depiction of the five wise and five foolish virgins and replace the glass by the double wooden doors that leads into the narthex? I suspect that an appropriate tact will gain consensus and that whatever is chosen will be a great blessing to the ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

It warms my heart to think of the many and diverse sorts of people who find their way into the embrace of our church. The Lord is truly the Shepherd of a faithful flock of believers. We value what He affords us and that deep appreciation manifests itself as we endeavor to live in a way that pleases Him. Charles was certainly one of those who was well loved by the Lord Christ. He knew it and shared that living faith with those he came in contact with. The life of faith goes on. More and more folks are drawn to the Gospel which is the heartbeat of our communion. The defining characteristic of our common life together is a classic truth. That truth grips our heart and moves us forward, giving hope and security and peace. What is that truth? "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). To God alone be the glory.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith

Supplemental Reading

Getting to Know the Fathers: Ignatius of Antioch

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/spring-2022/getting-to-know-the-fathers-ignatius-of-antioch/>

Harbaugh, a practicing Catholic whose top priorities are "faith, family, and football," said that to just ignore the truth about abortion would do a serious injustice to a "life-or-death type of issue."

American Hero Jim Harbaugh Says He'll Raise Any Of His Staff, Players' Surprise Babies

<https://thefederalist.com/2022/07/27/american-hero-jim-harbaugh-says-hell-raise-any-of-his-staff-players-surprise-babies/>

Bickerton said. "For me, the practice of my faith is what steeps my deepened belief in God, and if you get generations that aren't in church practicing the rhythm of worship or practicing their faith, there's no surprise they are now doubting whether or not God exists."

US religious leaders explain why faith in God hit lowest level ever, say COVID made it worse

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/us-religious-leaders-explain-why-faith-god-hit-lowest-level-ever-say-covid-made-worse>

Norway's pastors spoke in earnest, knowing that people's lives—people's spiritual lives—depended upon it. If their example cannot cure cowardice in our own day, then who can imagine what would?

Eighty Easters Ago: The Mass Resignation of Lutheran Pastors from the Nazified Church of Norway

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/spring-2022/eighty-easters-ago-the-mass-resignation-of-lutheran-pastors-from-the-nazified-church-of-norway/>

In addition to a brand-new Tesla, VBS volunteers will be given an upgraded heavenly spa pass that never expires, a Chick-Fil-A gift card that never runs out, and a fruit basket.

Awesome: Heaven Announces VBS Volunteers Will Receive Bonus Tesla Upon Arrival (Satire)

<https://babylonbee.com/news/heaven-announces-vbs-volunteers-will-receive-bonus-tesla-upon-arrival>

Getting to Know...

Chris Blank

I was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area (Menlo Park to be exact). Growing up I attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA. We had 2 LCMS churches that were closer to our home but St. Paul's was the church that my parents went to when they first got married. Growing up Christian in the Bay Area had some "challenges". Some have called the Bay Area the most "unchurched" section of the country and this was extremely evident by our small congregation was mostly made up of older parishioners. This meant that my brother and I had to go to youth group at different churches and confirmation was only held about once every 10 years. However, I wouldn't have wanted to grow up any other way. I received a wealth of both Christian and worldly knowledge from these parishioners. Additionally, watching my father climb into the dusty church attic, repair fences, power wash the exterior of the church (among many other tasks) instilled in me a strong desire for service to our Church and to others.



This desire to serve others led me to study Psychology at the University of Redlands and find employment at a group home for foster boys. This was the first time when I had a job where I was surrounded by other Christians who shared a common goal of glorifying and giving thanks to God by serving others. It was in this time that I KNOW that I truly found my calling in life: to work with underserved and disadvantaged youth. I still stop sometimes and realize how blessed I was that God guided me to this line of work. Many may call it "luck" or "a happy accident" but I know that it is so much more than that. It's God's plan.

I continued to follow this calling by attending Loma Linda University where I am currently a 4th year graduate student and a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology with a specialty in working with children and adolescents. These past several years have not been without their challenges. I had to navigate political unrest, a pandemic that forced us to isolate and attempt to live our lives through online platforms, and loss; not only for myself but for my patients who I work with as well. However, God has sustained me and IMPROVED me through all of this and my victories have been all the sweeter because I know these victories are not for myself but steps in a much bigger picture of me attempting to live out God's plan.

Through all these changes God also led me to the wonderful congregation that is Christ the King. From the very first service I felt welcomed and at home. In a time of such uncertainty the familiarity of the Divine Service and Hymns feels like a familiar embrace from my childhood. The support and encouragement I have received from all of you has been indescribable to me and I look forward to many more happy years as a member and servant of Christ the King.

What's going on at CTK!

From the Preschool

Busy Bees...that's how I would describe our time for the teachers and kiddos :). This month, we will wrap up our summer fun for the elementary and preschool programs. Our preschool rooms will transform for the new school year which begins on August 15th. We will meet many new families and welcome back our returning ones. The elementary children will soon be back at their schools and riding the vans back for CTK fun. Please stop by and see our amazing classrooms and staff, once our new year begins. Blessing to each of you and your families as we wrap up our summertime!

Blessings,
Sheri Coe

Director - Christ The King Lutheran Preschool

A happy heart makes the face cheerful
Proverbs 15:13

Looking back on July

"We had a great time at Faith and Family night at the 66er's game with about 30 of our parishioners. The 66er's easily beat the Lake Elsinore Storm 6-2 and plenty of cotton candy, sodas and \$1 hotdogs were had! We enjoyed some great fellowships and laughs with our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have an idea for a future church outing please speak with a member of the Stewardship and Evangelism committee."





Christ the King – Mission Support

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



| July 2022 Mission Support | |
|--|-------------------|
| Lutheran World Relief and Human Care | \$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>Jun 22</u> | <u>Jan - Jun 22</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| 400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS | 23,485.00 | 154,856.03 |
| 420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME | 1,452.00 | 9,132.00 |
| 430.00 · INTEREST INCOME | 153.72 | 597.30 |
| 440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME | <u>0.00</u> | <u>4,909.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>25,090.72</u> | <u>169,494.33</u> |
| Gross Profit | 25,090.72 | 169,494.33 |
| Expense | | |
| 500.00 · ACTIVITIES | 533.45 | 5,803.66 |
| 520.00 · ADMINISTRATION | 2,060.85 | 13,475.74 |
| 530.00 · MAINTENANCE | 1,016.15 | 10,508.38 |
| 540.00 · MISSIONS | 1,600.00 | 9,600.00 |
| 550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES | 15,822.42 | 83,749.07 |
| 560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS | 4,505.46 | 26,232.42 |
| 570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT | 1,734.28 | 11,041.35 |
| 580.00 · WORSHIP | <u>3,219.10</u> | <u>5,054.29</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>30,491.71</u> | <u>165,464.91</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | <u>-5,400.99</u> | <u>4,029.42</u> |
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CTK August 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.



End of Summer Swim Party

Everyone is invited.

When: Sunday, September 11th from
2P-6P



Where:
The Mugiishi Home
1000 Holmes St in
Calimesa

Lots of parking to the left of the
driveway or street.

Food, Games, Swimming and Fellowship!
The Mugiishi's have prepared a simple lunch.
If you would like to bring a snack, dessert or
beverages to share that would be great!

This event is sponsored by Thrivent Action
Team and Dwayne Mugiishi.

Anniversaries

08/03 Don & Bernice David
08/07 Dwayne & Cynthia Danielson
08/18 Glenn & Jodi Henderson
08/18 Anthony & Carolyn Lombardo
08/21 Joe & Diane Ronchetto
08/30 Dan & Mary Beth Gosnell
08/30 Vance & Doris Herzberger



Birthdays

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 08/02 Lucy Becker | 08/18 Connie Stevens |
| 08/02 Robert Hathaway | 08/19 Apollo Barlows |
| 08/04 Margaret Nowak | 08/21 Bukola Gross |
| 08/05 Karen Prill | 08/22 Corrine Scott |
| 08/06 Anna Smith | 08/23 Matt Townsend |
| 08/08 Lorrie Hinkleman | 08/24 Joe Ronchetto |
| 08/15 Caleb Hoffman | 08/31 Fred Nowak |
| 08/17 Patricia Townsend | |



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



August 2022 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---|---|---------------------------------|---|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School | | 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting | 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Chorus | | | 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 10:00 AM Cleaning Party |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School | | | 6:30 PM Men's Chorus | | | 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School | | | 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Chorus | | 5:15 PM Faith and Family Night 66ers baseball game | 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study  |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School | | 7:00 PM Stewardship/ Evangelism Committee Meeting | 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Chorus | 7:00 PM Elder Meeting | | 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study  |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School | | | 9:30 AM Bible Study | | | 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study  |



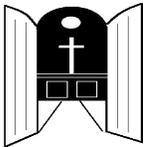
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



Check Out Our Website at www.ctkredands.org



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Servants for August 2022

Thank you for serving



| DATE | ACOLYTES | ALTAR | ELDERS |
|------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 8/7 | Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo | Tammy Hathaway | Dwayne Danielson |
| 8/14 | Gabriela Vasquez & Emma Hinkleman | Bernice David | Vic Haynes |
| 8/21 | Jilian Belli & Ava Belli | Erica Vasquez | Roger Loewecke |
| 8/28 | Aiden DeCent & Brooke Cleary | Margaret Nowak | Anthony Lombardo |
| DATE | FLOWERS | DATE | FINANCE |
| 8/7 | Dwayne & Cynthia Danielson | 8/7 | John Hinkleman, Jr & Joe Vasquez |
| 8/14 | Available for sign-up | 8/14 | Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar |
| 8/21 | Glenn & Jodi Henderson | 8/21 | Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar |
| 8/28 | Daniel & Mary Beth Gosnell | 8/28 | Mary Coppenger & Judy Alder |
| DATE | CRUCIFER | DATE | USHERS |
| 8/7 | Hayden Hinkleman | 8/7 | Tom Crowley & Glenn Henderson |
| 8/14 | Aiden DeCent | 8/14 | Tom Crowley & Glenn Henderson |
| 8/21 | Samuel Lombardo | 8/21 | Dwayne Mugiishi & Loren Scott |
| 8/28 | Dominick Vasquez | 8/28 | Dwayne Mugiishi & Loren Scott |