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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

My heart soared like a hawk. It was after the Divine Service and I was in my usual place, greetings the saints as they retired from the house of God to go out into the wide world. It is always a happy time – shaking hands with the beloved people of Christ the King. The young always have something unexpected to say or do. The men offer a “one-liner” about their week or the sermon or whatever else might be on their mind. The women are eager to show their appreciation for what they have received by a genuine and radiant smile. On this occasion, a gentleman who had endured great difficulty came through, shook my hand and verbalized his appreciation for the service. It was what he said next that left a deep impression. He said: “The people are so nice here.” It was uttered simply, honestly. Now, this man is not a smoke-blower. He wasn’t attempting to butter me up or flatter our congregation or merely offer a polite platitude. He had endured and continues to endure great difficulty. He needed consolation – divine consolation and that which comes from good company. Having been in our church service and interacting with you, he knew that CTK provided just that.

One of the hallmarks of our fellowship is a kindness that is natural and pervasive. The folks at Christ the King are real; fakery is decidedly out of place in our congregation. We greet one another with fondness and we welcome the visitor with a sincere brotherly love. That last part is impossible to overestimate – it tells the world who we are. There are a number of places in the Scriptures which speak about hospitality. “Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality” (Romans 12:9-13). Simply put, you are a hospitable people. You welcome those who come into our church with an authentic kindness. It is a mark of both Christ-like humility and Christ-like love to be hospitable. The Lord has blessed us. Each of you know it. That good infection is then translated out to others by how you greet them, how you treat them. The crucified Lord has welcomed you. At one point in time, you were a stranger, alienated from God and without the comfort of a Christian family. God drew you into His embrace and gave you a place at His altar, in His house, among His people.

Here is the famous passage that talks about hospitality: “Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:1-2). It was thirty-some years ago. I was driving from the mountain regions of Oregon toward the Willamette Valley on the Santiam Pass. It was a narrow, two lane, curvy road – blind corners and steep drops. A car was pulled over to the mountain side of the road, clearly in need of aid. I’m not too mechanical and feel a bit unqualified to render useful help in these situations, but I pulled over. I swear Alise was in the passenger seat next to me, but does she remember? Turns out they just needed gas. The guy knew exactly how to siphon some out of my tank and he had a length of hose to accomplish the task(!). The whole episode took maybe 10 minutes. As I got in my car, I had a strange feeling about that guy who I had just helped, if only to stand there like a dummy while he did everything. Had I just shown hospitality to an angel or a felon? Angels, or felons for that matter, rarely leave calling cards.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand” (Philippians 4:4-5). That word “reasonableness” is translated as “gentleness” in the New International Version. My Greek dictionary provides some synonyms: “thoughtfulness, patience, and consideration.” The beleaguered gentleman who visited us saw the kindness that animates the hearts of believers. It was a fruit of the Spirit that was manifested in you as you welcomed a man who needed the consolation of good company, Christian company, a body of believers whose lives are built on hope. To hear him say it made my heart soar. I am so very proud of our congregation.

Our congregation is built on Christ. He is the One who has established us as a contemporary refuge for sinners in need of forgiveness, life, and salvation. His gentleness is present among us. We receive what He wills to give and our lives become full of hope. The result of His ministry at CTK is a body of believers who cherish the Scriptures, the depth of our Lutheran teaching, and one another. That love, that Christian love, is evangelical. His hospitality is for each of us and whoever He brings through our doors. Whether angels or felons, we greet all with Christ’s hospitality. To God alone be the glory.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith

Supplemental Reading

Satire- Have a laugh!

<https://babylonbee.com/news/zephaniah-tired-of-his-parents-asking-why-hes-not-a-major-prophet-yet>

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

<https://babylonbee.com/news/weak-christian-needs-bible-tabs-to-find-habakkuk>

Under Warren's bill, charities could be fined \$100,000 or "50 percent of the revenues earned by the ultimate parent entity" of the charity for violating the act's "prohibition of disinformation" related to abortion. But the legislation itself does not define prohibited speech.

ELIZABETH WARREN, WOKE TOTALITARIAN

<https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2022/08/elizabeth-warren-woke-totalitarian>

WHEREAS, The Sacrament of the Altar is the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink (SC 30);

Kudos to the LCMS Central Illinois District for rejecting and condemning "Internet Communion"

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2022/7/21/kudos-to-the-lcms-central-illinois-district-for-rejecting-and-condemning-internet-communion>

"The Lord was a huge influence on that, too," she adds. "I know He placed it on my heart when I started teaching that my No. 1 priority was for my students to know that they are loved — unconditionally — by at least one person in their life. And that needed to be me. "

Show And Tell

Activists are compelling teachers to make choices – and take stands

<https://adflegal.org/faith-and-justice/may-2022/teachers>

"The tricky part is finding a Bible verse that I can somehow tie in with it to make it, you know, more 'spiritual.'"

Pastor Up Late Looking For Perfect Bible Verse To Go With Funny Life Anecdote (Satire)

<https://babylonbee.com/news/pastor-up-late-looking-for-perfect-bible-verse-to-go-with-funny-life->

LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

In spring of 2019, our dear sister in Christ, Renee Murphy, bid farewell to our ladies of CTK and moved to Arizona with her wonderful husband, Ron. As God would have it, He called up Michelle Bush to be our leader. Michelle carried us through the few years of challenges as sisters in Christ moved away, sisters going home to heaven, and Covid. We took a hiatus for a short time, our group continued to collect Mites while encouraging online giving, enjoyed serving by purchasing and providing hygiene essentials for the homeless, sending school supplies for children in Mexico through Lutheran Border Concern, making scarves by hand (not needles), while always being ready to help our CTK community when called upon.



The Board is now meeting in-person and we have set up a calendar of events for 2022-2023. Coming up in October, our ladies will recognize LWML Sunday by serving in the Divine Service. After church, we will have display tables full of info for who we are, who we serve, and why. There will be posters to inform you of the new mite box projects our PSD LWML is supporting for the next two years. On November 13th, we have invited Deacon Russ and Bukky to share their experiences in Budapest while taking in the culture and the churches. We hope you will join us. Keep watch for more news coming in the weekly bulletins and newsletters.

Michelle is stepping away as Leader and will continue to be a supportive part of our group. Thank you, Michelle, for your encouraging, kind, resourceful, and loving leadership for the past three years.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mary Coppenger
Zone 16 President



Evening of Note



Sing? Dance? Play an instrument?

We are looking for talent for our Evening of Note

Which will be on **Saturday, October 22, 2022**

The music will begin at 5:00 PM and a pizza party will commence after the show, sponsored by Thrivent Action Team member, Chris Blank and the ladies of LWML.

All ages and talent levels are encouraged to participate in this fun event. Jiggs and Dwayne will be meeting performers for a sample of music choice (nothing with inappropriate or suggestive lyrics).

Scheduled audition dates have passed.

However, other dates can be scheduled by appointment.



What's going on at CTK!

From the Preschool

We are energized and settling into a wonderful new school year. The children have been in class for three weeks of school and the teachers and children have adjusted very well. Pastor has started meeting the kiddos in their classrooms and they will start their Chapel time in the sanctuary this month, which is the best experience ever! We are a joyful community and are thankful for this beautiful school and church that we are called to serve in!

Blessings,
Sheri Coe
Director - Christ The King Lutheran Preschool

A happy heart makes the face cheerful
Proverbs 15:13

Chapel begins this month!

Pastor Smith made his visits to each classroom to meet and greet the kids and get them ready for Chapel in the sanctuary, starting this month.

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T-Shirt Fundraiser!



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All funds raised will be paid to CTK, and used to purchase iPads for the teachers to use in the classroom.





Christ the King – Mission Support

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



August 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>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	32,782.81	187,638.84
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	10,584.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	0.02	597.32
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	0.00	4,909.00
Total Income	<u>34,234.83</u>	<u>203,729.16</u>
Gross Profit	34,234.83	203,729.16
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	836.11	6,585.89
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,098.20	16,573.94
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	1,421.07	11,929.45
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	11,200.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	14,674.46	98,423.53
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,436.77	30,669.19
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,734.28	12,775.63
580.00 · WORSHIP	85.92	5,140.21
Total Expense	<u>27,886.81</u>	<u>193,297.84</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>6,348.02</u>	<u>10,431.32</u>
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CTK September 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

We will resume on
Friday, October 7th.



New Members

Class

Wednesdays at
7:00 pm

We will meet in
the parish hall
beginning
September 7th.

End of Summer Pool Party

Everyone is invited.

When: Sunday, September 11th from
2:00 PM-6:00 PM



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!
Sign up in the narthex.

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

Anniversaries

10/09 Joseph & Andrea Belli

10/24 Mike & Sandy Nauman



Birthdays

10/02 Donna Crowley

10/04 Erick Nowak

10/05 Ava Belli

10/09 Dennis Prill

10/10 Christina Buck

10/10 Joseph Vasquez

10/11 Caleb Buck

10/12 Lauren Hathaway

10/15 Delores McDaniel

10/19 Clifford Dawley

10/19 Mike Alhorn

10/19 Mary Beth Gosnell

10/22 Robert Holman

10/28 Joe Belli

10/28 Mary Burns

10/28 Sharon Haynes

10/29 Audrey Hoffman

10/29 Matthew Hoffman

10/29 Mira Wilson

10/30 Annie Townsend



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



September 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School						8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class			8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 2:00 PM Pool Party		7:00 PM School Board Meeting	9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class	7:00 PM Elder Meeting		8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School			9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class			8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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 7:00 PM New Members Class			8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 



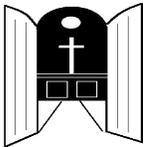
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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Servants for September 2022

Thank you for serving



DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
9/4	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Alise Smith	Loren Scott
9/11	Hayden Hinkleman & Emma Hinkleman	Anna Bush	James Wilson
9/18	Dominick Vasquez & Josh Hoffmann	Tammy Hathaway	David Alder
9/25	Samuel Lombardo & Emma Hansen	Margaret Nowak	Tom Crowley
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
9/4	Robert and Monique Arnold	9/4	Mary Coppenger & Judy Alder
9/11	Mike & Lee Alhorn	9/11	Lucy Becker & Roger Lowecke
9/18	Available for sign-up	9/18	Lucy Becker & Roger Lowecke
9/25	David & Labecca Wills	9/25	John Hinkleman, Jr & Joe Vasquez
DATE	CRUCIFER	DATE	USHERS
9/4	Joshua Hoffmann	9/4	Robert DeCent & Hayden Ramsey
9/11	Dominick Vasquez	9/11	Robert DeCent & Hayden Ramsey
9/18	Samuel Lombardo	9/18	Chris Blank & Dwayne Mugiishi
9/25	Hayden Hinkleman	9/25	Chris Blank & Dwayne Mugiishi