



LOGOS

Christ The King Lutheran Church

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From Pastor Chris

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am going to fast from my normal letter format and simply share a prayer from my heart. I pray that it will be a blessing to you on your Lenten journey.

Peace,
Pastor Chris

A Lenten Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord,

We are individualistic people, and we so often think about ourselves and our own needs.

We confess that we often approach our faith from the standpoint of what we can get out of it instead of what we put into it. Help us to serve, and to worry about giving instead of getting.

We confess that we treat our prayer life and devotions as “add-ons” when there is time, and still expect them to all be meaningful. Help us to be in daily conversation with you, and help us to stop doing all the talking. Help us to be “process-oriented” and not “results-oriented.”

We confess that we approach worship with a consumer mindset, worrying about what we like and what “feeds us.” Help us to concern ourselves with how to give you the worship you deserve, using whatever words and music we have for the day. Help us to know that you like it whenever your children worship you, and you even like the stuff we do not.

We confess that we are often either too busy or too timid to share the good news that dwells within us. Help us to be bold in sharing your steadfast love and grace with those around us.

We confess that we often do not feel like showing up, or participating, or paying attention. We give you thanks that Jesus showed up for us at Calvary. We give you thanks that he was obedient to your will, even though he didn't feel like it. Help us to follow Jesus and his cross.

We give you thanks that you love and forgive us, even when we fail. Still, help us to repent. Yet, thank you for your steadfast love and mercy, which never runs out. We really need it. You know this even better than we do.

Help us to engage Lent and your suffering and death, so that Easter and the joy of your resurrection may be experienced in even greater contrast.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Flowers are blooming in yards and at the church property, a new banner hangs in the sanctuary reminding us of Reformation, and we prepare to enter into the season of Lent this month. Change arrives whether we plan for it or not.

This article is written before our February Council meeting, so I'll share some financial highlights and update you on course corrections made since my last message.

A small team of congregation members and council participants has been researching and interviewing consultants to help us as the congregation considers plans for the near term, including a capital campaign. Several organizations were evaluated and two were interviewed over the phone and in person. It's important to note that while we focused on consultants providing campaign services, the team was also looking for assistance in implementing the planning assessment that we committed to as part of the due diligence process prior to a congregational presentation. That latter point was brought home again in the team's deliberations. As a result, the meetings to share design studies and discuss how each fit into the mission and vision documented through the small group meetings from 2016 has been delayed until we can complete the preliminary assessment work. Additional outreach to the congregation is expected to take place in March and April, with presentations and time for discussion and deliberation following our observance of Easter.

Our preliminary year-end financial results are in and, subject to the audit, I report on behalf of council that our year end actual expenses were ahead of income by \$1408, a 0.2% deficit.

CTK exceeded budgeted income by \$31,700, and exceeded budgeted expenses by \$14,655. As a reminder, we approved a stretch budget where anticipated expenses exceeded budgeted income by \$18,452 for 2016. The congregation's generous giving enabled us to end the year with a significantly smaller deficit than budgeted. We are starting 2017 with positive cash flow and with roughly \$50,000 in reserves. Thanks be to God for planting generous hearts in us, and thank you for the good work that your offerings enable: sharing the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, Faith Formation and Youth activities; reaching our neighbors in Evangelism events; Outreach to local, national and international missions; comfort and fellowship through Inreach programs; care of our Property for the use of our members and our community; and much, much more.

This month Council gives thanks for our Elders and their ministry among us, connecting families and facilitating communication in our congregation. We give thanks for the Stephen Ministers who offer confidential care and support to our members - and those of our partner congregation, St Matthias - in need. We give thanks to all those who stepped in to assist in the office during Lindy's recovery from surgery, injury and illness. And we give thanks to Ruth Fortis, Stevie Korneke, Stephanie Landers, Evelyn Hornak and all those who brought their hands, needles, thread, and sewing equipment of all kinds for our Community Quilt-A-Thon in support of Lutheran World Relief.

In Christ's peace,

Brent Kemp



COMMEMORATING 1517 +++

Martin Luther's Hymns

Hymn of the Month: Out of the Depths I Cry to You *Aus tiefer Not* ELW 600

As we *Commemorate 1517—the Protestant Reformation*, we give thanks for the blessings and repent of what brought division and violence. Among the most significant changes in the church of the Reformation, remaining with us today, are those in the Western Church's worship. Legacies of the Reformation are the vernacular language (English for most of us) and music, especially hymns which involved the people in worship. Yet we long for unity in the whole Church as Jesus and St. Paul prayed! It delighted me on February 18, 2017, Luther's death day, to see (on Facebook!) Roman Catholics and Lutherans praying together in St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, Palestine! Worship is where we the Church, God's people, are blessed to be able to glorify God together.

"The sudden bursting forth of the Lutheran chorale is one of the most thrilling chapters in the history of the Reformation." LW 53:191. In 1523 Luther introduced his Order of Mass and Communion. He expressed appreciation for older hymns from the Middle Ages and put forth an appeal to poets and musicians to write hymns "in a proper devotional style." Luther's own paraphrase of Psalm 130, "Out of the Depths I Cry to You" in vernacular, was sent as an example to court chaplain George Spalatan requesting his assistance in making German songs available for worship. Luther wrote, "Following the example of the prophets and fathers of the church, I intend to make German Psalms for the people, spiritual songs so that the Word of God even by means of song may live among the people." Showing concern for edifying the people, Luther

wrote, "But I would like you to avoid new-fangled, fancied words and to use expressions simple and common enough for the people to understand, yet pure and fitting. The meaning should also be clear and as close as possible to the Psalm. Irrespective of the exact wording, one must freely render the sense by suitable words." LW 53:221. This tradition continues with modern hymn writers Herman Stuempfle, Susan Palo Cherwien, John Ylvisaker, and Herbert Brokering. Watch for them—along with Luther—in our worship at CTK.

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You" [ELW 600, LBW 295] is considered by some to be Luther's best hymn. Both text and tune are attributed to Luther. It is classified (by Bach) as a hymn for "Confession" among the "Catechism Hymns." A favorite funeral hymn, it was sung at the funeral of Luther's friend and patron Frederick the Wise in the Castle Church at Wittenberg. It was also sung in 1546 at Halle when Luther's body was brought from Eisleben to Wittenberg. This hymn was written in 1523 and circulated with four verses on a broadsheet (single page) in Magdeburg by May 6, 1524.

Beginning with Johann Walther's 1524 hymnal, this hymn was set to "a Phrygian melody of great beauty [which] became the proper tune for this text." LW 53:222. This plaintive melody, *Aus tiefer Not*, emphasizes the forceful character of the words. J. S. Bach based two organ chorales (BWV 686 and 687) and Cantata 38 on it demonstrating his profound grasp of Luther's doctrine.

It is reported that when Luther was anxious about the fate of his cause while at Coburg during the Diet of Augsburg (1530), he gathered servants of the castle and said, "Come, let us, despite the devil, sing 'Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir' and thereby praise and glorify God." In our often-anxious days, during Lent as we enter a spirit of repentance, we too can meditate upon and sing as choirs and congregation, "Out of the Depths I Cry to You" to praise and glorify God as we strain forward to the hope and joy of Easter.

Soli deo Gloria. Pastor Liz Yates

Constitution Update

A working group (Becci Guthrie, Joan Golden, Richard Niedermayer, Angela Schneider and John Watkins) is preparing an updated Christ the King Constitution for your approval at our congregational meeting in June 2017. We need to do this because the ELCA revised the model constitution at the Church-wide assembly in 2016.

Some of the changes are required, and they are in chapters and subsections marked with an asterisk. Other changes are suggested by the model, and recommended by the working group.

The group wants to be prepared to answer your questions before we ratify the revised Constitution. The following is a summary of the changes. The propose revised Constitution is also posted on the CTK website and a hard copy can be obtained from the Church office. Please send any questions to Angela Schneider at schneiderhouse@verizon.net.

Many of the changes involve editorial rewording and formatting. We have not included all those changes in this summary.

Three changes will directly affect the way we do business at CTK:

*C8.02 (e) adds a provision defining “seasonal members” and giving them limited voting rights.

Renumbered C16.04, as well as 10.03, 16.01 and 17.03) provides the option of using e-mail to provide the congregation notification for Congregational meetings. The group

is looking into ways we can take advantage of that option without making it difficult for members who do not use e-mail. We are open to your suggestions.

Other substantive revisions to the Constitution that will not directly affect the way CTK does business include:

*C3.02 and *C3.04 add language on Christian unity and specifically state that the ELCA participates in the Lutheran World Federation.

*C.5.03 and *C6.03 introduce the terms “minister of the Word and Sacrament” and “minister of the Word and Service”. The ELCA ordains pastors to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. That is one type of rostered leader, the clergy type. The other type of rostered leader is a lay person who has gone through special training and seminary classes. They are consecrated into the ministry of Word and Service. They have been called deacons, deaconesses, diaconal ministers, and associates in ministry (AIMs), depending on the place, the call, and the predecessor body of the ELCA to which they or their group belonged. The constitutional change cleans up the language. We will likely be calling everyone Deacon who has been consecrated into the ministry of Word and Service. (Assisting ministers are totally different: they are non-rostered lay people serving in their own congregations in worship.)

*C9.05 revises the personnel processes related to the removal of ministers of the Word and Sacrament. The new wording makes a medical opinion required rather than optional in the

case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity. It also requires the bishop to address whether the pastor's call should be ended and if so, to suggest severance arrangements to the congregation.

*C9.21 adds new details on duties and responsibilities, as well as personnel processes for ministers of the Word and Service. The wording parallels the provisions governing Ministers of the Word and Sacrament in *C9.05.

*C15 changes the role of the Synod in the discipline of congregation members from reviewing the congregation action on appeal to actively working with the congregation during the discipline process.



**VSH MEAL ON
SATURDAY,
MARCH 25TH,
5:30PM**



A huge thank you to the congregation for bringing food for our “Super Bowl Challenge”. The real winners are those who are dealing with food insecurity and get support through the St. Matthias food bank. Thanks to our youth group for sorting the food, and to Dale Korneke and Terri Redding for keeping us connected with this ministry.

Our next Outreach meeting will be Tuesday March 28th at 7:00 at Christ the King. Please come and join us.

“Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.”

Coffee and tea has been restocked. Please let Nancy Lohr know if there is a type of tea or coffee that would like to have, chances are I can order it.

This month the Outreach Committee is highlighting three of our “food” ministries: St. Matthias Food Pantry, Good Samaritan Ministries, and Ronald McDonald House.

Outreach *continued*

St. Matthias' Food Pantry. "In response to ever-increasing need and to Christ's mandate to feed the hungry, The St. Matthias Food Pantry provides food each week to needy families" at one elementary school in Richmond, two schools in Chesterfield County and to families referred by CCHASM, and the Central Virginia Food Bank. Food is either collected from donations (Christ the King is one of their partners) or purchased from the Central Virginia Food Bank. In 2015, they provided 58,839 meals. Sunday, March 5, is our monthly Food Pantry Sunday. As a special treat that day, Linda Hudgens from St. Matthias will be giving a "temple talk" at both services as well as speaking at a combined Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend to learn more about this dynamic program and about other ways you can help if you are interested. AND, don't forget to bring in your non-perishable donations that day. Some items that are often in need of are: boxed macaroni and cheese, jelly, mustard, catsup, pancake mix and syrup. Of course, any non-perishable food is welcomed!

Good Samaritan Ministries was founded in 1987 and its mission is to help people trapped in homelessness, poverty and addiction. Its goal is to help them get their lives back and become productive members of the community. Every month Christ the King delivers 12 to 14 frozen casseroles which have been made by some of our members. There are about 40 people who contribute casseroles throughout the year to

this worthy cause. Since Good Samaritan Ministries is a focus for the month of March, a tour has been scheduled for March 20, 2017 at 1pm. The casseroles will also be delivered at the time. Anyone who is interested in attending, please meet at the church at 12:30pm. This would be a good opportunity for our volunteers to see where their casseroles are going and for anyone else who would like to learn about this ministry. If you would like to become a "casserole contributor" or go on the tour, please contact Dale Korneke, 804-972-5975. Ronald McDonald House. "The House that Love Built" is a non-profit organization that provides a home away from home for seriously ill children and their families. Some members from Christ the King take a meal to Ronald McDonald House on the first Saturday of every month. Many of our members also save the pull tabs from aluminum cans to donate to Ronald McDonald House. In 2014 \$5000 was collected from the tabs that were donated from the community. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please call Stevie Korneke @ 804-402-5007.



Women's FELLOWSHIP

CTK Women – March 2017

Please note the CTK Women's Meetings as listed below:

PRISCILLA CIRCLE meets on Tuesday, March 14th with the Circle of Faith for Bible Study and fellowship.

GINTER HALL BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursday, March 9th.

CIRCLE OF FAITH meets on March 14th and 28th. We continue to collect manufacture coupons for the military (We can't use store coupons). We are making cards for the prayer ministry.

THE HOLY TEARERS meets on Thursday, March 21st. The quilting group makes beautiful quilts of love for donation to various groups. The quilters could use sheets for backing of the quilts, any size or color will be useful. We hope you will join us.

All women of Christ The King are members of the Women of the ELCA. Go to the website www.womenoftheelca.org to learn more about the organization.



Paint Night for the Women of CTK

No painting experience necessary...just a love for fun and female

fellowship. Join us March 24th, 6:30pm-10pm in the Narthex for "Painting Under the Stars". The cost is \$20 per person for supplies. Please RSVP to gaitptcp@verizon.net or call Patty Young at 201-240-1784 by March 20th so supplies may be purchased. Bring a snack or dessert to share and your drink of choice. If you don't want to paint but want to be there for the great conversation and laughs, please come by! We are taking donations for the YWCA in Richmond, so please see the flyer on the CTK Women's bulletin board for needs toward donation baskets.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST will be May 6th at 9am for women of all ages (even those "women in the making"!). We are hoping to revive this tradition to bring the women of the church together. We would like to have our first breakfast of 2017 in May and ask for those interested to bring a dish. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the Nursery to be sure we don't have too much of one good dish! We are taking donations for the YWCA in Richmond, so please see the flyer on the bulletin board for needs toward donation baskets.



It's time to sign up for the trip to the Lutheran Center in Baltimore, April 20-21. We will hear from Lutheran World Relief & Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services on Thursday and then go to New Windsor to work in the LWR warehouse on Friday. Come learn and serve! Registration forms are on the quilt table in the narthex.



Many thanks to all 73 people who participated in Community Quilt Day. Close to 40 quilts were knotted, 30 bundles made, and lots of tops were sewn. Job well done!



FOR MEMBERS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING: Janet Bruns, Claire and Steve Capel, Megan Caton, Sherry Frye, Ruta Goodwin, Anna Hoyle, Julia Jones, Mike Kerwin, Mark Killian, Dale Kornecke, Steve Kozlowski, Dolph Moller, David Nelson, Joan and Scott Recher, Bea and Paul Wittenbraker

IN THE SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE we remember Charles Hale (brother of Earl Hale)

FOR EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER: Sam Barnhill (CTK friend), Roland Bernard (Stephen's father), Roy Blickwedel (Hunt friend), Pastor Lou Florio (Messiah Lutheran), Jeanne Kemp (Brent's mom), David McCullough (Strunk relative), Jennie McDaniel (Shearer friend), Jo Potter (Capel cousin), Sam Spehn (Brooks friend), Willie Wilcox (Hutchinson friend)

FOR EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING: Jewell Bernard (Stephen's mom), Linda and Grady Bubenzer (Huey friend), Jennie Buchenauer (Carla W's mom), Maria Carpio (Jose's mom), Marvin Grimm (Lisa's brother), Maia Kraft (Yates grandchild), Lorne Lefever (Renee's father), Gary Lowe (Wayne's brother), Linda & Fermen Lowe (Anne H's friends), Wilda & Custer Maynor (Demmler parents), Larry

Meeks (Hutchinson friend), Lindy Moore (CTK office), Tishae Odom (Tusing friend), Cynthia & Reagan Oliver (Erika's family), Glen Pond (Mountcastle friend), Peggy (VSH), Miles Redding (Redding son), Ruth Reece (Reinhart mother), Juan Serrano (Fortis nephew), Shawn T (VSH), Shay (VSH), Mark Sommer (Sommer son), Esdras Villatoro-Rodrigues (Fortis friend), Linda Williams (Mountcastle cousin), Diane Winn (former member)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Dolores Bell, John Brenner, Alfonso Dixon, Ruta Goodwin, Jackie Lohr, Marta Ruch, Alberta Smith, Gail Smith, Carolyn Sprinkle

HOMEBOUND EXTENDED

FAMILY: Freda Erickson , Nancy Kay, Joan Waldron

ALL CAREGIVERS: doctors, nurses, family members and others who care for the ill and disabled

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES: Col. Dan Canfield, Major Eric Doctor, Capt. James P. Guthrie, 2nd Lt. Whitley Noel, Chief Petty Officer Scott Recher II, Lt. Andrew L. West

SEMINARIAN STUDENTS: Patrick and Katie Freund (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago)

PEACE CORPS: Mathilda Nassar (Ukraine)

OUR FELLOW LUTHERANS at Cristo Rey in Santa Ana, El Salvador, their pastors Carlos and Wilma Najera, Bishop Medardo Gomez, the churches of El Salvador and all those working to promote peace.

THE TENT OF NATIONS, in the Bethlehem area of the Palestinian West Bank, owned and operated by the Nassar family, which promotes peace initiatives and awareness for the International Community and Israel.

*Please notify the church office if there are any on the prayer list who may be removed so we may celebrate answered prayers.



14 Bruce & Doris Hutchinson

19 Eugene & Gail Smith

26 Rick & Stephanie Landers

27 David & June Nelson



- 1 John Watkins
- 6 Erin Mahoney
- 7 Travis Sabalewski
- 8 Derek Christmas
- 9 Derek Holland
- 10 Bobbie Recher
- 12 Rachel Wittenbraker
Jonathan Burgett
- 13 Keith Amrhein
David Cousins
- 14 Rick Adkins
- 15 Maggie Bothwell
- 16 Barbara Hariprasad
- 17 Richard Thorson
- 19 Nate Ballentine
- 21 Luc Carpio
Natalie Lohr
- 24 Jean Redding
- 30 Griffin Gavin
- 31 Lorraine Hoven

“CARITAS”

is the acronym for “Congregations Around Richmond To Assure Shelter” and is a local non-profit agency that provides overnight accommodations for homeless individuals and families. This year, CTK will be hosting a week of CARITAS from April 29 – May 6. The Caritas team will hold its first planning session on February 23rd at 7:00pm. This is one of the most significant Outreach ministries we do at Christ the King, and many hands are needed to make it all work. There are all sorts of jobs, big and small. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please plan on attending the meeting on February 23rd - or let Nancy Lohr know that you are interested.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Join us Tuesday, February 28th for our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by the junior and senior youth. Supper will be served at 5:30pm and a brief devotional service will follow at 6:45pm. Invite your friends and family-all are welcome, eat delicious buttery pancakes, sausages and fried apples, learn about the Shrove Tuesday tradition, and celebrate carnival style before Lent arrives! A freewill donation is requested. Sign up in the narthex and help us get an accurate headcount for food.



The Sixth Annual CTK Chili Cookoff

Our annual chili cookoff is fast approaching: Sunday, March 19, 4– 6pm. We are searching for a dozen gourmet chili chefs to agree to prepare their best recipe for the competition, all to raise money for the Youth Mission Fund and the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2018. This year we are also encouraging teams to work together – either one of the congregation's ministry teams or a small group within the church. If you are interested in participating in this year's chili cook off, please contact Jaimee Bernard or one of the pastors.

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Sunday Schedule

Worship (Organ-led) 8:30 a.m.

Adult Ed. & Children's Music 10:00 a.m.

Worship (Band-led) 11:00 a.m.

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