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The King's Letter

From the Pastor's Desk -

June 27, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Christ the King Lutheran Church of Waseca,

As most of you know, I was called to serve our Lord as the 5th Presiding Pastor of The Association of Lutheran Churches on Thursday, June 23. Prior to this event, we were all struggling with "if elected," however, the election was decisive and has now turned all this into "since elected." I am overwhelmed. As I told someone in the congregation, "I am euphoric and depressed in the same breath." This is because of my love for you in Christ Jesus. However, I must resign from this call and serve our Lord in another way.

Since God's call to serve you in June of 2010, I have cried with you, laughed with you, sighed with you, worshiped God with you, raised our children in the fear and the love of the Lord, brought with you the promises of God to our dying, and together we have been astounded and comforted in the amazing love of God known only through Jesus Christ. These past 12 years have included establishing the first call, establishing our worship patterns, establishing our Sunday school and Christian education, forming our office and administrative practices, establishing our documents of governance, purchasing land, purchasing a building, moving, and rebuilding from a fire and a pandemic. All this was possible because the Holy Spirit established God's inerrant and infallible Word in our hearts and we grew in this Word through the Lutheran Confessions. Oh, the distance we have covered in 12 short years by the hand of God! I look back on these past years and give God the glory!

However, God has opened a new chapter for me and for Christ the King Lutheran Church. If the council sees fit, I desire to lead you in worship until July 17th. Because I am already the Presiding Pastor of the AALC, this transition will be quicker than I desire. I will have to draw back immediately in July from all other activities, but that would not prevent Bible studies and other activities from being led by our members who are gifted teachers. I will provide the President of the Congregation with names of pastors who are faithful preachers and teachers of the Word of God, many of whom you have already been introduced to.

Hebrews 10:23 reads, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." This is a difficult crossroads but you and the Congregation of Christ the King Lutheran will prevail. The past 12 years have clearly shown that God has always given us what was needed in His perfect timing. I bid you remember this...God is always faithful!

The Lord bless and keep you now and forever! In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Eternally yours in Jesus Christ,

Cary Larson

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Independence Day – July 4
- Pastor Cary's last Sunday – July 17





WOW servers for July:

For the WOW meeting, Saturday, July 9th, 9:30 a.m., the PEACE group will serve and for Sunday morning Fellowship during the month of July, the HOPE group will serve.

SAVE THE DATE! A photographer will be at our church August 30, 31, and Sept. 1 from 2:00—8:00 p.m. to take pictures of our **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**. There is no cost to you to have your picture taken; however, you may purchase your photo in a “package” of your choice for your own personal use. There is **NO CHARGE** to our church. Instructions for having your family picture taken for the Directory is on page 4.



Year-To-Date General Fund Budget Totals

GF Offering: \$100,106.43
 GF Budget: \$101,193.82
 Short: (\$ 1,087.39)

GF Offering: \$100,106.43
 GF Expenses: \$118,224.47
 Short: (\$18,224.47)

YTD & Carried Forward Designated Funds (as of May 31, 2022):

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Building:	1,381.01
Adult Education:	38.27
Sunday School:	1,241.75
Scholarship:	2,294.88
Youth Group:	(621.78)
Memorial:	5,444.63
Mission tithe:	7,050.28
Mission Offering:	980.00
Quilters:	1,190.03
Property:	1,603.21
Property Sub Account	
Building Impr.	1,205.00
Audio/Visual:	3,080.12
Evangelism:	3,364.01
Light House Band:	5,700.01
Worship Fund:	<u>432.47</u>
Total Designated	34,383.89
Checking Acct:	24,579.31
Savings Acct:	18,050.99
Emerg. Acct.	19,899.71
Violet Jacobson Acct:	<u>71,177.72</u>
Total in Accts:	133,707.73
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Total Designated:	<u>(34,383.89)</u>
Total unallocated assets	99,323.84



>"Discovery on Adventure Island" is the theme of our Vacation Bible School this year. Be sure your calendars are marked for Sunday, July 31-Thursday, Aug. 4. It will be held at Christ the King Lutheran

Church and we have invited St. Paul Lutheran and First Congregational Church kids to join us. Please be sure to sign up students by the paper registration at church or online: [VBS registration](#) Friends are always welcome, too.

We have leaders for the Bible lessons, music and snacks but need extra helpers to make the week successful. So whether you can work one night or all five nights, please sign up on the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you!

Biblical Roots of Common Words and Phrases

Phrase: "Walk the Straight and Narrow" or risk "Falling by the Wayside"

Meaning: Walk the Straight and Narrow Path of Virtue or You will Fail to Attain Salvation.

Origins: As we read in our Jesus' Golden Rule in Matthew 7:13-14 (LSB); "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." The Hebrew word for 'way' is *derek*, which means the trodden path or a pattern of behavior, while 'life' in this case is salvation. So the pattern of behavior that we must follow to salvation is both straight and narrow or virtuous, and few will find it. Put another way, broad is the way that is the path of destruction but narrow is the gate and straight is the way which leads to the house of God . . . to Salvation.

Later in Luke 8:5 we read our Jesus saying, "A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it." This Parable of the Sower is also found in Matt 13:3-8 and Mark 4:3-8. The seeds then are likened to the Word of God that falls onto hard or unreceptive ground and the fowls refer to the wicked that would "snatch up" the Word from those who need to receive it. In short, without God's Word there can be no salvation.

So, following the straight and narrow way is necessary for salvation and to prevent us from falling by the wayside into destruction!
(Clichés, by Christine Ammer and Lutheran Study Bible)

There will be a meeting, Sunday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m., for Parents & the kids going on the Mission Trip in July.

THERE ARE MANY COMMITTEES AND GROUPS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN AT OUR CHURCH. ALL COMMITTEES AND GROUPS COULD USE MORE PEOPLE. THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME & TALENTS. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING. NO INVITATION NEEDED, JUST SHOW UP.

PROPERTY:
JULY 5, 6:30PM

WORSHIP:
JULY 6, 5:00 PM

JULY 9:
MEN'S BIBLE: 8:00 AM
WOW: 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP
JULY 22, 6:30 PM

EVANGELISM
JULY 26, 6:30PM

EDUCATION:
JULY 26, 6:30PM

QUILTERS:
TUESDAYS 10AM-3PM

USHERS:
NEEDED MONTHLY .
CONTACT GARRY HUCK-
FEILT OR CHURCH OF-
FICE

READERS:
READ DURING SERVICES
ON A ROTATION
CONTACT CHURCH
OFFICE

GREETERS FOR JULY

(Sunday Service)

July 3: John & Doris Krause

July 10: Bob & Gwen Johnson

July 17: John & Doris Krause

July 24: Bob & Gwen Johnson

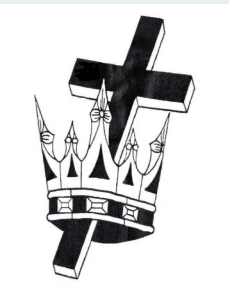
July 31: John & Doris Krause

JULY USHER:

Garry Huckfeldt

THANK YOU for being
Greeters and an Usher!

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Summer Worship Schedule continues with one 9:30 am service Sundays and the same service Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We alternate the Traditional and Contemporary style services each week. Please come join us!

CTK ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

The photographer will be at our church **August 30, 31 & Sept 1** from 2 -8 p.m. to take pictures for our New Church Directory!

- 1.Go to the Universal Church Directories website (**www.ucdir.com**)
- 2.Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled “photography appointment scheduling login”
- 3.Enter your church code **mn282**
- 4.Enter your church password **photos**
- 5.Click on the Enter button
- 6.Click on the desired photography date
- 7.Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- 8.Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- 9.Enter your email address if a confirmation email is desired
- 10.Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family’s name
- 11.If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- 12.Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family’s photography appointment

Contact Marilyn Wilkus, online scheduling administrator, at 835-2761, or marilynwilkus1951@gmail.com, to change or

ATTENTION ALL CHRIST THE KING GALS:

We would like to invite all of you gals to come to WOW (Women of the Word). We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Saturday begins with coffee and a sweet treat and we enjoy some Fellowship. We have Bible study with discussion and following that we have our WOW meeting. Our officers are President Marlene Good, Vice Presidents Naomi Easton & Marilyn Wilkus, Secretary Jane Guggisberg and Treasurer Alice Siems. We discuss many different things during our meeting — i.e. ideas of what to do or how to do things regarding Fellowship and other things WOW is involved with. We also plan various trips or “events” — in August we’re planning a tour of the Spam Museum in Austin with lunch following — talk about a fun day!!! — and we’re planning to hold a hotdish luncheon to which there is much planning. These are just a couple of things to look forward to.

The Saturday WOW is a very enjoyable time and we adjourn at 11 or before. Please come and join us — we would love to see you there. Our next meeting is Saturday, July 9 at 9:30 am. Please come — the coffee pot will be on!