

Christ the King Lutheran Church

April 2022

The King's Letter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends. I once read a story about a passenger on a commercial airplane that gave me the heebie-jeebies. Back in the days when airlines served meals on domestic flights, a passenger was eating his lunch when he felt something land in his hair. He reached up to his head to see what hit him, which caused a scorpion to fall off his head onto his lunch plate. The passenger freaked out and pushed the scorpion away but it stung him. The passenger was given first aid, and the scorpion was caught by a flight attendant and flushed down the airplane's toilet.

Most of us would pass on the prospect of flying to a destination if there was a good chance of being stung by a scorpion. Perhaps only one situation where all of us would. Would you rather fly on an airplane and be stung by a scorpion, or would you rather feel the sting of a beloved's death? Kind of a silly question... but is it?

Some of you know how you would answer because you have recently felt the sting of death. It may have been a while for some of you, but your heart doesn't hurt any less due to time. Time does not heal this wound. At best, we have learned how to manage through life despite the sting of death. For some, the pain is sporadic; it doesn't hurt as much when one is distracted with other things, but then, out of nowhere, one is reminded of the loved one, and the sting is painful. It is a pain that doesn't care about gender, age, or station in life. It is a real pain. And it's a pain that we face head-on on Easter morning.

While being totally God, Christ Jesus was totally man, and Jesus truly died on Calvary's cross. He was dead as sure as our loved ones have died. His mother, Mary, His family, and His friends were struck hard by the sting of death. However, on the third day, Jesus rose from the tomb! He had been stung by death but not defeated by it. By His bodily resurrection He shows all that He has conquered death.

This is why His Apostle Paul wrote to the Church of Corinth and us across time: "⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Death had lost its sting! Death doesn't ever get the final say in a person's life. The risen Jesus Christ has the last say! Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

Blessed Easter to you all!

Pr. Cary

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- TfC Breakfast Fundraiser on Palm Sunday
- Sunday School Kids sing Palm Sunday
- Matching Fund Raiser for Ukraine





WOW

WOW servers for April:

For the WOW meeting, Saturday, April 9th, Hope group will serve and for Fellowship during the month of April, the Peace group will serve.

Teens for Christ invite you to a yummy breakfast fundraiser Sunday, April 10th 9:30-10am in between services Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, & beverages. Free Will Offering All donations will be used for the summer mission trip.

Year-To-Date General Fund Budget Totals

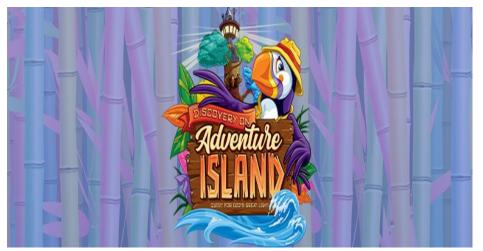
DESIGNATED FUNDS

YTD & Carried Forward Designated Funds:

G.F Offerings: \$30,911.69			
G.F. Budget: \$40,477.51			
Short: \$9,565.82			

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Building:	1,381.01
Adult Education:	3.27
Sunday School:	1,084.95
Scholarship:	2,294.88
Youth Group:	178.01
Memorial:	5,659.62
Mission tithe:	6,036.21
Mission Offering:	230.00
Quilters:	1,222.75
Property:	2,187.21
Property Sub Account	
A.C. Fund:	0
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Building Impr.	250.00
Audio/Visual:	5502.43
Evangelism:	1650.00
Light House Band:	6191.01
Worship Fund:	262.97



Mark your calendars: 2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 31-AUGUST4 More details to come

The Sunday School kids will sing Palm Sunday, April 10th, at both services!

Biblical Roots of Common Words and Phrases

Phrase: "This is the Pits!"

Meaning: The worst possible place, person or thing!

Origins: In Genesis 37:20 & 37:24 we read about the plot developed by the brothers of Joseph to rid themselves of their father's favorite son: "Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him . . . And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it."

Note: In Biblical times people dug bottle shaped cisterns with a narrow top in the bare rock in order to collect and store rain water. So a Pit is a reservoir for water. Pits were sometimes used as dungeons (Genesis 37:20 and Jeremi-ah 38:6) or being slightly covered, and baited, they served as traps to catch wild beasts. The word Pit is also used to denote the grave (Psalm 28:1) and hell (Revelation 20:1). For Joseph, this trap, particularly without water, was "Truly the Pits!"

Thank you to our ushers:

April 1st Service: Garry Huckfeldt May 1st Service: Trent Anderson 2nd Service: Frank/Mary Shemonek

2nd Service:

THERE ARE MANY COMMITTEES AND GROUPS FOR YOU TO PAR-TICIPATE IN AT OUR CHURCH. ALL COMMIT-TEES AND GROUPS COULD USE MORE PEO-PLE. THIS IS A WONDER-FUL WAY TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME & TALENTS. PLEASE CONSIDER JOIN-ING. NO INVITATION NEEDED, JUST SHOW UP.

PROPERTY: APRIL 5 6:30PM

EVANGELISM APRIL 26 6:30PM

EDUCATION: APRIL 26 6:30PM

WORSHIP: APRIL 6 6:30PM

STEWARDSHIP: APRIL 22 6:30 PM

CHOIR: WEDNESDAYS FOLLOW-ING WORSHIP SERVICE

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 HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR EASTER FLOWERS YET? IF NOT, THERE IS STILL TIME. ALL ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 6TH. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM THAT IS IN YOUR BUL-LETIN OR VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE TO PRINT ONE.



LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday April 6: 6:30pm Lenten Worship

Sunday, April 10: 8:30am Palm Sunday Worship 9:30-10:30am Breakfast Fundraiser 10:45am Palm Sunday Worship Sunday School Kids will sing at both services

Thursday April 14: 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship 1st Communion

Friday April 15: 6:30pm Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

Sunday, April 17: 8:30am Easter Worship 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 10:45am Easter Worship



Christ the King will be doing a **matching fund drive** for the next couple of weeks for mission work and humanitarian support in response to the crisis in Ukraine. The Assembly of God Church, Pastor Brad Wickersham, has a long history of mission work in Ukraine and would be able to direct any funds given to people suffering there. Anyone wishing to donate can simply put "Ukraine" on the mission envelope or check and it will be matched by Missions. THANK YOU!!!!