



Christ the King
Lutheran Church
"Where We Are
About God's Grace
For God's People"

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We continue to recognize the recommended action to practice social distancing until given the all clear. Therefore it is uncertain as to when we will be able to resume our normal worship schedule.

The King's Herald

June/July 2020

Online Worship

Missing church?

There are several ways you can still stay connected to different aspects of church and worship, even if we cannot meet in person.

Online Weekly Worship

For the foreseeable future, we will be worshipping online to stay safe and to provide an opportunity to lift our eyes to see beyond this time of struggle.

We will be posting a worship video on our new Christ the King Church Escanaba YouTube page almost every weekend.

On Youtube.com search for [Christ the King Church Escanaba](#) Or visit our Website or our Facebook page and follow the link. Please check it out!



Looking for volunteers

Each week we are learning more about worshipping online. We invite anyone who is interested to be part of the worship service. All ages are welcome to join. Would you like to be a part of our weekly worship videos?

Opportunities may include reading scriptures, liturgy, responses, prayers, special music, etc. Interested? Please contact Pastor Bethany at PastorChristTheKing@gmail.com or 605-203-0331 to see where you can add your gifts.

From the Pastor's Desk

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

It is hard to be patient, especially when the world around us cannot agree on what we should be doing and we want to go back to our life, we miss church and our friends and neighbors. But we must still wait.

Originally we were told two weeks, but that has turned into months and there is no end in sight. We now realize that this is not a sprint to the finish line, it is a marathon. So we need to pace ourselves. Take things slow. Especially when things are changing every week. As Lutherans we are called to take care of and love our neighbor. And right now that means we are called by Christ to sacrifice our own wanting to go out and socialize in person for the sake of others.



In those moments when it is tough for you to follow the rules, to wear a mask, to just stay home; please think of that one person you can't wait to be with again, to hug, shake hands, have a long face to face conversation. Then think of how you would feel if they died because you didn't stay home today.

We are keeping in touch with health authorities and will resume in person worship when we can do so safely. It probably will not look like what you were imagining. We may not be able to sing together, or even speak in unison. We may have to forego Holy Communion a little longer. We want you to be as safe as we can.

It is tough. It will continue to be difficult. But remember Jesus gave so much more when he suffered on the cross for you. Can you sacrifice your personal wants and desires for the sake of your neighbors?

The Lord will fight for you; you only need to be still Exodus 14:14

Peace and Patience to you,
Pastor Bethany

In The Parish Family

Home from the hospital: *Leonard Johnson* (UP Health Systems, Marquette) and *Dan Hedman* (OSF, Escanaba).

Pray for those in need—Keep *Dan Hedman, Leonard Johnson, Mary Jo Johnson, Steve Tuffnell, Jerry Eis & Lori Stasewich* in your prayers as they continue to heal from either a surgery or procedure. Heavenly Father, you know every concern and challenge that faces these individuals. Bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and soul. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love.

Transferred to Christian Park Health Care—*Leonard Johnson* is currently residing at Christian Park where he can receive therapy and heal from his fall. You may send get well wishes to him at the nursing home by including his room number which is 407B.



Our sympathy is extended to the family of *Patty Lindstrom* who were saddened with the death of her step-father, *Gordon LeClaire*. *Gordon* had a very faithful presence here at Christ the King as he attended special services and often attended our annual picnics. May eternal life be granted to *Gordon* and may he rest in peace.

Congratulations to *Mackenzie Jensen* as she recently graduated from Escanaba Area High School. Be sure to congratulate her and pray for her as she sees where God is leading her.

During the time of the Stay at Home order *Pastor Bethany* and *Arlene* worked on various projects one of which was a Funeral Planning Form. We encourage all of our members to pick up a copy, fill it out and return to the church office. It will be kept on file and you may make changes to it at any time. The idea of all of this is to help your family during the difficult time of planning for the funeral of a loved one to be able to know they are following the wishes of the deceased. If you have any questions in regards to this call the church office.

Lawn care needed: *Pastor Bethany* and her husband *Tim* are looking to hire someone to do yard work both during the summer and winter. If you are looking for an odd job cutting grass then please give them a call. They can share the details at that time.

Stewardship Update

During the month of May, the first quarter (plus April - January through April 2020) financial review was completed. Also the individual quarterly reports were mailed to everyone who had given financial gifts during this time. It is important to note that some money gifts noted for the quarter may not be noted in the quarterly report as the gift was reported in the previous report or may be reported in the upcoming report – it just depends when the gift was received.

While many challenges remain in the extended closure of the church, and meeting the ongoing financial needs, it is with grateful hearts that the church has received strong ongoing financial support from many members and friends of Christ the King. Thank You! Because of these gifts, Christ the King has the support needed to move forward towards reopening and has the staff available now for any ongoing ministry needs.

Again, thankful for your ongoing support including the many volunteers, prayers and dedicated staff. Christ the King is truly rich in so many ways.

Stewardship Committee

Online Offering

There are several ways to give your weekly offering even when we cannot meet in person. You can give online or mail in your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued thoughtful generosity!

Volunteers Needed

Help is needed to work on the stripping of the parking lot. If you are able to assist with this project please give Jim Bonifas a call at 789-0915 or call Arlene in the church office.



Offerings Through May

General Fund

Year-To-Date Income: \$72,147.24

Year-To-Date Needed: \$51,698.39

Difference: - \$20,448.85

Debt Retirement

Loan Balance: \$10,800.50

After speaking with Pastor and Council Members the majority feel that Christ the King Lutheran Church will continue to suspend in person gathering for the foreseeable future. We are continually monitoring the recommendations from the Synod, the Bishop, and experts. The council will meet and reevaluate when it is appropriate to do so. In the meantime please take advantage of our online worship, weekly mailings and our Wednesday night virtual coffee hour. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Jim Bonifas, Council President

Phone Visitation Team

I would like to start a phone visitation team to help us keep in touch with everyone.

It would involve talking to some members on the phone and having a brief conversation/

check in, and reporting back to Pastor. You would be given a guideline script to start you off.

If you do not mind calling other people and would like to be a part of this please let Pastor Bethany know.

Are you receiving our correspondences?

We have been mailing out weekly worship and *Delving Into The Gospel* devotions by mail, and email. If you or someone you know is not receiving them and would like to, please contact us so that we can add you to our list. We would like to keep you informed of our newest developments as they happen.

Thank You

Words cannot express the feeling in our hearts. Thank you for being with us during this difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers and words of sympathy will always be remembered.

Also, we want to thank everyone for all the visits and support during John's hospital and nursing home stay.

God Bless You, The John Herlik Family



Wednesday Night Virtual Coffee Hour

All members of the CTK church family are invited to gather from the comfort of our own homes for fellowship, community, support and fun. Please join Pastor Bethany every **Wednesday Night at 7 pm**. You can join via telephone, computer, tablet, or smartphone.

By telephone Dial: 1-312-626-6799 When prompted enter: 822 7868 3407#

or by computer/smartphone <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82278683407>

or go to: Zoom.us

click on: Join A Meeting

Meeting ID: 822 7868 3407

Prayer Requests

Please let us know if you or someone you know is in need of prayers or support.

Youth Facebook

Our youth have been very busy keeping in touch during the time we must stay apart on our **CTK Faith Families Facebook Page**. Please check it out!

Curious about online opportunities, but don't know how to start? Think you aren't computer savvy enough to join in? Don't own a computer? Please contact Pastor Bethany. She would love to walk you through how you can get involved with our weekly gatherings, and our other offerings. You might not even need a computer to take part!

Let Us Pray For Those Celebrating Birthdays On:

June 1: Colton Carter, Arlene Cody, Erin Mattson

June 3: Cathy Olson

June 5: Patti Kenneally, Brigette Martin, Barb Smith, Chris Weber

June 6: Ron Peterson

June 9: Dalton Orzel

June 10: Dannie Kenneally, David Lindstrom

June 11: Andi Robitaille

June 13: Patty Lindstrom

June 14: Abbie Boudreau

June 18: Jeff Possi

June 21: Elaine Oman

June 22: Abby Runkel

June 23: Lorna Hiney, Mackenzie Jensen

June 25: Lance Lindstrom

June 26: Vi Oja

June 27: Ray McDonald

June 28: Lindsey DeMars, Isaiah Moran, June Pearson

June 29: Kris DeVet, Karl Kell, Connie Schmidt



June Scripture Readings

June 7—The First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

June 14—The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:25-10:18

June 21—The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

June 28—The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Let Us Pray For Those Celebrating Birthdays On:

- July 1: Danielle Murray
 July 5: Donna Eis, Roland Jacobson, Levi Kenneally
 June 7: Paxton Kenneally, Piper Savard
 July 8: Marissa Marshall
 July 10: Sara Lueneburg, Cory Tufnell
 July 13: Liz Schlenvogt
 July 14: Jennie Strasler
 July 16: Kinsley Wilcox
 July 17: Kennedy Bowden
 July 18: Isabella DeCremer
 July 20: Evan Pascoe
 July 21: Kane Rodgers, Nancy Tufnell
 July 22: Mike Smith
 July 23: Caydence Carter, Vicky MacBride, Jordan Schlenvogt
 July 24: Susie Cobb, Jackson Swanson
 July 25: Jerry Beattie
 July 28: Dillion Buckley
 July 29: Steve Weber
 July 30: Justin Micheau
 July 31: Kim Eis



July Scripture Readings

July 5—The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans
 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 19—The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25,
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 12—The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-13, Romans 8:1-11,
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 26—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
 1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans
 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE: (Services are canceled until further notice)

Saturday—5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday— 9:00 a.m. Youth Faith Formation; 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 10:30 Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday and Sunday service. At the 10:30 a.m. service communion will be distributed using continuous communion.
