

# The King's Herald

## September 2020

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

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**The two most  
important days  
in your life  
are the day you  
are born  
and  
the day you find  
out  
WHY**

### Worship Continues To Be Held

Members and friends have been worshipping for the last several weeks now and we are confident that it is being done safely. We are pleased to share with you that all services for September and October will be led by clergy members with the exception of Sunday, September 6th. Being a holiday we were unable to secure pulpit supply for that day so therefore there will be no worship that weekend on Sunday only. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work out the details.



### Planning For Fall During A Pandemic

Fall is in the air! It's at this time of year when those leaders in the church are looking to start up programs and activities. Covid 19 has changed how that will be for us here at Christ the King and other churches as well. We currently are in the process of coordinating with the appropriate groups how we can bring some of our activities back. There is discussion as to how we will do Bible study, Joy Book Club, Quilting and Sunday School. As for Confirmation we have accepted the invite from Pastor Terry Frankenstein, pastor of Bethany to join their kids in a joint program. The details are yet to be determined.

I know we have many who are ready to dive back into things and do them just like we always did. But our council members and leaders are taking a much slower and safer approach. Many want to wait and see how the start-up of our schools change things. When the details are worked through then we'll keep you informed. In the meantime please remember we may feel all alone and abandoned but that is so untrue. God is with us! He will be with us and perhaps lead us into a whole new way of doing things. How might you help in moving forward to seeing to it that ministry continues to serve the needs of the members of Christ the King? We'd love to hear from you.

## From the Interim Pastor's Desk

### The Silence of God

A few Sundays ago, we heard about Jesus giving the silent treatment to a Canaanite woman who loudly begged him for mercy because her daughter suffered with a demon. (*Matt. 15:21-28*) This silence of Jesus can be very troubling to us because we have endured this silence from him as well, especially at a time like now when we are praying so fervently and hearing so little in return. Why is this silence of God a thing?

I could perform all sorts of theological gymnastics which might, sort of, offer an answer to this question, but for me, those answers aren't nearly as comforting as the following three facts.

One: Jesus experienced the silence of God on the cross. For the Gospel writers Matthew and Mark, the only thing that Jesus said from the cross was, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me," a clear declaration that Jesus underwent the full silence of God. And yet, even as the horrific silence enveloped him, he still knew that God's love would have the final say.

Two: It is OK to not be OK with this silence. The Canaanite woman did not go away meekly when she got the silent treatment from Jesus. And, obviously, Jesus was not silent on the cross either. The Bible teaches us that getting angry with God, and even yelling at God is perfectly acceptable, if not even desirable when experiencing the silence of God. These screams are a sign that faith is present.

Three: We are baptized. Our baptism links us absolutely and forever to Jesus Christ so that he endures the maddening silences completely with us.

Eventually, the woman was able to argue with Jesus and heard him praise her for her great faith. Your baptism is a promise that Jesus hears you no matter what. So, give him something to hear, especially when you are enveloped by that terrible silence of God.

*Pastor Keith*



## In The Parish Family

**Pray for those in need**—Keep *Steve Tufnell, Becky Lehman, Dave Salminen, Oral Thompson & Patty Parlato* 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.

**Keep us informed**—During this time of disconnect we ask that you try to keep us informed of any concerns that need attention. Pastor Keith Kolstad is serving as our interim pastor and would be happy to assist with pastoral care whenever needed. Give us a call, leave a message on the answering machine or drop us an email and we will pass it on.

**Call Committee**—A Call Committee has been formed and will begin meeting with someone from the synod's office to begin the process of securing Christ the King's next pastor. Please pray for all who have taken on this responsibility.

**Council members needed**—To date we have not filled the two vacancies on council. If you would like to learn more of what is involved in the position please contact a member of the church council or call the office.

**Office Hours**—New office hours for fall and winter are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



**Communion assistants needed**—If you worshipped last Saturday you will have noticed a big change in the way we distribute communion. Each service will need two communion assistants to set the altar rail with a napkin, wine glass and wafer. Once that table is dismissed it will be reset for the next group. If you think this is something that you would be willing to assist with please let the office know. We can walk you through the process so you are comfortable doing it at worship.

## Memorials

The following memorials were given to the memorial Fund in loving memory of...

**Jim Anderson**

by Kelly & Becky Johnson

**Leonard Johnson**

by Vi Oja, Leigh & Connie Schmidt

**Lorna Hiney**

by Bob & Lin VanEffen

**Dan Hedman**

by Leigh & Connie Schmidt

**Barb Dahlgren**

by Leigh & Connie Schmidt

The following memorials were given to the Endowment Fund in loving memory of...

**Leonard Johnson, Dan Hedman, Vivian Frossard & John Herlik**

by Roland & Sandy Jacobson

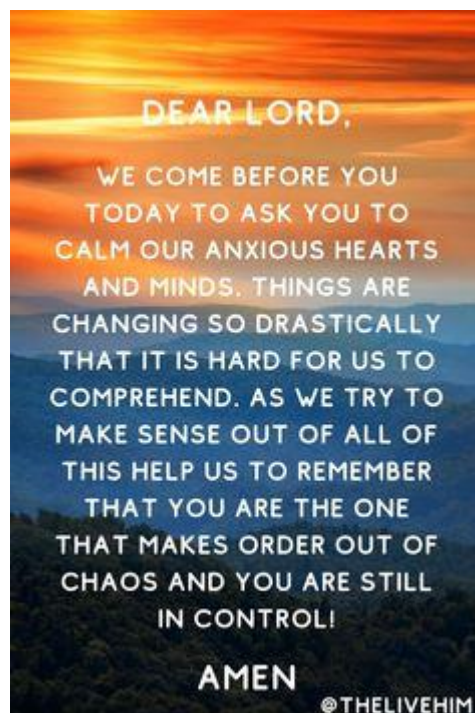
## WELCA Cluster Meetings

Cluster activities have been postponed until 2021 due to Covid-19. There will be adjustments to the cluster rotation schedule. Please be alert to changes as they come available. There will be phone calls, information in Reflections and church bulletins.

Continue prayers for all to STAY SAFE at this time. Thanks!

Co-chairs: Connie Schmidt, CTK, 786-3324

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## Stewardship Message

As you are reading this you may have already received your quarterly financial report in the mail. The report included a big thank you to everyone who has given financial gifts, including their pledges, for the operations of Christ the King. It is truly remarkable, and a true gift, that the great majority of members who made a pledge for 2020 have been faithful in meeting, or even exceeding, their pledge amount.

Christ the King began holding in-house services again on Saturday, August 9! So far, the services have gone well and safely. Thank you to everyone involved who gave of their time and talent to get everything ready for the services. Thank you to the Council, and President Jim Bonifas, for their diligence and efforts in overseeing and approving the steps for the opening of services. It was truly a teamwork of members that made this possible. In the future, we will continue to need many stewards to give of their time and talent to continue holding services while we continue to deal with this pandemic.



During the month of September, the Stewardship Committee will be planning for the annual pledge drive. Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to hold the annual appreciation dinner due to the safety requirements. Keep the Stewardship Committee in your prayers as they plan, and then complete, all of the ongoing stewardship efforts at Christ the King.

In closing, keep the words of wisdom from Proverbs 11:25 in your thoughts and actions: **Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped.**  
Stewardship Committee

## Offerings Through August

### General Fund

Year-To-Date Income: \$82,792.17

Year-To-Date Needed: \$114,981.65

Difference: - \$32,189.48

**Debt Retirement Loan Balance:** \$10,250.03





## Let Us Pray For Those Celebrating Birthdays On:

September 2: Carter Scheuren  
 September 3: Stacy Jensen, Timothy Robitaille  
 September 4: Allison Orzel, Laverne Picard  
 September 5: Rowyn Angsten  
 September 8: Reese Lindstrom  
 September 9: Lisa LaCasse, Katie Trombley  
 September 12: Carly DeVet  
 September 13: Karen Beattie, Sharon Pascoe  
 September 14: Kate Bonifas, Tim Kenneally, Mandy Lindstrom  
 September 15: Trevor Christensen, Jamie Lippens  
 September 19: Michelle Ball  
 September 20: Brett Schlenvogt  
 September 21: Jodi Way  
 September 23: Jackie LaMarche, Lexi Skorupski  
 September 24: Tina Swisher  
 September 25: Lori Stasewich  
 September 26: Joe DeMars, Troy McDonald  
 September 27: Linda Bonifas, Ron Parlato  
 September 28: Chelsea Johnson, Mikhail Moran, Mary Thompson  
 September 30: Levi Mattson, Lucas Runkel



## September Scripture Readings

**September 6**—14th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40,  
 Romans 13:18-14, Matthew 18:15-20

**September 13**—15th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-13,  
 Romans 14:1-2, Matthew 18:21-35

**September 20**—16th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8,  
 Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

**September 27**—17th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Ezekiel 18:1-4 & 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9,  
 Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 2:23-32

# September

## 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 5:00 Communion Service
6 <b>NO SERVICE TODAY</b>	7 Church Office Closed	8	9 9:00 Quilting	10 10:00 Coffee with the Staff	11	12 5:00 Communion Service
13 10:30 Communion Service	14	15	16 9:00 Quilting	17 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 6:15 Church Council Meeting	18	19 5:00 Communion Service
20 10:30 Communion Service	21	22	23 9:00 Quilting	24 10:00 Coffee with the Staff	25	26 5:00 Communion Service
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Saturday—5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday— 10:30 Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday and Sunday service beginning on September 12th & 13th.

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