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The Messenger

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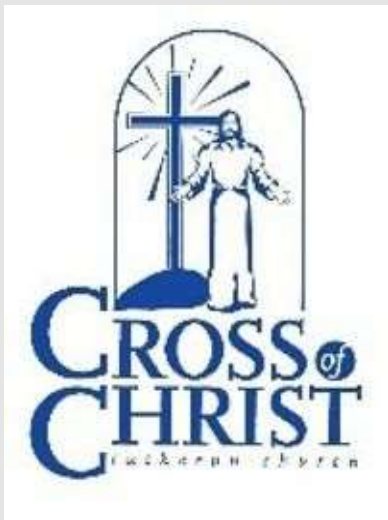
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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Communion

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm

Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

Message from the Pastor

KING _____

Let's pretend you're playing Family Feud. You're in the fast money round. You're down to the last three seconds. "Give me a word or phrase that has the word 'king' in it. Time's up. What did you come up with?"

In my non-scientific survey in a couple of Bible classes, they came up with the following (in order) list: King Kong, King size, King David, Elvis (I think that one was from my wife), King of the hill, Kingman, and Kingdom. Although I hoped someone might come up with this one, they didn't. Jesus, King of the Jews. (Hey, a Pastor can dream, can't he?) Yet, that's exactly what was written above Jesus' cross. And that is what Jesus was and is.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus... and put a staff in his right hand and mocked him. 'Hail King of the Jews!' they said. Then they led him away to crucify him... Above Jesus' head they placed a written charge against him. 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. Matt. 27.

Neither the soldiers nor most of the crowd knew the full truth of that signage. It's easy to misjudge when you haven't been taught any better. Let me give you a parallel example. Old-school neighbors invited their new neighboring family over for dinner. The wife rarely cooked; so when the kids—raised on fast-food—sat down for the home-cooked meal, they stared at the chicken breast and baked potatoes and asked, "What are those?" The only potatoes they knew were french fries and tater tots. And, as for chicken, as far as they knew, chicken only came in nuggets, fingers or sandwiches.

Too many fail to see Jesus as the eternal King, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He certainly was a great teacher, an exemplary person, and the most loving

person ever. But those are nothing IF he were not so much more than that, the Son of God come to save the world from sin. Jesus is not some kind of 'Where's Waldo' hiding in the background. He's up front in the pages of the Bible. He wants to rule in our hearts and minds and actions.

I hope you know the King (not Elvis) closely, not from afar. He knows you and wants you to be a part of his kingdom of Heaven. Let nothing get in your way. Sin, Satan and stupidity can so easily get in between us and Christ. Don't draw a blank. Put a 'My' in front of 'King'.

Something to Think About...

This is a world missions story that starts in the good ol' U.S. of A. In fact, you could say that the mission work is mostly being done there. But at the same time, it's reaching to people far across the ocean.

Back in the month of April, one of our Lutheran pastors in Arizona reached out to me here in Hong Kong. He said that he was getting to know a Filipina lady – one with a PhD, no less – who was living and teaching, not in the U.S., not in the Philippines, but in a city closer to us in Hong Kong. This lady works there at the overseas campus of an American public university, and she had started attending his online Bible Basics class in Arizona (even though they are separated by nine time zones). She was also bringing two of her local colleagues.



So, what could we do to help this lady and her colleagues? Of course, the pastor in Arizona would continue to teach them in the Bible Basics class. But would there be any chance that we could connect them with Lutheran Christians who live closer to them? By God's grace and the work of his gospel through WELS World Missions, we do in fact happen to have a small group that worships less than an hour's drive away from that campus.

This might sound like an amazing coincidence, but we know that nothing is purely happenstance in this world that our Savior holds in his nail-marked hands. It is also a blessing that comes as a direct result of the mission work that God has done through your gifts and offerings, your prayers and preaching. What grace from him that we are connected to other Lutherans not only in North America but also around the world! What grace that we can work together to help acquaintances who might not reside in (or even visit) the United States! It takes a global village of Lutheran Christians to do this, and I thank God for all of you.

And that dear Filipina lady and her friends? They've finished the first part of the Bible Basics class and are continuing on to the second. Please pray for them that the Holy Spirit would grow them in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray that they would be encouraged by our Lutheran brothers and sisters. And pray that God would also use them to let his mission story continue on to others.

Written by Rev. Tim Matthies, Professor at Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong

YOUNG ADULTS EVENING BIBLE CLASS

This group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30PM. We're just beginning a study called *Amazed at Grace*. In this we'll explore how much God loves us and how we can learn to love even the unlovable. Jesse Mangelsdorf is our pinch-hit teacher.

BIBLE CLASSES

Since Pastor Mueller is still recovering from his surgery, we have put the Thursday class on hiatus. However, Ron McMillin has agreed to lead the Tuesday 11:00 group. They're studying the book of Jonah... Pastor will start a new Bible Basics Class hopefully in mid-August.

There's a Discrepancy

Have you ever had buyer's remorse over fast food? It can happen. I've seen it.

Three friends and I were each ordering separately at a certain establishment. Although all four of us paid the same amount of money, what one friend got for his money was far less than what the rest of us received. Let's just say he was a little testy for the rest of the afternoon. And a little hungry.

When you put in good money, you want a good return. You should get what you pay for. That's how this world works.

But that's not how God works. Trust me; you wouldn't like the result if you got what you deserved. It doesn't matter how good you think you are. You would not get a good return.

Thankfully God is not fair. Every sin should be punished on the spot, but in God's mercy he carries that sin to the cross where it can be settled. If anyone has any reason to complain about fairness, it isn't humanity.

There might be a time to ask for a refund if the order isn't what you expected. But for today, remember this: There's a discrepancy between what you have and what you deserve. And in Christ, the discrepancy falls in your favor.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm 107:1).

Pastor Matt Ewart



On **Sunday, July 4th**, we'll meet in the church parking lot to watch the fireworks. We'll start at 6:00 pm with burgers and brats and play games until the fireworks begin.

BIBLE BASEBALL

- ① **Single** – How many days did it take God to create the world?
- ① **Double** – Before David was King, what occupation did he have?
- ① **Triple** – What Jewish holiday began after the last plague in Egypt?
- ① **Home Run** – Name two judges in the Book of Judges?

HUMOR

In some congregations, children 10 and under get to attend Children’s Church, while those 11 and up are expected to worship with the adults. In an attempt to buck the system, one mom of an 11-year-old girl told her daughter, “Now remember, Anna, if anyone asks, you are only 10. Got it? Anna nodded her head.

At the beginning of Children’s Church, the leader approached Anna. “How old are you?” he asked.

“10, sir,” she said.

“Ah, and when will you be 11?”

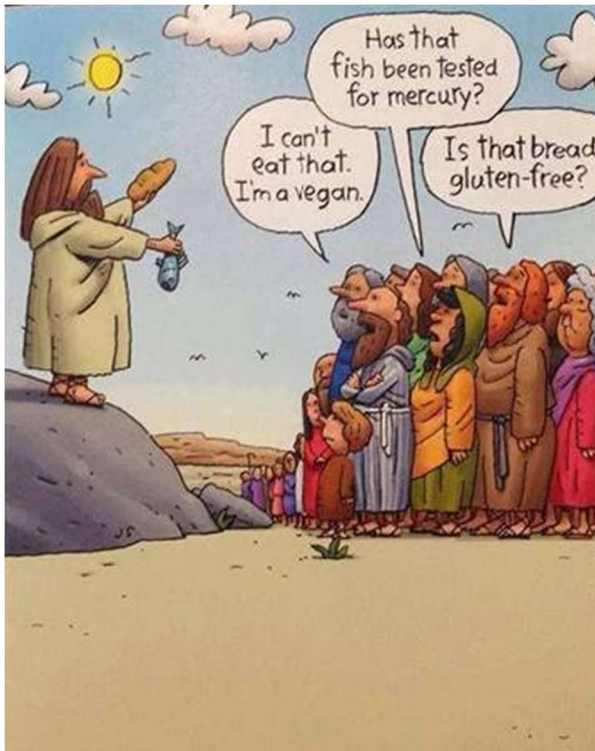
The girl thought for a moment. “As soon as Children’s Church is over.”

A Voice from Above

Two outdoorsmen from Texas went to Minnesota for a little ice fishing. After setting up a tent and sorting their equipment, they began to drill a hole in the ice. As they fired up their chainsaw, however, they heard a booming voice from above them: “There are no fish under that ice!”



Startled, the men looked at each other. “Is...is that you, Lord?” one of them asked. The voice boomed again: “No, I’m the owner of this ice-skating rink, and I’m telling you guys for the last time—there are no fish under that ice!”





THE LADIES CIRCLE

JULY NEWS



A NEW ARRIVAL IS EXPECTED THIS MONTH

We are once again going to be blessed with a precious gift from heaven as Jesse and Holly Mangelsdorf await the arrival of their new baby boy this month. The Ladies Circle has set up a collection box set up in the Narthex for anyone from the congregation who would like to bring in a gift for the baby, mom and/or dad.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign. Donations collected and divided 50/50 between the WELS Christian Life Resources and our local Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center, Kingman, AZ.

CRAFT FAIR FUNDRAISER

The Craft Fair was our most successful yet!!! The Ladies Circle appreciates your support!!!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW OFFICERS

President - Trish Gename
Secretary - Sasha Mangelsdorf
Treasurer - Julie Mueller

We welcome the new officers and look forward to our first business meeting in September.

TEA PARTY LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who attended our "Tea in Paris" luncheon. Everyone had a great time and came "fashionably dressed". The lunch menu was delicious, we had our very own Cross of Christ Ladies Circle fashion show, played a few games and enjoyed fellowship, fun and laughter.

SUNDAY MEAL HOSTS

The Kitchen Committee is still looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen set up for the meal after Sunday service. If you are interested, please see Christine Hanson or Rhonda Hutchins for details.



JULY USHERS

Bill Neal
Carl Barnes
Gage Wolfe
Luke Mangelsdorf



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Irma Wilmer
8th Linda Mangelsdorf
9th Jeanne Neal
10th Oleta Dusek
13th Bob Ohlemann
19th John Gentz
22nd Don Nomann
29th Tim Mangelsdorf
30th Jesse Mangelsdorf



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Harold & Twilla Coleman
14th John & Ellen Gentz
20th Shawn & Shauna Nelson

July 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				1:30 pm Bible Class		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Communion Worship Service 11:15 am Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm 4 th of July Celebration	6:00 pm Elders Mtg	8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class 6:30 pm Young Adults Bible Class		4:30 pm Bible Class		9:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Ladies Circle Meeting
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