

CTK CONNECTIONS

Keeping you informed on the Mission and Ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Delafield, WI

Worship Online



Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Live As Children of Light" Pastor Jim Holmberg



Daily Devotion March 19,2020

Members of One Another

Today, like every day for the past couple of weeks, the news about the spread of COVID-19 and the devastation to employment, and every other facet of life has been most difficult. Here and there I have found some good news. I am hungry for good news, some positive outcomes, and hope on the horizon. One story caught my eye that apparently there has been a marked increase in ordinary kindness in places like the grocery stores. People seem a little more likely to let you go ahead of them or help in getting an item from the upper shelves. We seem to understand that our neighbors are under very heavy burdens and we can help by showing care and support. I believe it! I seem to notice it myself, or at least I am more on the lookout for these signs.

Today's lesson from Ephesians 4 is another reminder of how we should be treating each other. In verse 31 the Apostle Paul writes,

"31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." While Paul is writing to the faith community in Ephesus the application of his thought is universal. He begins this paragraph in verse 25b with "...for we are members of one another".

Both you and your neighbor are likely under some strain right now. Help ease the burden by making sure you smile at those who pass by (if you are able to pass by anywhere) or take the time to reach out by phone or note to those who might be more isolated. Care for yourself. God's word of love and grace apply to you.

Daily Lectionary Ephesians 4:25-32

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil. 28Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you

Prayer

Compassionate God, you know our needs at this time of trial, and you know how desperate many are for your healing touch. Give us the peace that only you can give and remind us of your constant presence in the midst of uncertainty and fear. Amen.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update, March 19, 2020

OFFICE HOURS: We are evaluating if and how the office functions can continue. At the very least both Pastor Jim and Jill will be available by phone. We will keep you updated through the website, email, and Facebook. Staff are available via email, coffice@ctkdelafield.org), phone and text 414-607-4000 (Jill-office administrator). All other events and gatherings are postponed or cancelled.

PASTORAL CARE: If you have pastoral care needs or if you need prayer or counsel please call me anytime at 262-219-2986. If I am unable to answer immediately I will return the call as soon as possible. I will be writing a devotion several days a week that will be emailed through our CTK Connections. Look for it. If you have an interest in sharing your own prayers and devotional writing, please let me know. Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to hear from you.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: If you or someone from your our church family needs additional support (groceries, access to medications, etc.) we are ready to provide support. Please contact the church office 262-646-2343, email the church office at office@ctkdelafield.org or my cell for help 262-219-2986 (Pastor Jim).

We have many CTK members who are willing to help out, while maintaining social distancing. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

Contact the Office if you would like a list of names of our CTK members in nursing homes. We can provide you with their address to send a card, lift their spirits, let them know they are being thought of.

OFFERINGS: We continue to rely on the faithful giving of our community to sustain the ministries of the church and ask you to consider giving electronically through our website or by mailing in your offering during this time





Call Committee Update

Your Call Committee has had twelve meetings, including a mock interview as we prepare for reviewing candidates to be our new pastor. Interestingly, there are currently twenty other congregations within our Synod also looking to fill a vacancy.

This past Monday, March 11th, the call committee received the details on five candidates who are interested in being considered as our next Pastor. Praise God!

We are in the process of setting up the first round of interviews.

The committee would like to request the following items:

- 1. Pray for us and the candidates during the interview process.
- 2. Do not ask the call committee for any information regarding the candidates or the status of interviews. Strict confidentiality is required for this process to be effective.

CTK NEWS

Delegates Needed For The Greater Milwaukee Synod

Needed: Two delegates to the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly plus one under 31 (total of three). May 29 (evening) to May 30 at The Italian Community Center Milwaukee. See Pastor Jim or Andy Justman.

Dear Christ the King Members,

Our custodian and valued staff member Joel Gerth has announced his resignation effective March 20th or until his replacement is found.

Joel has been an amazing asset to the members and ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church and we have told him how much he will be missed. Joel took pride in his work here and wanted to do his best to contribute to the atmosphere of Christian love and care at CTK. While Joel does not want any public "fuss" we can acknowledge his faithfulness with cards and expressions of support as he transitions his work.

Please join CTK leadership as we continue to support him with our prayer and love.

Pastor Jim Holmberg



Outreach

Click Here For Your Lenten- Devotions

The devotion has special connections with two CTK members: Mike Groh is the Interim Executive Director of Outreach For Hope, and Pastor Goodrich is the editor of the devotional booklet.

Sign up now for our 2020 Lenten Devotions



Remembering the Past, Ministering in the Present, Looking to the Future

Ash Wednesday - Easter

Sign up at outreachforhope.org/lenten-devotions

Reformation Neighborhood Store Needs -Spring 2020

- Baby/toddler/children's clothing to size 8 for Easter/spring/summer
- Maternity clothes only (No other adult clothes due to limited space)
- Bath and hand towels, washcloths and beach towels in good condition Rugs
- King and queen sheets only (the store has many twin and full sheets)
- Bed pillows, blankets/quilts/comforters (no afghans please)
- Bathroom rugs, shower curtains and rings
- Gift items for adults (Mother's/Father's Day)
- Kitchen utensils, linens and silverware, Pots and pans
- Small appliances including toasters, deep fryers, microwaves, fans, waffle irons, blenders, electric skillets, irons, etc,
- Flat screen TV's, Vacuums
- Large plastic children's playsets

Thank you for your continual support of Reformation Lutheran Church. Please check with me before donating items that are not on the list. Pam.kroening@gmail.com

Family Promise Host Week | April 19-26

CTK will only be hosting Family Promise two times in 2020. Don't wait to

volunteer! We need lots of volunteers to make this week a successful one! Please check the Sign Up Genius to see if any volunteer opportunities speak to you. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact on of us and we can give you the information on becoming a trained volunteer.





Lake Country Let Go and Let God Al-anon Family Group Meeting Invite

Beginning Monday, March 23rd our weekly Al-anon meetings have been moved to a dial-in conference line from 6:30-7:30 pm (until further notice).

Call # (781) 448-4716 PIN 90172

These meetings are open to those who have been affected by the drinking behavior of a loved one or friend whether past or present. Al-anon members respect the anonymity of all who participate as well as the anonymity of their loved ones. We are here for you.

pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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For more information about Al-anon please visit: https://al-anon.org/

For those who may be struggling with alcohol addiction, resources may be found here: http://www.aamilwaukee.com/

Recovery is possible for us all. God bless.

Prayer Ministry



Individual Prayers: Alice Sorenson, Emil & Sheryl Skorik, Valerie McNamara, Sharon G., Elayne Nicholls (Brenda Hine's Mother) Amy M., Charlie, Shelley & Cornelius K.

The Grieving Family Of: Jean Meyer (Jeny Schick's Mother)

Ongoing Prayers: Karen N. Dale H., Arliss, Bob, Kim & Kyle, Elaine Irwin, Kelly, Trisha S., Matt, Bill, Mike Corgiat, victims of

human trafficking, those serving in the military, those who are incarcerated, and their families.

Ministry Partners:

Serenity Inn, Family Promise, Reformation Lutheran Church, Lutherdale Bible Camp, All God's Children, Mt. Meru Coffee Project & Outreach for Hope Congregations.



Sign Up as a Worship Volunteer Check the Schedule

Communion Assistants, Lectors, Greeters, Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, Welcome Announcers, Coffemakers, Bakery Set-up and Clean up, Tech Team, Alter Flowers, Volunteers Sunday School Teachers.

Click Here To "Plug Into Service"

The 2020 Flower Chart is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have a special occasion or date that you would like to commemorate, sign up to sponsor the Chancel Flowers. The cost is \$30. Make check payable to CTK and bring it to the church office.





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God Pause Devotions are reflections sent daily via email brought to you by the alumni of Luther Seminary. Sign up to begin receiving your spiritual refreshment today!

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Pathway to Our Home

Saturday, May 2@10am

At Brookfield Sheraton

Brunch - Silent Auction- Live Auction

Together through our love & support we are igniting hope for women who have been enslaved in sex trafficking!

Speakers:

Jeanne Allert, Executive Director of a Home in Baltimore
April Bentley, More than a survivor- Founder & Executive Directors of RUBIES
Paul M Neuberger, President of Starr Group & CEO The Cold Call Coach

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