



CTK CONNECTIONS

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

Daily Devotion March 26, 2020

My Light and My Salvation

My grandparents and some great-grandparents were iron miners. They went deep underground and brought up ore that would be used for making useful steel. When I was young, I went down in one of those mines that had become a tourist attraction. We came across a massive cave that had been dug underground as they took out the ore. Then the guide cautioned us to get ready to experience real darkness. The lights went out and there was nothing. It was scary and unnerving, especially for a ten-year-old.



Psalm 27 begins, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" vs.1. The darkness cannot overwhelm us if we remember that the Lord is our light and salvation. When the lights were turned off in that underground mine the darkness was hard to bear. As they say, you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. But my parents were beside me all the time and the lights were soon turned on again. God will guide us through this time and bring us into the light again.

Prayer: God of our salvation, calm our fears and remind us of your light that shines even in the darkest places. Thank you for all those who must work in places that put them at risk. Keep them safe and bring healing to all those who are suffering. Amen

Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Sunday, March 29
Fifth Sunday in Lent

"When All Seems Lost"
Pastor Jim Holmberg



[Worship Online](#)



What is happening the the world right now that is worth celebrating:

Since the lockdown:

Venice's canals have become crystal clear. Italy's coasts have dolphins coming nearer and nearer. <https://globalnews.ca/news/6697281/dolphins-italy-coronavirus/>

China has record breaking pollution cuts. <https://www.scmp.com/video/china/3064988/coronavirus-blue-skies-over-chinese-cities-covid-19-lockdown-temporarily-cuts>

The Earth has already begun showing signs of amazing things that are happening from the absence of human pollution. What we're seeing in the span of a couple of days is amazing.

A site for more good news:
<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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, (office@ctkdelafield.org). 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

CTK NEWS

Youth News

During this time of social distancing when we are not at church, I wanted to let you know about a few resources available to help families continue to grow together in faith.

1. Facebook!

Our Sunday and Wednesday Lenten services are posted to Facebook.

Pastor Jim also has a daily devotional posted.

I am creating a Saturday morning 1030am children's sermon. These are for all ages! Check out yesterday's and post a picture of your activity.

Check out our page: www.facebook.com/ctkdelafield/

2. Sparkhouse!

This is the curriculum we use for Sunday School. They are expanding our outlet during this time. If you are interested in using curriculum directly at home, please let me know and I can add your email for a temporary time.

3. Emails and Calls or Texts!

I am available during the day during this time (as is Pastor). While I can't visit in person, if you have questions, concerns, worries, or joys you want to share with us, please do! You can email, catch us on Facebook, or call or text. My cell is 262-215-7866. (Please leave a message and I will call you back!)

Outreach

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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.



God's Work, Our Hands, Shelly Fuller, Jenni Marquardt & Vicky Jaeger.

Stop Trafficking In Lake County

[Myth 9 By- Karen Huser](#) If We Build A Wall, We Stop Trafficking In This Country.

Prayer Ministry



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

The Grieving Family of: Arliss Reul

Ongoing Prayers: Karen N. Dale H., 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"](#)

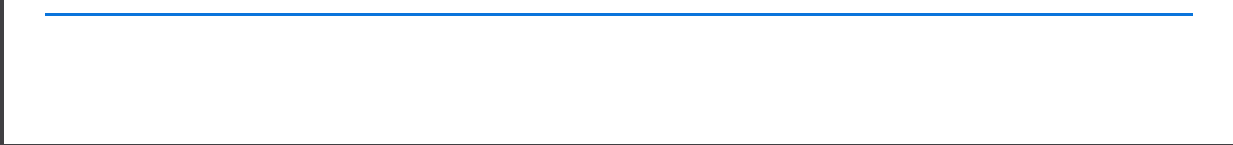
The 2020 Flower Chart is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have a special occasion or date that you would like to commemorate, sign up to sponsor the Chancel Flowers. The cost is \$30. Make check payable to CTK and bring it to the church office.



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