

# CTK CONNECTIONS

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

# Updated Information- Please Read Join Us For Farewell to Dale Hight on Friday, April 10

CTK members will gather in the parking lot around 10:45 after the funeral service begins, but before 11:00, so we can pay our respects to Dale and show our support for his family as they exit the church.

- We ask that you stay in your cars and wave your support from INSIDE your car, do not open windows to waive outside of the cars.
- There WIII NOT be flags passed out, as previously thought.
- Please park your cars in every other space, leaving at least 6 feet between each car.



#### Holy Week and Our New Reality

Things are not the same as they were just a few short weeks ago. Some of you are dealing with a new financial challenge after the loss of employment. I know there are some who have friends or family who have Covid-19 or are working on the frontlines of healthcare. Many more are trying to manage your children's schoolwork at home, or just trying to keep some normalcy and safety in our daily routines that are now anything but normal or routine. And then we have Holy Week. I pray that this Holy Week and Easter will provide a place and focus for you to reflect more deeply on Jesus victory on the cross and what the empty tomb means in your own life. I hope these days and worship

opportunities give comfort and encouragement.

Our online worship services are listed below and some special instructions that you might want to consider during the Maundy Thursday worship especially. We will not be celebrating Holy Communion. For me and probably you this is a tremendous loss. There are some optional ways that could be used to share communion even during virtual worship. Bishop Paul Erickson has even authorized a family unit option to be done at home. Even though that is an option, Bishop Erickson would prefer congregations wait until we are permitted to be physically together again to share in the sacrament. Yes, he permits other options but this time of fasting from the Eucharist can be useful to reflect on what it means to be a community of faith. I tend to agree with Bishop Erickson, even though I keenly feel the loss of this meal of grace.

I look forward to the time when we are together again as a worshipping community in one place. In the meantime, here is what is happening this week:

### Holy Week Livestream Worship Schedule

#### Maundy Thursday

Livestream worship at 6:30 pm <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, <u>website</u>

Have a bowl of water available to wash your own and other hands during the service Consider having your meal following worship (since we cannot share Holy Communion) Share a Table Blessing at the beginning of the meal Half way through the meal share the Lord's Prayer Share a Table Blessing at the end of the meal While you clear the table and wash dishes have someone read Psalm 22

Good Friday Livestream worship at 6:30 pm (above platforms)

Easter Sunday 9:30 am Children's sermon Facebook Live

9:40 am Prelude Music Facebook, YouTube, website

10:00 am Easter Worship Facebook, YouTube, website

All services will be available live and can be viewed at a later time if desired.

## Click Here for an Easter Concert Prelude Program



Join us on Easter for our prelude concert of festive song and music to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! When have we longed more for a word of new life in the face of death. We'll start at 9.40 am or a little earlier. Welcome Torrin, Luke, Simon, Mikaela,

Manson and Pam at ctkdelafield.org.

Thanks to our AV team, Paul, Rich and Andy, for making this possible.

## Reformation's Good Friday Neighborhood Walk Has Been Cancelled.

#### Bishop Erickson's Easter Sunday Message



### **Counting Our Blessings-Share Good News!**

#### Milwaukee Area Mask Project- Volunteer Here

The Rebel Mask project to build 1,000,000,000 masks for distribution-you can help! This will be an individual family project, CTK members will not be gathering as a group. "No sewing is required. Just a stapler."

Thank You Mike Groh for providing CTK members with an opportunity to help.

#### Please Pray For Shorehaven

God continues to shine and reflect His light on Shorehaven. God uses the residents to encourage and uplift employees. He uses staff to ensure and protect the health of the Shorehaven Community.

In a recent article by Chaplain Nick at Shorehaven, he related how hard it is to know that our churches will be empty on Easter. His wife reminded him that on Easter the tomb was empty and that was a time for rejoicing. It is always good to look for the positives and to count our blessings. We now have more time for quiet meditation. (Thank you Gayle M. for sharing this message).

# Opera star Andrea Bocelli will sing at the empty Duomo in Milan on Easter Sunday. "Music for Hope"

The Italian singer will perform at the Duomo in Milan. The iconic cathedral will be empty, since hard-hit Italy is still under a coronavirus lockdown, but people around the world will be able to see Bocelli's performance on a live stream.

Music for Hope

Bocelli announced the special event, "Music for Hope," on social media Monday.

The live stream will begin on Sunday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Central Europe Time, which is 1 p.m. in New York and 10 a.m. in Los Angeles.



"On the day in which we celebrate the trust in a life that triumphs, I'm honored and happy to answer 'Sì' to the invitation of the City and the Duomo of Milan," Bocelli said on social media. "I believe in the strength of praying together; I believe in the Christian Easter, a universal symbol of rebirth that everyone - whether they are believers or not - truly needs right now." Andrea Bocelli

#### **A Site For Good News**

https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/

Outreach

#### **Gift Cards for Reformation Lutheran Church**

During the current Covid-19 crisis our church partners at Reformation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee are in need of some extra help. Marge Johnson suggested \$25 gift cards to grocery and drug stores that are available in their area. These will be given to Reformation families who need help. Please send your check donations to the CTK office with "Reformation" on the memo line. Barb Hamann will then purchase \$25 gift cards to stores that offer online purchase and free delivery to Reformation. By sending your donation through CTK we will also be able to keep track of these 2020 benevolence donations. Thank you in advance for remembering our partners in Milwaukee!

#### **Family Promise Host Week Update**

With the current Wisconsin Stay at Home orders and the COIVD-19 crisis Family Promise has made the hard decision to not bring new families into the program at this time. Our April Host week has been canceled.



Family Promise will continue to support the needs of families in Waukesha County in many other ways. You can help with donations listed on their website: familypromisewaukesha.org or ask any of the coordinators how else you may help at this time.

We will send out an update once the program starts adding families in again and will look forward to seeing you all at our October host week.

Be well and healthy,

Your Coordinators- Vicky, Shelly, Jenni, Jean and Jo

## Ways You Can Continue To Support Our Partners. Women's Center of Waukesha



Click for a list of needs.

#### Fresh Start Learning Franciscan Peacemakers.

Providing a pathway to a sustainable, healty, safe and productive life for women engaging in prostitution due to trauma, human sex trafficking or durg addiction.

**How Can You Help?** 

Thanks, Karen

## **Prayer Ministry**



**Individual Prayers:** Alice Sorenson, Emil & Sheryl Skorik, Valerie McNamara.

**The Grieving Families of:** Arliss Reul, Dale Hight and James Robinson

Ongoing Prayers: Karen N., 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.

#### **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.

#### **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!)

Many blessings, Summer

#### **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, <a href="mailto:coffice@ctkdelafield.org">coffice@ctkdelafield.org</a>), 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.



Palm Sunday at Christ the King- Pictures taken and featured in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.





#### Register Now For The 2020 Family Blke Ride

Bike Ride Supporter,

Our prayers are with you and your family as we learn to navigate these challenging times. In the midst of it all, we hope that you will be pleased to hear that registration is open for Outreach for Hope's 2020 Bike Ride! <u>OFHbikeride.com</u>

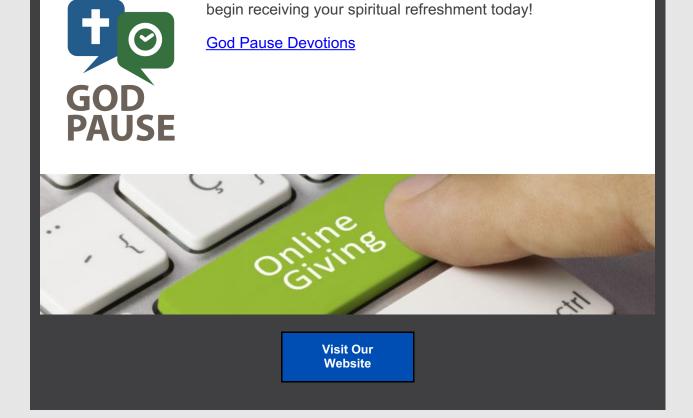
All riders who sign up by July 15 will receive Early Bird pricing of \$40/individual and \$80/family. Registering today not only qualifies you for a lower registration fee, but also helps ensure immediate and continued funding for OFH-supported ministries right here in Southeastern Wisconsin.





### **Looking for Daily Spiritual Refreshment?**

God Pause Devotions are reflections sent daily via email brought to you by the alumni of Luther Seminary. Sign up to



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