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JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Greening Up by Pastor Van Kampen

"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." - Colossians 3:14-17 (NKJV)

It is remarkable how quickly things "green up" at this time of year. My family and I got away from the house for a few days of vacation around Memorial Day. When we left, the lawn was beginning to show signs of life with some green patches here and there. The hastas and peonies had only barely emerged from their winter sleep, and the trees were still largely leafless. A few short days later we came home to a big change! The entire lawn filled in—and needed to be mowed! The hastas now stood tall and proud! The trees boasted big, green leaves! The amount of growth was astounding!

There is a "greening up" that God wants to take place in our own lives too. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he tells them that they must grow in love and in peace. "But above all these things put on love... And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..." God's

people are to strive for the kind of spiritual maturity that takes captive everything we say and do and "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."



That kind of growth is a tall order, isn't it? We only need to turn on the nightly news to see just how little love and peace people have in their hearts. The death of George Floyd at the hands of police officers has unleashed hatred instead of love, division and fear instead of peace. Protests devolve into anger and violence, revealing just how spiritually withered we are.

It's easy to spot the need for growth in others. It's not always so easy to see it in ourselves. Are we always willing to put on love, especially when we have strong disagreements? Do we always let peace rule our hearts—even when other people hurt us? Or are we consumed by outrage, harboring angry grudges?

For grass and trees and flowers, the season of growth is impossible without proper nourishment. It is the same for the human soul. On our own we will never be able to grow in love

and peace. As sinners, by ourselves we can do nothing.

Yet with the proper nourishment, growth isn't just possible, it's a promise. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly," Paul says. The Word of Christ that declares His self-sacrificing love for you—love that put Him on a cross to pay for your sins. The Word of Christ that declares the peace of forgiveness you now have with God in Christ's death and resurrection. The Word of Christ that places the Lord Jesus in our hearts and gives us life by the work of the Holy Spirit. When that Word dwells in us richly, our souls and lives will green right up, growing in God's grace.

Just as the world of nature is greening up during the month of June, the church is greening up too. Green paraments and banners mark that we're entering "The Time of the Church"—a season of growing in our lives of love and peace in Christ, while at the same time finding the gospel nourishment that enables us to grow. This month, as we encourage each other with "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in [our] hearts to the Lord," may the Lord grant us astounding growth in His grace!

—Pastor Van Kampen

WE'RE LIVE!
Worship Services streamed live every week on our website! Visit us at christthekinggb.org for more information!

News & Notes

MONDAY NIGHT CHURCH

As of June 1, we are holding Monday night worship services once again at 6:30 p.m. If you are seeking a worship opportunity that is less crowded/more socially distanced, Monday night would be an ideal choice.

COVID-19 PARTICULARS

This past March, prior to the state’s “safer at home” orders, the church council approved a plan as to how we were going to proceed with worship in the era of COVID-19.

- We will limit attendance in the sanctuary to 50. If more than 50 attend worship, we will use the fellowship hall as overflow space with appropriate social distancing. If you would like to worship in a smaller group setting where it is easier to socially distance, then Monday night services may work best for you.
- For the time being, our fellowship time after church is on hold as we determine how to go forward. (Pastor, the Board of Elders, and the Kitchen Committee will work together to plan the best way to bring back coffee and refreshments over the next few weeks.)
- Before church, members and guests need to maintain social distancing in the narthex and hallway (6 foot minimum distance, no handshakes/hugs).
- The church is supplying a hand sanitizer station in the narthex for worship attendees.
- In church, the rows of pews marked “reserved” are closed to seating.
- Individuals and families need to remain 6 feet from one another in the sanctuary.
- Masks are welcome but not required. It needs to be stated that masks do not protect the wearer, but serve to protect everyone else if you are a carrier of the virus.
- Worship will be as “contactless” as possible. Hymn texts and liturgies will continue to be printed so that no one has to handle hymnals. We will continue to collect offerings in the basket in the narthex before and after church instead of passing the collection bags.
- If you are not feeling well (fever, cold/flu-like symptoms, etc.), please worship from home. We will continue to send out worship materials during this time.
- If you are at high-risk due to age and/or medical conditions, do not feel as though you have to be in

church. Feel free to use the online live-stream and/or worship materials.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Confirmation Day is June 7, when Alex Kirchner and Joslyn Saliger will make their public confession of the faith of their baptism. All congregation members are welcome to attend the confirmation.

BIBLE CLASS UPDATE

Throughout the Month of June our **Bible class** will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Bible class will be conducted “in person” at church, but you can also still participate in the study online if you so choose. Study guides will be emailed out weekly for you to download and/or print for yourself, along with the online video-conference link. If you’d like a paper hard copy, please call Pastor.

COMMUNION FOR JUNE

June 7 will be our first full communion service since March. We will be enacting some social distancing during communion for everyone’s safety. Communion tables will be limited to four or five people. Pastor will distribute the supper wearing gloves, and we will use disposable communion cups.

If you’d like to commune, but would rather do so privately at this time due to health concerns, please call Pastor at church and he will make arrangements for you.

June Birthdays!

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| 2 Daniel Meves | 15 Benjamin Brodhagen |
| 7 Charity Van Kampen | 16 Philip Kirchner |
| 8 Linda Koch | 24 Bruce Herman |
| 8 Makayla Kirchner | 25 Joseph Massie, Jr. |
| 13 Barbara Bootz | 28 Beverly Schmidt |
| 14 Barbara Schnese | |



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ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE:


Sandra Gillaume & Janet Heuser

YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 6/7 - Confirmation Day
- 6/21 - Father's Day
- 7/12 - Second Quarter Cong./Voters Meeting
- 8/2-5 - Vacation Bible School
- 9/13 - Rally for Christian Ed./Sun. School begins
- 10/7-9 - ELS General Pastoral Conference
- 10/11 - Third Quarter Cong./Voters Meetings
- 10/17 - ELS Womens Missionary Society Rally
- 10/31 - Reformation Day/Trunk or Treat
- 11/25 - **Thanksgiving Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.**
- 11/29 - Advent Begins
- 12/6 - WOM - Advent by Candlelight
- 12/24 - **Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m.**
- 12/25 - **Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m.**
- 12/31 - **New Year's Eve, 5:30 p.m.**



June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 Divine Service	2 6:30 Board of Elders	3 6:30 Bible Class	4	5	6
7 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. (Confirmation Day) USHERS: Group 1 <i>The Festival of the Holy Trinity</i>	8 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	9	10 6:30 Bible Class	11	12	13
14 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Board of Evangelism/Outreach USHERS: Group 2 <i>Flag Day</i> 	15 6:30 Divine Service	16	17 6:30 Bible Class	18	19	20
21 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. USHERS: Group 3 <i>Father's Day (Synod Sunday)</i>	22 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	23	24 6:30 Bible Class	25 <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</i>	26	27 <i>Summer Begins</i>
28 9:00 Divine Service USHERS: Group 4	29 6:30 Divine Service	30				

And finally, for a few laughs...

ACTUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" – come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

