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AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

God's Endgame by Pastor Van Kampen

The father had gotten used to winning. This was why he was totally surprised when he heard his son say, "Checkmate, Dad!" The son knocked over his father's king, proudly claiming victory on the chessboard.

And the father had to agree. "Got me that time, son!"

Chess is a relatively easy game to learn, but a difficult game to play. The goal is simple: capture your opponent's king. It takes strategy and ability to see everything that's happening on the chess board. Yet if you really want to understand chess, the game breaks down into two main parts: your *opening*, and your *endgame*. Your opening in chess is your first few moves, in which you set up your strategy. Your endgame is your last few moves, in which you execute your plan to capture the opponent's king.

God's kingdom is like a chess game in that there is an opening and an endgame. When mankind fell into sin, the Lord began making His first moves, arranging all the pieces to put His strategy in motion. He set up all the events of human history so that He could send His Son in the person of Jesus Christ to be our Savior. In His infinite love and wisdom, He sacrificed His own Son in order to rescue all of us from sin and death. And then on the third day, He raised Jesus from the dead, setting His endgame in motion—His final moves to claim victory once and for all.

You and I are living in the middle

of that endgame right now. That can be hard for us because we can't see the whole "game board" of God's kingdom. We don't know what all of His plans are, nor do we comprehend how He's going to make all the pieces fall into place.

We see the evil present everywhere in the world around us and we're tempted to wonder if God knows how to play the game or not. So much death. So much anger and hatred. So much opposition to the gospel. Why doesn't He fix everything *now*?



In Jesus' parable of the wheat and the tares (or weeds), we get a glimpse of our heavenly Father's endgame strategy. The servants ask if they should pull the weeds out of the field right away. The master says, "No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them" (Matthew 13:29). If God were to cleanse the world of evil right here and now, some of us would be swept up and destroyed in the cleansing. Well, our gracious

Lord doesn't want to lose any of those who are His. So, He allows the children of the devil to coexist with His children of grace for now.

Yet a day is coming when that will change! The farmer in Jesus' parable tells his servants, "Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn'" (Matthew 13:30). On the last day, the day of judgment, our Lord will send His servants—His angels—to gather up the tares, "all things that offend, and those that practice lawlessness," and cast them into hellfire. But the faithful, fruitful children of Christ, whose lives have been made righteous in the blood of the Lamb of God, "will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43).

So, the next time you find yourself frustrated and discouraged by everything going on in the world around you, remember that the Lord is carrying out His endgame—and at the end of it all, we will all be shining with Him in victorious glory for all eternity.

—Pastor Van Kampen

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News & Notes

2ND QUARTER CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES JULY 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m. by President Charles Hartwig.

Pastor VanKampen opened the meeting with short ready from 1st Chronicles and prayer.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept with changes and additions.

The minutes for the Year-end Congregational meeting and the special February meeting were reviewed. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept.

Voting members present:

Benjamin Brodhagen
Philip Heuser
Joe Massie, Jr.
Rick Schnese
David Diestler
Dr. Paul Koch
Daniel Meves
James Van Kampen
Joe Massie
Dr. Rod Meves
Pastor Van Kampen

Pastor's Report

Average weekly attendance due to the Covid 19 pandemic, church service could only be attended by no more than 10 people. Many people watched the on-line service. Since we have been able to open services, we have had average of 35 attend on Sundays, 15 on Monday evening. Two new members with the confirmation of Alex Kirchner and Joslyn Saliger. There were no transfers, releases or funerals that changed membership.

Other effects of the pandemic: we celebrated Holy Week and Easter virtually. Members registered for communion using an on-line site. We allowed in-person attendance at a rate of ten people per service. Several events were cancelled: Synod conference, WOM Spring Luncheon, and VBS Bible School. Weekly Bible classes were held through June on-line using Zoom. We set up online giving that members can access via the church's website. Pastor thanked members who helped during the church shutdown

(refer to pastor's report). Mount Olive cancelled the Christmas event at Pamperin Park. We expect fall most things will be normal, such as Sunday school, Bible Class, and hopefully Choir.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORTS A-I

The following committees had no report for the quarter: Sunday school, Evangelism, Altar Guild, Kitchen Committee, Worship Committee, and Music & Choir.

- Board of Elders – Refer to written report.
- Youth – Youth summer camps and the synod's youth rally have been cancelled.
- Women on a Mission Report – WOM will meet August 25, 2020, to determine if the group will suspend until 2021 or disband.
- Trustee Report – Trustees plan to replace the outside doors due to rust (\$8,200 and repair source of water leak for an estimated \$10K including replacing the siding on the outside of the car port. Refer to written report.

A motion was made and seconded to approve reports as given and pass on to the congregational meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joe Massie was concerned that offerings would be down when we had the shutdown and church was restricted to less than ten people, however, offerings were higher due to the generosity and commitment of members. Some members mailed or dropped off and a few people used eGiving which will be evaluated in third quarter whether we should continue. Reviewing expenses, some accounts haven't been used or very little. Pastor's pension is paid for the entire year. Website was paid in 1st quarter. Organist and pastor substitutes for one Sunday, maintenance expenses down except for mowing, and secretarial expense was up due to extra work during the pandemic. Bookkeeping/Accounting expenses were for a box of checks. To date, 42% of budget has been used.

In May Treasurer Joe Massie received a letter from the Village of Howard about a deferred tax assessment of \$22,000 (refer to extra page titled 'Treasurer's Financial Report'. More research will be done to find documentation about this.

Nominating Committee will be made up of Charles

Hartwig, Dr. Rod Meves, and Pastor Van Kampen.

Motion was made and passed to close the general meeting and open the voters meeting.

The following was voted on in the Voters Meeting:

- Approve Pastor's report, all board and committee reports and the Treasurer's reports as submitted.
- Approve Elders' recommendations to welcome Dan Linqvist into communicant membership.
- Approve help for Holy Scripture Lutheran, Midland Michigan (ELS), with proceeds from \$5000 LACE certificate.
- Approve Bethany scholarship \$4000 to Andrew Van Kampen.
- Approve \$2,000 to help teachers in Peru hit hard by Covid 19 pandemic.

3rd Quarter: Council Sunday, October 4th Quarter:
Council Sunday, January 3, 2021
Congregational Sunday, October 11 Congregational
Sunday, January 10, 2021

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K Schnese
Recording Secretary

MASK/FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED

By order of the State of Wisconsin, **everyone age 5 and older must wear a mask or appropriate face covering when inside a building that is not a private residence, and when another person or persons are present who are not members of your household.** This order includes houses of worship and does not exempt them.

Wearing a mask or face covering is a good thing to do, regardless of whether the government has mandated it. At the very least, it calms the fears of those around us, and may provide some limited benefit in preventing the spread of the virus. The government's order is not commanding us to sin, and therefore we will follow it to the best of our ability.

Yet, even though wearing a mask is a good thing for most of us to do, it may not be good for everyone to do.

According to the state's order, the following individuals are exempt from having to wear a face covering or mask:

1. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 (while it's recommended for that age group, it's not required. No mask is recommended for children under age 2.)
2. Individuals who have trouble breathing.
3. Individuals who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
4. Individuals with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering.

We will not turn anyone away who seeks the comfort of Christ and the Gospel. Everyone is welcome at our services. If you do not have a mask of your own, you may use one from our supply of disposable masks. The current "mask mandate" runs from August 1 through September 28.

SOCIAL DISTANCING & COVID QUESTIONS

By far, social distancing is the most important factor in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Those infected with COVID-19 are often without symptoms for several days; many show no symptoms at all. The virus is spread in two ways: by aerosol transmission (think of marbles), and by droplets (think of boulders). Aerosol transmission is when dry particles are expelled from the lungs simply by breathing. Droplets occur when someone coughs or sneezes. The best ways to avoid breathing in someone else's aerosol or droplets is by being physically distanced—or socially distanced—from them.

Here's how we have implemented social distancing here at Christ The King.

1. Every other pew is closed for seating to help maintain sufficient space between people and families.
2. We limited space in our sanctuary to 1/4 capacity, reserving the fellowship hall for overflow space.
3. Family members may sit together, but individual families are reminded to remain at least six feet apart in the sanctuary.
4. At the Lord's Supper, individuals stand six feet apart, no one kneels and pastor wears gloves for the distribution of the supper (and a mask).

5. Visiting after church is encouraged to take place outside (where the half-life of the virus is less than two minutes).
6. Because of concerns for aerosol transmission due to singing and time spent indoors, the service has been significantly shortened. We only sing three hymns, and a limited number of verses with each hymn, along with a shortened liturgy. Offerings are collected prior to the service. Communion services are usually finished in less than one hour; non-communion services in forty-five minutes.
7. We encourage high-risk members (due to age and/or underlying conditions) to attend on Monday evenings. The entire sanctuary is open for seating (other than the closed pews, of course). We follow a spoken liturgy on Monday nights, with, again, a reduced amount of singing. Monday night services typically last about 40 minutes.
8. "High touch" areas (communion rails, pews, etc.) are sanitized after the Sunday service using a combination of sanitizing wipes and disinfectant spray.
9. Restrooms are cleaned and disinfected weekly.
10. Touching items in church is kept to a minimum. Bulletins and worship materials are printed at least 48 hours prior to the service to reduce the off-chance of contamination. The entire service is printed in the bulletin each week so that no one needs to touch hymnals or Bibles in the pew racks.
11. Hand sanitizer is readily available in the narthex, kitchen, and copy room.
12. Those experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell) are asked to stay home from church and self-quarantine.
13. For fellowship time, we will be limiting time spent indoors and snacks will be individually wrapped/served.

If you have questions about *why* we are doing any of these things—or if you're wondering why we are *not* doing a certain thing, feel free to ask.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

We are still planning on Sunday School and Bible Class beginning Sunday, September 13. Some have asked about a virtual option for families. We are working on those things and will hopefully have something in place in time for the start of the school year.

CTK WOMEN ON A MISSION

CTK WOM is meeting on Tuesday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the future of the organization. Given the current COVID crisis, combined with other factors, the group will be looking at either taking an extended hiatus or deciding to disband. If you are a present or past member of WOM you are highly encouraged to be present for this meeting with your voice and your opinions.

ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES

This past month saw the return of our regularly scheduled assisted living service at Emerald Bay in Hobart. This month, we've been invited back—along with Mt. Olive—to conduct weekly services at Brookview Meadows. Services at Brookview Meadows will be Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m., outside on the patio.

August Birthdays!

9 Landen Saliger
23 Thea Saliger
24 Rayne Saliger
24 Alex Kirchner
24 Harmen Van Kampen
26 Joseph Massie
31 Barbara Hartwig



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ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST:
Lila Barlament & Janice Johnson

YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 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.

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. USHERS: Group 1	3 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	4	5 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	6	7	8
9 9:00 Divine Service USHERS: Group 2	10 6:30 Divine Service	11 4:00 Brookview Meadows Service 6:30 Worship Committee	12 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	13	14	15
16 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. USHERS: Group 3	17 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	18	19 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	20	21	22
23 9:00 Divine Service USHERS: Group 4	24 6:30 Divine Service	25 4:00 Brookview Meadows Service 6:00 CTK WOM	26 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	27	28	29
30 9:00 Divine Service USHERS: Group 1	31 6:30 Divine Service	9/1 6:30 Board of Elders	9/2 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	9/3	9/4	9/5

And we know that all things
work together for good
to those who love God,
to those who are the called
according to His purpose.
- Romans 8:28
