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**OUR MISSION:** *Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.*

## OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

### Jesus Turns Our World Upside Down *by Pastor Piet Van Kampen*

*And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me." (Mark 9:35-37, NKJV)*



Young Pip's world was turned upside down—literally! At the beginning of Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, the young child Pip had a shocking encounter with an escaped convict named Abel Magwitch. On the run and in need of money, Magwitch desperately picks Pip up off the ground, turns him upside down, and shakes him, hoping to dislodge whatever spare change might have been floating around in Pip's pockets!

From that day forward, Pip's world was turned upside down. Over the course of the story Pip's notions of poverty and wealth, love and hate, friendship and family all are turned on their head.

In a similar way Jesus turns our world upside down. He brings about a change of perspective, not with violence, but by the power of His Word.

And this change of perspective is needed! We see that need when we see Jesus' disciples arguing amongst themselves over who is the greatest—who was the most important. We see that need in ourselves when we get wrapped up in our desires for worldly wealth and personal happiness at the expense of everyone else.

So, that's exactly what Jesus does for us in His Word. In Mark's Gospel, we watch with His disciples as Jesus brings a little child and sets him in their midst. We see Jesus take this child in His arms—not to shake all the loose change out of his pockets, but to lovingly make a point: "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me."

And in this way, Jesus turns the world and its ideas upside down! He redefines greatness and ambition, reversing our expectations. Instead of reaching the top and being in charge, true greatness comes through humbly serving everyone—even children—in Jesus' name.

Over the coming weeks in church we're going to consider how Jesus continues to turn the world upside down as we hear what He has to say about leadership, marriage and family, worldly wealth, and our desire to be served. It's a journey that will hold the mirror of God's law up to our lives and reveal our shortcomings, but at the same time we will marvel at the grace God has shown us in His Son again and again.

For we know that, ultimately, Jesus turned the whole world upside down with the greatness of His own humility. As the sinless Son of God, Jesus made Himself last of all and the servant of all by suffering and dying on the cross. Jesus allowed His own life to be

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overtaken so that He could redeem us all. Since He willingly humbled Himself to save us, God the Father has raised Jesus from the dead and given Him eternal glory.

And now, through faith in Jesus, that glory is ours too. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus turns our hearts upside down, from death to life. He turns our desires and expectations upside down, as He inspires us to imitate His great love, looking forward to a future where nothing is upside-down—and everything is right-side-up.

-Pastor Van Kampen

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## ORGAN UPDATE

Thanks again to all who have donated toward the project and to those who are donating regularly and keeping up with your pledges! Our new Rodgers Imagine Series 235 organ is on its way to Wisconsin and will be installed soon. Once the new organ is installed we will dedicate it for service in God's house on the first Sunday after its installation. We are also planning a celebratory dedication concert for sometime after the new organ has been installed. "Stay tuned" for more information and for opportunities to help remove the old organs from the building.

## QUARTERLY CONG. & VOTERS MEETINGS

Our Third Quarter Meetings will take place on Sunday, October 17, starting at 10:30 a.m. (after the worship service). At this meeting we hold our fall elections. Also, the synod has asked congregations to nominate candidates to serve as president of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary. This meeting would give us an opportunity to do that, if we so choose. All members are welcome to attend. Eligible voting members are highly encouraged to do so.

## 2021 ELS WOMEN'S MISSION RALLY

You are invited to attend the 50th Fall Rally of the ELS Women's Missionary Society on Saturday, October 16, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madison, WI. Guest speakers Rev. Michael and Anita Smith will share their experiences from their recent work in Hong Kong at Asia Lutheran Seminary and Friends Network. Enjoy food, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn about the missions of our synod.

## ELS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod invites applications for the position of Business Administrator. Request job description from Keith Wiederhoeft, 6 Browns Court, Mankato, MN 56001. Keithw@blc.edu. 507-344-7395. Please submit resume and references to President Glenn R. Obenberger at the same address by November 1. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting or finance. Benefits include health, life insurance, and pension plan. Start date after January 1 of 2022.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 31, we'll be holding our annual Trunk Or Treat. Park your car, decorate your car (if you like), and hand out candy to neighborhood kids! We have a goal of having 20 cars for this year's celebration. (More would be great!) We're also planning on serving hot dogs and hot cocoa/cider. Sign up in the fellowship hall if you're able to attend with a vehicle!

**QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE** in the office by Friday, October 8, so that we may have them for our quarterly meetings (Church Council, 10/10; Congregational & Voters, 10/17).

## October Birthdays!

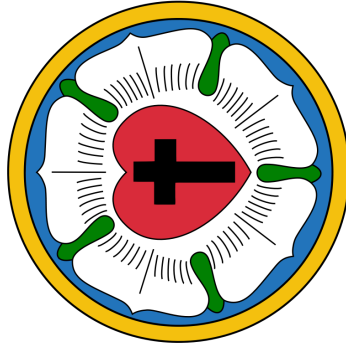
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| 13 Jeanette Diestler | 25 Sally Drewery  |
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**ALTAR GUILD FOR OCTOBER:**  
Barb Hartwig & Sue Wallenfang



## YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 10/6-8 - ELS General Pastoral Conference
- 10/17 - Quarterly Congregational/Voters Meetings
- 10/31 - Reformation Day & Trunk or Treat
- 11/24 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 - Midweek Advent Services
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 12/25 - Christmas Day Festival Service
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve Service

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.</b> 10:05 Fellowship 10:20 Education Hour (Choir Practice after Church)  <b>USHERS: Group 2</b>	<b>4 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.</b>  5 9:00 Bible Class	6	7	8	9	
ELS General Pastoral Conference, Bloomington, MN						
<b>10 9:00 Divine Service</b> 10:05 Fellowship 10:30 Education Hour 11:30 Church Council Meeting  <b>USHERS: Group 3</b>	<b>11 6:30 Divine Service</b>  12 9:00 Bible Class 4:00 Conf. Class 6:00 CTK WOM 6:30 Board of Elders	13	14	15	16	10:00 ELS Womens' Mission Rally, Holy Cross Lutheran, Madison  Sweetest Day
<b>17 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.</b> 10:05 Fellowship 10:20 Education Hour (Sun. Sch. only) 10:30 3rd Quarter Cong. & Voters Meeting  <b>USHERS: Group 4</b>	<b>18 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.</b>  19 9:00 Bible Class 4:00 Conf. Class	20	21	22	23	
<b>24 9:00 Divine Service</b> 10:05 Fellowship 10:30 Education Hour 11:30 Evangelism/Outreach Meeting  <b>USHERS: Group 1</b>	<b>25 6:30 Divine Service</b>  26 9:00 Bible Class 4:00 Conf. Class	27	28	29	30	
<b>31 9:00 Divine Service</b> 10:05 Fellowship 10:30 Education Hour <b>USHERS: Group 2</b>  4-7 p.m. TRUNK OR TREAT  Reformation Day	<b>11/1 6:30 Divine Service</b>  11/2 9:00 Bible Class 4:00 Conf. Class	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 4-7 P.M.  
AT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH