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MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

TAKE OUT THE TRASH *by Pastor Van Kampen*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. – Psalm 51:10-12, NKJV



Every week we all follow the same ritual: we gather up all the garbage from our homes, put it into a dumpster, and drag the dumpster out to the curb to be picked up. We take out the trash. Have you ever stopped to think about just how much trash there is? How many bags go into that dumpster day after day, month after month, year after year? All those chicken bones and used coffee filters, egg shells and junk mail, candy wrappers and Kleenexes! Yet it all has to go! If we never took the trash out, the germs growing in our garbage would eventually make us sick and kill us.

The same is true when it comes to the trash of our sins. We do a pretty good job of hiding that trash. We bag it up and stuff it in the garage of our hearts. We bury it under other things, where our neighbors would never suspect. But it's there inside us, isn't it? We can't get rid of the guilt. The sinful desires we've entertained; the lies we have told; the words spoken in anger—all these things live in our hearts. And if they stay with us, they will eventually weaken and kill our faith in God.

It's time to take out the trash—and during this Lenten season, you and I have the opportunity to do just that. Just as surely as you and I wheel the dumpster from the garage to the road, we can come to church and unload all of our spiritual trash that's been sitting in our hearts. You and I can confess our sins to God, taking all

the evil we have committed and laying it at the foot of Jesus' cross.

Since the blood that He shed on that cross has paid for all of our sins, when we lay our sins at Jesus' feet, they are gone forever. And in the power of God's forgiveness, the Lord Jesus creates in us a new heart: a heart clean of sin and guilt, sorrow and regret. With the putrid trash of our sins carried away, the air is cleared for Christ to restore to us the joy of our salvation, the joy of knowing God's grace and forgiveness, the joy of knowing that we live in God's love and that we are not under His wrath and punishment. It is the joy of having life without end. He sends His Holy Spirit to renew a steadfast spirit in us, a spirit willing to trust God in all things, a spirit that sustain us in every trial and temptation.

This Lenten season, take out the trash. Not just the trash from your house, but the trash from your heart. Come to worship—Sunday morning and on Wednesday nights—and confess your sins. Hear the good news of forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Learn once again the joy that comes with having a clean conscience before God.



**FIRST DAY OF SPRING IS MONDAY,
MARCH 20, 2023**

DIVINE CALL

Pastor Van Kampen has returned his call to serve at Christ Lutheran Church in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and will continue to serve here at Christ the King. Pastor would like to thank all of you for your prayers and your wise counsel while he deliberated this call. Continue to keep Christ Lutheran Church in your prayers, that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into his ripe harvest fields.

EASTER LILIES



Time to order Easter lilies for our Easter Service. If you'd like to donate an Easter lily, the cost is \$12.75 per plant. Simply place your money in a separate offering envelope, mark it "Easter Lily," your name and info, and place in the offering. Deadline for ordering is March 19. Following the service, you may take the Easter lily home.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Kitchen Committee is planning an Easter breakfast. Members and guests are invited to join us after our Easter service. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall for menu items you would like to bring. You are asked to drop off items on Saturday morning by 11 am or Sunday morning by 7:30 am.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight savings time begins on March 12. Remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday, March 11.



HIS FINAL STEPS

HIS FINAL STEPS—LENT 2023

This year, for the season of Lent our midweek worship theme is "His Final Steps." We will ponder the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final journey to the cross—and, three days later, His first resurrected steps from the tomb. Our worship schedule for Lent and Easter this year is as follows:

- Wed., Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m.—1st Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 8, 6:30 p.m.—2nd Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 15, 6:30 p.m.—3rd Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 22, 6:30 p.m.—4th Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 29, 6:30 p.m.—5th Midweek Lenten Service
- Sun., April 2, 9:00 a.m.—Palm Sunday (with Holy Comm.)
- Thurs., Apr. 6, 6:30 p.m.—Maundy Thurs. Comm. Service
- Fri., April 7, 6:30 p.m.—Good Friday Tenebrae Service (with Holy Comm.)
- Sun., April 9, 8:00 a.m.—Easter Festival Service (with Holy Comm.)

WE'RE LIVE!

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

March Birthdays!

- 1 Beth Saliger
- 11 Donna Carter
- 13 David Diestler
- 24 Jada Montes
- 25 Paul Koch
- 29 Mark F Bergner



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ALTAR GUILD FOR MARCH:
Julie Busse & Sandra VanderHeyden

YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 - Midweek Lenten Services
- 4/2 - Palm Sunday
- 4/6 - Maundy Thursday
- 4/7 - Good Friday
- 4/9 - Easter Sunday
- 4/16 - 1st Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 4/30 - Oral Examination Day
- 5/14 - Confirmation Day (Mothers' Day)
- 6/18 - Fathers' Day, Synod Sunday
- 6/18-22 - Annual Convention of the ELS
- 7/16 - 2nd Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 7/24-26 - Vacation Bible School
- 7/27-31 - ELS LYA Youth Rally
- 9/10 - Rally for Christian Education (First Day of Sun. School & Bible Class)
- 10/4-6 - ELS General Pastoral Conference
- 10/15 - 3rd Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 10/31 - Reformation Day, Trunk or Treat
- 11/22 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 - Midweek Advent Services
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 12/25 - Christmas Day Festival Service
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve Service

March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 5:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	2	3	4
5 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:20 Education Hour USHERS: Group 2	6 3:15 Conf. Class	7 9:00 Bible Class 6:00 Women On A Mission 6:30 Elders Meeting	8 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 5:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	9	10	11 Set clocks back one hour
12 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Education Hour USHERS: Group 3 Daylight Savings Begins	13 3:15 Conf. Class	14 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	15 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 5:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:20 Education Hour USHERS: Group 4	20 3:15 Conf. Class First day of Spring	21 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	22 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 5:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	23	24	25
26 :00 Divine Service 10:30 Education Hour USHERS: Group 1	27 3:15 Conf. Class	28 9:00 Bible Class	29 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 5:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	30	31	

Our 2023 Lenten Journey to the cross
and empty tomb of Jesus continues
on **Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22**
and 29
at **6:30 p.m.**

***Come and join us as we follow
Jesus and trace...***

HIS FINAL STEPS

Join us for worship & Bible study!

Worship on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.,

Monday Night at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study on Sunday at 10:20 a.m.,

and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.