



# CHRIST THE KING

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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.*

## APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Stick Around for the End *by Pastor Van Kampen*

*"And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before... Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning." (Job 42:10, 12, NKJV)*



At forty-two chapters, the Book of Job is a difficult read. Much of the action happens in the first two chapters. The Lord allows Satan to take everything from Job—his home, his wealth, the lives of his children, even Job's health. Job is left in the ashes of his life with

absolutely nothing but a broken potsherd. Then, starting in the third chapter, Job's friends pay him a visit. Yet instead of comforting Job in his suffering, they spend the majority of the book trying to convince Job that his suffering is his own fault. For a long time the story does not look like it will end well. The faint-of-heart reader might be tempted to give up on Job's story halfway.

But then you'd never find out what happens at the end! "And the LORD restored Job's losses... Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before" (Job 42:10). Everything that Job had lost, he regained by God's gracious hand—even twice as much! Job's blessings toward the end of his life were greater than the beginning (Job 42:12)! It's important to stick around for the end!

That's the encouragement God's Word gives us in our own lives: to stick around for the end. Life can often be frustrating. Job loss, illness, disease, the loss of a loved

one—these things leave us asking, "Lord, why?" Things can look so hopeless that we are ready to give up.

Yet we can stick around for the end, trusting that God is going to give us the best ending of all. As they led Jesus out to be crucified, it looked like the end of the story. That's what His disciples thought. Yet God had a different idea. On the morning of the third day when the women reported that the tomb was empty, Jesus' disciples didn't understand. But then their risen Lord appeared to them. He pointed to His hands and His feet, and then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, how His suffering and death were necessary to take away the sin of the world, to understand that by His death Jesus has destroyed death for us all, and that now we get to live with Him forever.

And the crucified and risen Lord Jesus, who died and rose for us, makes us this promise: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev 2:10) We have the hope that the God who so graciously blessed His servant Job will also bless us, and that our latter days—the days we spend in eternal life with our Savior—will be greater than the beginning. So, don't give up halfway through. Stick around for the end of the story. Have a blessed Easter in the peace of our Lord's resurrection!



## REMINDER

### QUARTERLY REPORTS/MEETINGS

Reminder to officers, board and committee chairs to get their quarterly reports into the office by Saturday, April 8. Our quarterly council meeting is Monday, April 10, at 7:30 pm and quarterly congregational and voters meeting is Sunday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. (after the worship service).

### "CREATED"—LYA 2023

The ELS Board for Youth Outreach is excited to announce that the 2023 LYA Youth Convention will be held at Bethany Lutheran College from Thursday, July 27 – Sunday, July 30. This annual event brings together youth from across the country. The Convention theme is "Created" (based on Genesis 1:27) and will feature keynote speaker, Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary President Rev. Timothy Hartwig. Early Registration is February 15-June 1 at a cost of \$250/person. Late registration (after June 1) will cost \$300/person. Open to confirmed youth (exceptions can be made for groups bringing those in confirmation). Every church needs to send at least one youth leader/chaperone of the same gender as the students (consider paying their way as a church). If your church is unable to send a youth leader/chaperone, consider partnering with another congregation. The reduced cost is subsidized by the ELS Board for Youth Outreach. The fee includes either zip-lining or kayaking as an activity; as well as the student's choice for all Sectionals and Master Classes. (Activities, Sectionals, & Master Classes will have limited capacity: register early to ensure your top picks for classes and activities!)



"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."

### 2023 SYNOD CONVENTION

The 2023 Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held June 18-22, 2023 on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. The 2023 convention theme is "We are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" (Psalm 139:14). We are currently seeking two laymen to serve as delegates for the convention. Speak to Pastor Van Kampen if you are interested in attending and/or would like more information. Delegates need to be elected by the congregation and registered with the synod by mid-April.

## HIS FINAL STEPS

Our worship schedule for Lent and Easter this year is as follows:

- 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](http://christthekinggb.org) for more information!

## April Birthdays!

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| 1  | Charles Hartwig  |
| 4  | Brian Busse      |
| 5  | James Van Kampen |
| 10 | Ellen S. Bergner |
| 11 | Annamarie Kubitz |
| 14 | Jill Brown       |
| 17 | Helen Brodhagen  |
| 21 | Sandra Gillaume  |
| 21 | Ardis Junco      |
| 21 | Richard Buchholz |
| 23 | Steven Eckelberg |



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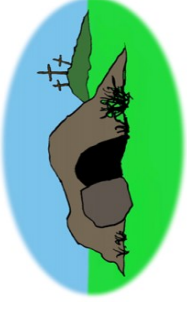
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**ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL:**  
Donna Carter & Linda Koch

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 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

# April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:20 Education Hour 11:30 Elders Meeting <i>USHERS: Group 2</i> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	3 3:15 Conf. Class	4 9:00 Bible Class	5 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	6 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Comm.	7 6:30 Good Friday Tenebrae Service w/Holy Comm.	8
9 8:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 9:30 Easter Breakfast <i>USHERS: Group 3</i> <b>Easter</b>	10 No Conf. Class 6:30 Divine Service 7:30 Council Meeting	11 9:00 Bible Class 6:00 Women On A Mission	12 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	13	14	15
16 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:30 1st Quarter Cong. & Voters Meeting <i>USHERS: Group 4</i>	17 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	18	19	20	21	22
	GLPC, Hillman, MI (Pastor away)					Earth Day
23 8:00 Divine Service 10:30 Education Hour <i>USHERS: Group 1</i>	24 3:15 Conf. Class 6:30 Divine Service	25 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	26 4:00 Emerald Bay Serv. Admin Prof. Day	27	28	29
30 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Oral Exam. for Confirmand <i>USHERS: Group 2</i>						

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.***