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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Looking Up by Pastor Van Kampen



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Over a cup of coffee, an acquaintance asks, “So, why do you go to church?” How do you answer? We could say lots of things, couldn’t we? Yet perhaps we can find an answer in the events of Jesus’ ascension to heaven.

Forty days after He came back to life, Jesus took His resurrection body and went up to heaven. The day it happened, all the disciples were there looking up as Jesus ascended into the sky, higher and higher until the cloud blocked Him from their sight.

At church we find ourselves looking up to heaven too—looking for Jesus. Our minds are full of questions—prayers, really. “Lord, where are You?” “Why is there so much chaos in my life, Lord?” “What will happen to my sick relative?” “What am I supposed to do, Lord?” “Lord, when are you coming back to take me out of this mess and lead me to heaven?”

Those “looking up” questions are reflected for us in the words of the liturgy. We pray them every time we sing the words, “Lord, have mercy upon us.” In that short little piece of music we ask the Lord to take care of our needs and to give us answers to our questions.

Later, we continue to spiritually look up to heaven when we pray (even though our heads may be bowed). In the prayers we pray each week, we ask God to provide for our specific needs and for the needs of others.

But worship is not all about looking up. When the disciples could no longer see Jesus, two angels appeared, standing with them. They had a message: “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11). Jesus had gone to heaven—but He wasn’t gone. He was still with them. And one day He would come back. Jesus would keep all of His promises. They went back to Jerusalem that day rejoicing in the assurance that as their Lord Jesus would do so all that He said He would do. The Word of God had given them strength to look ahead.

That’s what coming to church does for us too. Here the Gospel assures us that Christ has taken care of everything—that our sins are forgiven, that our heavenly home is prepared for us, and that He will one day take us to be with Him. In the meantime, He reigns at God’s right hand, working all things for our good.

God’s Word gives us the strength to look ahead and face our lives, to do the things that need doing—that God Himself has laid out for us to do. To endure hardship, to serve those who need us, to take care of our work—trusting that Christ is with us, keeping His promises.

This year the Holy Christian Church celebrates Christ’s Ascension on May 18. May our risen and Ascended Lord continually inspire us to look up to heaven with our questions and prayers, and then to look ahead with the confidence of Scripture’s answers—not always easy answers, but always

comforting answers in Christ our Savior.

Lord keep us heavenly minded so that we may be of earthly good. Amen.

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!)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HISTORY

(excerpts from <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/history>)

President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a National Day of Prayer to be observed on July 4, 1952. Each year since that date, Americans have observed the day in their own way. On May 5, 1988, the observance moved to the first Thursday in May by President Ronald Reagan and has been proclaimed each year since.



WE'RE LIVE!

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



May Birthdays!

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| 2 | Edward Groth |
| 3 | Tonneke Van Kampen |
| 8 | Lori Greenwood |
| 10 | Joslyn Saliger |
| 13 | Sue Wallenfang |
| 15 | Emily Greenwood |
| 18 | Michael P. Bootz |
| 18 | Marilyn Lietzke |
| 27 | Ken Peters |
| 31 | Deb Meyer |

**1st Quarter 2023
Congregational Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Koch at 10:33 pm.

Voting Members Present:

Jay Brown
Dennis Barlament
Brian Busse
David Diestler
Jason Diestler
Eddie Groth
Charles Hartwig
Paul Koch
Daniel Lindquist
Joseph Massie
Rick Schnese
Mark Uhlig
James Van Kampen
Pastor Van Kampen

The agenda was reviewed. **Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept agenda.**

Minutes for the 1st Quarter Congregational meeting were reviewed. **Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept minutes.**

Pastor's Report – Pastor shared video from Pastor Nate Abrahamson of Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Cottage Grove & Fort Atkinson, WI, and director of Camp Rise. Summer camp is July 9-14, 2023, for those who have completed 4th through 9th grades. Check their website for more information: www.camprise.org.

First quarter average weekly attendance was 50. Month of March brought average down due to poor weather on worship days. Attendance for Lenten services was low because Ash Wednesday was held on Thursday and we had low attendance, however, attendance at remaining mid-week services was higher than usual. We have 118 baptized and 102 communicant members. Pastor had 1 baptism in February; one member asked for a visit.

Pastor has been instructing one confirmand from St. Mark Lutheran Church at the request of the parents. St. Mark changed their confirmation instruction to parent-led. Oral examination will be at Christ the King on April 20 and confirmation on Mothers' Day, May 14.

In February, Barb Schnese started as new Administrative Assistant. She is still in training but has already been a big help. You may send requests to the new email address: secretary@christthekinggb.org. Pastor also thanked Jan Heuser for her faithful service over the years. Jan has also been a big help during the transition.

Pastor made recommendations for live streaming Bible class(es). Refer to his report. **Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Pastor's report.**

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORTS A-J

Refer to written reports.

- Evangelism is thinking outside the box and considering holding VBS one day a week for 4-5 weeks.
- Kitchen Committee is in need of a new stove.
- Trustees reported that fans are installed. Adjustments continue to be made as we get accustomed to them. It is a positive change for the choir.

Board of Elders approved transfer of membership of Mark and Maribeth Uhlig, Hannah Uhlig, Makayla Uhlig and Solomon Uhlig from Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (ELS), West Bend, Wi.

Motion was made and seconded to approve all committee, Board of Elders and Council reports and pass on to the congregational meeting.

Treasurer's Report – We spent 24% of budget in first quarter. Highlight of line items over budget:

- Line 4 – 50% of pensions paid for 2023.
- Line 9 – Meditations
- Line 18 – Natural gas
- Line 20 – Install fans and replace parking lot light
- Line 25 – Paper and printer inks
- Line 26 – Deposit Slips
- Line 28 – Preparation of W2's and 1099's

First quarter offerings cover expenditures. End-of-quarter checkbook balance after offerings and other deposits was \$94,686.11. General savings balance at end of quarter is \$2,322.34. LACE Investment accounts show updated interest rates.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Treasurer's reports and pass on to the congregational meeting.

Old Business

Trustees reviewed three options to secure offerings at church: (1) Martin Security – monthly monitor, integrated touch screen, six doors, three motion detectors, key pad access on Fellowship door, 1-year Cloud software. Cost: Just under \$5,000 and \$35/month. (2) Boss Locks – 3 monitors, installation, camera southwest corner of building toward parking lot, alarm, touch panels by front door, five door sensors, and window sensors. Cost \$4,150 and \$24/month. (3) Wall safe – Placed in upper cabinet above folding machine. Cost: \$315 for wall safe/parts/labor. Trustees' recommendation is the wall safe. After discussion, **motion was made, seconded and approved for trustees to purchase wall safe, get installed, and evaluate monitor systems as needed in the future.**

Question was raised about getting doorbell for front door (this was discussed at a past meeting). It was decided to discuss further at July's meeting..

Posting Bible Studies – Pastor and Elders recommend testing once per year, two to three weeks to see how well on-line study is received. This would be a Sunday Bible class and only face on video would be Pastor's.

Synod Convention – Paul Koch has agreed to be nominee for Synod Convention. One other nominee is needed. When a second delegate is named, a brief, special voters' meeting will be held.

New Business

1. VBS – Several ideas were discussed about scheduling this year's VBS or best participation from children to volunteers. Pros and cons to the different ideas were reviewed. Decision was made for Pastor and volunteers to decide on best schedule.
2. Schroeder's Flowers is charging for delivery of plants for special holidays and an upcharge for bows – poinsettias and lilies. Delivery charge is \$10. Council recommends upcharge and delivery will be covered in Altar Guild budget and upcharge for bows in Miscellaneous budget. Altar Guild covers palms in Sacramental/Worship Needs budget. Delivery charge does not apply to individual bouquet donations.
3. Smooth top stove in kitchen is not working well. It heats up to 20 degrees lower than it should and takes extra time to preheat. Also one element on stove is not working. Trustees will review stove issues, check for repair or replacement.

Motion was made and seconded to pass on to the Voters Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to close the Congregational Meeting and open the Voters Meeting.

Items that were voted on in the Voters' Meeting:

- A. Approve Pastor's/Board of Elders/committee reports.
- B. Approve membership changes (refer to Board of Elders Report).
- C. Approve installation of safe at approximately \$315.
- D. Approve Trustees review stove situation. Approve posting online Bible study one time.
- E. Approve posting online Bible study one time.
- F. Approve nominees for Synod Convention.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara K Schnese/ Secretary





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ALTAR GUILD FOR MAY:
Sandra Guillaume & Janet Heuser

YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 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



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:15 Conf. 6:30 Divine Service May Day	2 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service 6:30 Elders Meeting	3 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	4 National Day of Prayer 	5	6
7 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:20 Education Hour 11:30 Elders Meeting USHERS: Group 3	8 3:15 Conf. 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	9 9:00 Bible Class 6:00 Women On A Mission	10 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	11 ELS Board of Trustees Meeting (Pastor Avery)	12	13
14 8:00 Divine Service 10:30 Education Hour Confirmation Day  <i>Mothers Day</i> USHERS: Group 4	15 3:15 Conf. 6:30 Divine Service	16 9:00 Bible Class	17 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	18 Ascension of Our Lord 	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:20 Education Hour USHERS: Group 1	22 3:15 Conf. 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	23 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	24 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	25	26	27
28 8:00 Divine Service 10:30 Education Hour Day of Pentecost  USHERS: Group 2	29 6:30 Divine Service Memorial Day	30 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	31 4:00 Emerald Bay Service			



Mary Martha Singers and
Handbell Choir directed by ANN FREDRICKSON
Concert Choir directed by DENNIS MARZOLF

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.*