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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.*

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

“The Nail” *by Rev. Piet Van Kampen*

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. - 1 Peter 3:15, NKJV

On a trip to Haiti, author Dale Hays heard a striking illustration from a Haitian pastor to his people about being committed to following Christ.

A man wanted to sell his house. Another man wanted to buy it, but couldn't afford the asking price because he was poor. The two men bargained back and

sticking out above the doorway. Then he went out and brought back the carcass of a dead dog and hung it from that nail. Soon, the stench and the flies became so bad that the new owner and his family had to abandon the house. And guess who moved in? The former owner.

When people become Christians, sometimes their spiritual lives can be like that house. The whole house now belongs to Jesus—except for one nail, one particular pet sin, one area of their lives that still belongs to the former owner, the Devil. But if you leave the devil a nail, he will come back to hang the rotting garbage of his temptations on it, and eventually ruin your whole spiritual life.

Faith in Christ requires a total commitment to Him and to His Word. This is what Peter in his first letter means when he says, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts” (1 Pe 3:15). It means to set apart God and His Word as the most important thing in your lives. It also means turning away from sin and trusting in God alone, not wanting to leave any “nails” behind for the Devil to hang his temptations.

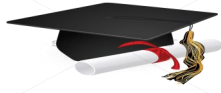
If you and I look carefully, I am sure we can find a sinful “nail” or two in our lives. Let's take the opportunity to pry them out by confessing our sins to God. Then, let's replace them with the “nails” of Jesus: the nails that bound His hands and feet to the cross, as He offered His life to pay for ours. Through Christ's sacrifice, your sins and mine are forgiven, we are washed clean in His blood, and now our lives belong to Him. In that assurance we resolve to serve Him—and Him alone.

forth for a while, until finally the owner agreed to sell the house for half of the original price. There was just one condition: the former owner would retain ownership of one nail that stuck out from over the door.

Many years went by. Eventually, the original owner wanted the house back, but the new owner didn't want to give up his home. With that, the former owner noted the one part of the house he still owned, the nail



News & Notes



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! – Congratulations to all of our members who graduate in the class of 2023! Erik Van Kampen and Olivia Kirchner both graduate from high school this year; and Emily Greenwood graduates from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse with a major in biology. The Lord bless all of you in your future endeavors!

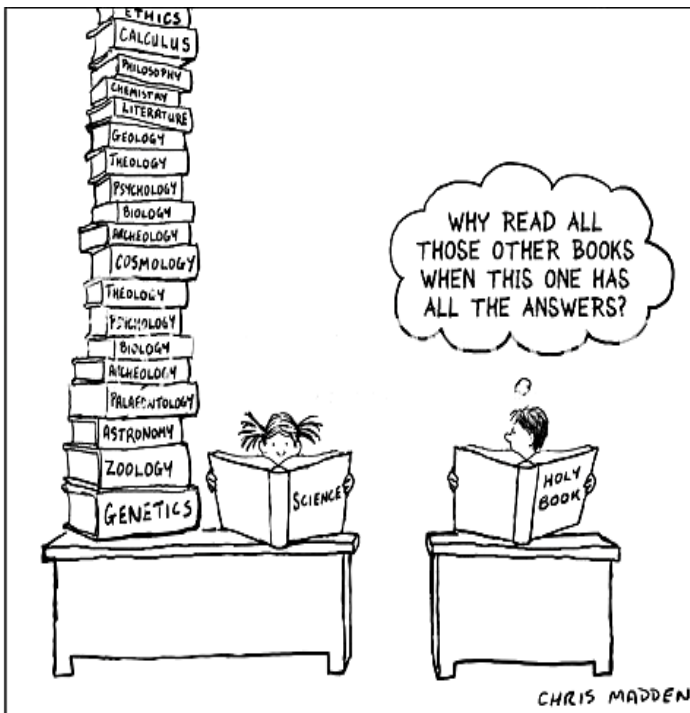


ELS 2023 Synod Convention - Delegates for this year's synod convention are Charles Hartwig and Paul Koch. The synod convention is from June 18-22, in Mankato, MN. **Thank you to Charles and Paul for serving as delegates.**

SUMMER BOOK CLUB – In place of Tuesday morning Bible class this summer, Christ the King will be having a summer book club. This year's book is entitled *God Loves Nobodies: Good News for Somebody Like Me*, by Rev. Matthew Doebler. In his book Pastor Doebler shows the pitfalls of trying to win others' approval and how Jesus has already given us worth through His life, death, and resurrection. We will place an order for copies of the book on June 1, and will plan to meet on three Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. (Parts 1 & 2, 6/27; Parts 3 & 4, 7/11; Part 5, 7/18) to discuss the book together. If you'd like to participate in this book study, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall, and indicate how many copies of the book you will need.

WE'RE LIVE!

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



June Birthdays!

- 2 Daniel Meves
- 7 Charity Van Kampen
- 7 Linda Koch
- 13 Barbara Bootz
- 14 Barbara Schnese
- 15 Benjamin Brodhagen
- 16 Philip Kirchner
- 24 Bruce Herman
- 25 Joseph Massie Jr.
- 28 Beverly Schmidt



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ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE:
Barbara Hartwig & Sue Wallenfang

YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 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 LVA 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

June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:05 Fellowship	5 <div>Starting Point Graduation</div>	6 <div>2:30 Brookview Meadows Service</div>	7 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	8	9	10
USHERS: Group 1	6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.					
11 9:00 Divine Service 10:05 Fellowship	12	13 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service 6:30 Elders Meeting	14 4:00 Emerald Bay Service Flag Day 	15	16	17
USHERS: Group 2	6:30 Divine Service					
18 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:05 Fellowship Fathers Day 	19 <div>6:30 Divine Service</div>	20 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	21 First Day of Summer 	22	23	24
USHER Group 3						
ELS 2023 Synod Convention, Mankato, MN						
25 9:00 Divine Service 10:05 Fellowship	26	27 9:00 Book Club 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	28 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	29	30	
USHERS: Group 4	6:30 Divine Service					

**Vacation Bible School - 5:30-8:00
p.m., July 24-26, 4K – Teens/Adults
Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Games
& Fun!**

***Come and join us and learn how we
are all covered in Jesus' grace!***



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.***
