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#### SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

#### "God is Full of Compassion" by Rev. Roger C. Holtz

unborn!

land or ability to work the land, life became them? difficult. The aliens, widows and fatherless were at His people of the Old Testament people, God for us to share the gospel. compassionately incuded regulations to protect and assist the helpless people among them.

Israel was definitely not to be a welfare state or a communal society. It was simply a matter of making it possible for the needy people to fend for themselves. They were to be allowed to enter the fields, orchards and vineyards of those who owned the land to glean the remains of the harvest. God directed the harvesters not to retrieve sheaves of grain that they might have missed/overlooked, nor were they to strip clean the olive trees or the grapevines.

Compassion was also a trademark of our Savior's ministry. Jesus came to minister to our great spiritual needs. But He did not turn away from the temporal needs of the people. Time and again the Gospel writers mention that Jesus had compassion on those who were needy, hungry, sick or dying. Time and again Jesus' personal needs gave way to the needs of the people whom others were either unable or unwilling to help.

Compassion for others begins with God's compassion toward us. May God's example of

History demonstrates tht no nation, country, or compassion, beginning with the sacrifice of His society can flourish for long if it ignored or Son, not be lost on us. It is so easy to dismiss the victimized the most helpless of its citizens, born or needs of other s as something they brought on themselves. Even if that might be the case, may we Israel was an agricultural society. Livelihood not see these people as opportunities to show depended greatly upon ownership of land. Without compassion and to share God's blessings with

By God's grace, our compassion toward others an immediate disadvantage. In His code of laws for in their temporal (earthly) needs will open doors

> The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

> > Psalm 145:8-9



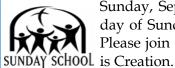
#### **News & Notes**



#### LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank you heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands, I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS**



Sunday, September 10, marks the first day of Sunday School and Bible Class. Please join us. Topic of the Bible Class is Creation



The 2023 Trunk or Treat will take place on Tuesday, October 31, from 4-6 p.m. The run time of the event is two hours. Sign up if you are interested in bringing a vehicle or donating candy. Thank you!

#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil. It has no point. fb

FAITH is taking the first step even when you cannot see the entire staircase. fb



#### **WOMEN ON A MISSION**

We're back! Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m.! All ladies in the congregation are invited and welcome to attend. Come and see what Christ the King's Women on a Mission are up to! We have fun while serving the Lord!



Our choir lost 4 voices. If you love to sing, join us to praise the Lord and enhance our worship service with music. Most practices are held after a church service. Beginners are welcome. We can learn the songs together. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, Sept. 3.

FIRST DAY OF FALL IS 9.23.2023



Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up to handle livestreaming for our weekly worship service.

Julie Busse

#### WE'RE LIVE!

Worship Services streamed live every week on our website! Visit us at <a href="mailto:christthekinggb.org">christthekinggb.org</a> for more information!

### September Birthdays!

2 Makayla Uhlig 9 Roderick Meves 18 Judith Watters 18 Rick Schnese 19 Sara Montes 21 Theresa Tilkens 25 Jay Brown



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ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY: Donna Carter & Linda Koch

# September 2023



Sat	2	6	16	23 First Day of Autumn	30
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Wed		6 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	13 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	20 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	27 4:00 Emerald Bay Service
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## YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 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





Join us for worship! Sunday at 9:00 a.m.