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Growing in Faith, Love and Service to the God who loves us.

Christ the King Lutheran Church
7308 South 42nd Street
Bellevue, Nebraska 68147
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Details Inside!

ASH WEDNESDAY
is February 10, 2016

Fish Fry



Friday March 4, 2016

Friday March 11, 2016

4:30pm - 7:00pm

Fish will Fry again this year and it's still better than them other guys!



Women of the ELCA

As I am writing this on a snowy afternoon, I begin to think about all that I have to be thankful for. I can stay home in a warm house, I have dependable electric power for lights, cooking, and anything else I want or need to do. I have warm clothes and plenty of food to eat. I thank God for all that he abundantly provides me. We often take these things for granted. Remember to thank God for his many blessings.

Lutheran World Relief quilting has resumed. We are quilting at 9:00 am – 11:30 am on February 2 and 18, and March 1 and 15. If you can tie a knot you are welcome to join us to help tie quilts and enjoy fellowship.

Lutheran women of Omaha will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at noon at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 6099 Western Avenue; program is Channel 7 meteorologist Bill Randby. Cost is \$6. Please have your reservation to Mardelle the Sunday prior to the meeting. Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet again on March 8 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4117 Terrace Drive. We will have a speaker from Youth Emergency Services.

Our Bible study circle will meet on February 16, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We continue our Bible study "Christian Citizenship" based on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Gayle Carmine will lead the Bible study. Phyllis Carlson is hostess. In March we will meet on March 3 (note the change of date). Bible study leader will be Mardelle Gocek. Hostess is Jeri Lindauer.

Metro East Spring gathering is Saturday, April 2 at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. The "Saved to Serve Event is August 5-7 at the MOSAIC Group Home in Minden.

Please continue to save UPCs from "Our Family" products, Campbell soup labels, and General Mills "Box Tops for Education". A box for these items is located on the piano in the elevator room.

2016 Church Council

Council President	Judy Taylor
Vice President	Jon Butler (Finance)
Council Secretary	Debbie Cline
Treasurer	Dick Lindauer
Members	Muffy Bratsveen (Worship & Music)
	Misty Lett (Christian Education)
	Dave Johnson (Property)
	Gary Hunter (Property)
	Paul Dawkins (Congregational Life)
	Deb Marx (Mission and Service)
	Bernie Drassal (Stewardship)
	Nick Christy (Finance)

2016 Committees & Boards

Nominating Committee	Val Johnson Jodi Keating
Mission Endowment Fund Board	Jon Butler Leonard Schwalm Becky Dawkins Colin Palm Beth Christy

Grace and Peace.

Lent can be seen as a depressing season. We begin putting ashes on our foreheads. We speak of suffering. We know that Jesus is headed to the Cross. Why do this to ourselves? Can't we just "do church" until Easter? Why spend all this time thinking about a God who suffers? Suffers for us?

Life in general can be depressing and filled with suffering. Your cat dies, its tax season, you still haven't paid off Christmas, a friend loses their twenty year old daughter to depression.... Ok that's just me, but I'm sure you have your own list.

Without a theology of suffering, we will assume something is wrong, broken, or out of balance whenever we face trials. We may then find ourselves wavering, frantically searching for prosperity and blessing that we believe is the Christian experience, rather than obediently moving forward in the steps of the Savior. Our understanding of suffering is essential if we are to find our voice among the faithful — among those who know lament.

Throughout the Psalms, we are told to sing a "new song" to the Lord. As the church and as individuals, it is time that we find our song. When we find ourselves tired, stuck in the soul's dark night, we need a song to sing. Like Paul and Silas, sitting in a damp, dark prison cell, ankles raw from heavy chains, singing loudly enough so that all the other prisoners could hear, so should we lift our voices.

This need for song is really an expression of a deeper issue — our need for a richer theology of suffering.

In most of the world, the church is familiar with adversity. The prosperity of the West has sheltered us from hardship, which has led to a weak understanding of the place of suffering in the life of believers. Songs of suffering help us endure our seasons of fatigue. Suffering should make sense to the believer.

One of the ways we come to know God is in adversity. We draw close to Jesus in suffering. The very One who calls us to follow him was well acquainted with suffering and sorrow.

You look at the challenges in your life as the grace of God? It is easy for us to see God in our blessings, but can we see God in our trials?

How we anticipate and are willing to accept pain will dictate whether we walk away or sustain faith through times of suffering. Our expectations and preparation for trial will speak to our ability to endure spiritual fatigue. Spending the time to develop a healthy theology of suffering both prepares us for and acquaints us with the journey we have been called to walk.

In the life of faith, it is easy to see God in either extreme optimism, a gospel of health and wealth only, or a fatalism that sees God as distant and unfeeling. A theology of suffering accurately puts us in the middle of a story in which to suffer is to share in what it means to be human. We have been called to follow One who understands and empathizes with suffering.

Jesus suffered, so we should expect to suffer. We should expect it, but we should also begin to rebuild a proper theology of suffering within our confessions of faith. We need to strengthen our trust that, although we will undoubtedly meet adversity and pain on His account, He is also the one who has overcome the world and in whom we have life.

I waited patiently for the Lord; he
turned to me and heard my cry.
— Psalm 40:1



**A very special thank you to all
who have participated in my
Doctor of Ministry project. Its
getting really close to the end!**

February Anniversaries

- 3 Danny & Muffy Bratsveen
- 6 Steve & Ann Kennon

February Birthdays

- 1 Jeri Lindauer
- 2 Norm Grob
- 2 Abigail Cool
- 2 Reese Taylor
- 4 Harold Rice
- 7 Brook Pecka
- 8 Val Pirmsantes
- 11 Brandon Pecka
- 17 Lois Smith
- 18 Ashley Hansen
- 20 Jeff Heldt
- 21 Jeffrey McCulloch
- 25 Sharon Bernier
- 28 Marge Butler

March Anniversaries

- 1 Harold & Caroline Rice
- 22 Mike & Carol Galaska
- 24 Richard & Jeri Lindauer

March Birthdays

- 1 Katheryn Rice
- 1 Daniel Rice
- 7 Sarah Marx
- 9 John Thompson
- 9 Elijah Christy
- 13 Evan Lockwood
- 18 Val Johnson
- 19 Harriet Carlson
- 17 Haleigh Welshonse
- 24 Debi Marx
- 25 Denise Vaag
- 27 Regan Taylor
- 30 Brett Robalik
- 31 Jordan Dawkins



The Papillion La Vista Arts Network (PLAN) is producing Alice @ Wonderland. The performances will be at Christ the King Lutheran Church February 19 & 20, 2016 at 7PM. This is an updated version of the story with all of the familiar characters. The 43 students in the play range in age from 1st grade through 9th grade.

The Papillion LaVista Arts Network will be putting on this production at Christ the King. All proceeds from the production will benefit the Dorothea Bowers Kindergarten in Domasi, Malawi. The kindergarten prepares children for school by focusing on teaching reading. With only 34 percent of children reaching grade 5 this jump-start to education is vital to success.

Tickets are \$5.50 and can be reserved by calling
402-331-0310

February 19 and 20, 2016
7:00 pm

Fish Fry



Friday March 4, 2016

Friday March 11, 2016


4:30pm - 7:00pm

**Fish will Fry again this year
and it's still better than
them other guys!**

You asked for it and you got it! We will be having 2 fish fries this year – March 6 and 13! We will be frying, serving and eating fish. Call Lee Fideline (402-331-1129) to help out.

**Invite your friends
and neighbors!**

**Men's
Breakfast**
February 13 and March 12



At the 11worth Café

8:00am

Men's Breakfast meets the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. where men of Christ the King unite in fellowship, dialogue and service to others. Come yourself and bring a friend!

**First Friday
Breakfast
at Village Inn!
February 5 and March 4
at 8am!**



**SPRING
FLING**

March 19, 2016

10:00am - noon

**A Children's Ministry
event for families!**

GAMES!

CRAFTS!

PIZZA!

INVITE FRIENDS!

Ash Wednesday is February 10!



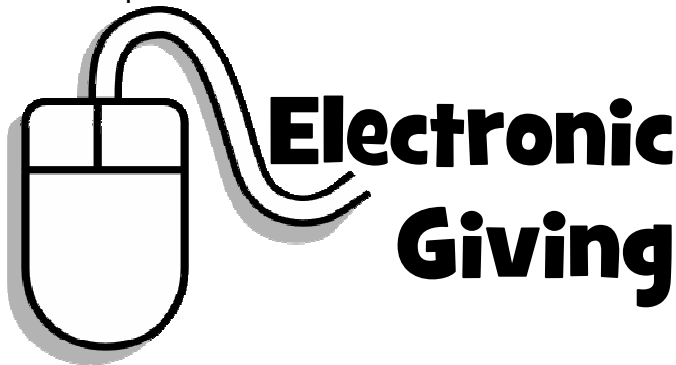
**Wednesdays in Lent
Worship at 7pm!**

Soup Suppers

Wednesdays at 6:00pm

February 17 - March 16

Sign up to bring a soup or bread if you would like to share or just come for a simple meal and fellowship.



Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving (Direct Debit) is the term used to describe automatic methods for making contributions on a regular basis without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. Christ the King offers the ability to give electronically.

If you have a billpaying feature on your checking account at your bank you can ask your bank to send your contribution in the same way they pay your bills. Or, if you don't, the church has a service that is simple, secure, and easy to set up. Just go to the church website and either create a profile for reoccurring contributions, or make them as you like without setting up a profile.

For more information about

Electronic Giving contact Dick Lindauer

(402-291-5660).

Shalom in Our Everyday Life

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the shalom of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ...Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of shalom will be with you" (Phil. 4:4-9).

American culture sees peace as a condition that persists within the individual as a state of being that is emotionally felt, internally generated, and having no influence of a divine being.

However, in scripture, the writers thought just the opposite of this. They did not conceive of any human condition as occurring independently of God's controlling will and presence. This awareness of God gives a sense of wholeness and success to the business of living, which is marred only by human inadequacy and sin. They believed that God is the creator of peace in heavenly spheres, high above all human affairs, and that the pledge of shalom and its realization appears as human prosperity and wholeness of life.

Think of the Lord's Prayer; "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven" (Matt. 6:9-10). The term shalom is often used to describe prosperity of a material sort, which for them was associated with God's covenantal promises or the manifestation of God's presence.

Don't wait any longer. If the shalom of the Lord that passes all understanding is ours for the asking, then let this day be your day to experience this great gift of the Lord.

For Lutherans, the season of Lent is an important one.

Though the Scriptures do not mention Lent, it has a longstanding tradition in the Church. From the earliest times it was customary for Christians in most places to fast (go with out food or severely limit eating) before Easter. At first this was a 2-day fast (Friday and Saturday). As time passed, this fast was extended here and there to a week. Though we are not certain how it developed, by 350 A.D. the 40-day fast that we now have was already in vogue in most places. Today Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday *Sundays are excluded to preserve the number 40.*

For Christians living in the Fourth Century Lent was seen as a time of repentance and denial of self. All Christians were to examine their lives according to the Ten Commandments and other Christian ethical precepts and repent where necessary. They were to remember what it cost their Savior to save them.

Martin Luther saw Lent as an opportunity for the strengthening of faith. "Lent, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week shall be retained, not to force anyone to fast, but to preserve the Passion history and the Gospels appointed for that season". Luther is saying that Lent should be preserved, in part, because it reminded Christians of the Passion (Suffering and Death) of Jesus and encouraged them to meditate upon it. However, no one should be forced to participate. It should be voluntary.

So we also retain Lent to this day, because we see it as an outward discipline that gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Our observance of Lent combines many of the above features. But most profoundly, we come face to face with the Gospel of Jesus which forgives and removes that sin and gives us the power to live anew.

Are you satisfied with your walk with Jesus? Or do you long for more: to know Him better, to be more like Him, to experience His love more profoundly? Then we urge you to willingly submit yourself to the discipline of Lent. There is nothing like it to bring you face to face with Jesus and His Gospel. There is nothing like it to find spiritual renewal.

Lent is a season in which people often give up something as a spiritual practice... other times it is a work that we take on. Girl Scout Troop 45483 is working on their Silver Award and has asked us for our help.

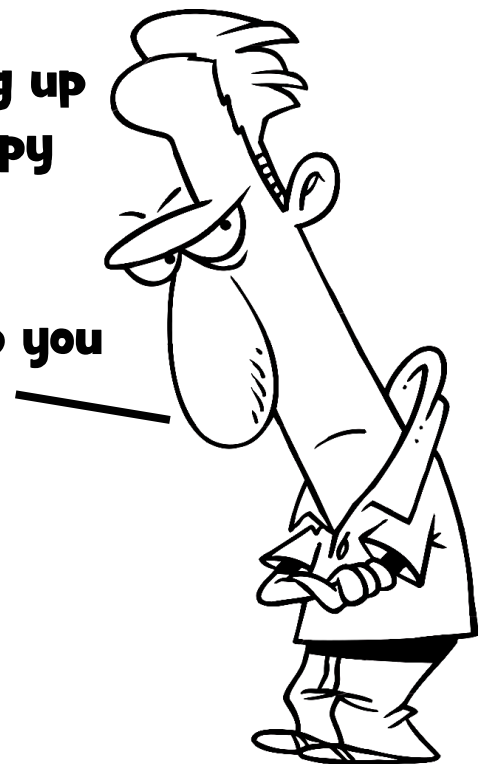
Newborn Needs Drive

Troop 45483 Silver Award Team is sponsoring a Newborn Baby Needs Drive
Pantries and shelters fill a need, but newborn items are always in short supply.

These items will help the most:
Diapers (this is our greatest need)
Wipes – Bottles – Car seats – Clothing
(size NB to 9m, especially winter outerwear)
We are collecting now until February 29th

Thank you for your generosity!
LOOK FOR THE BOX IN THE ENTRYWAY
Baylee, Caitlyn, Ellie, Emma, Haley, Katheryn,
Kayley, Makayla & Vivi

**I'll be giving up
being grumpy
and cynical
if its all
the same to you
thank you
very much.**



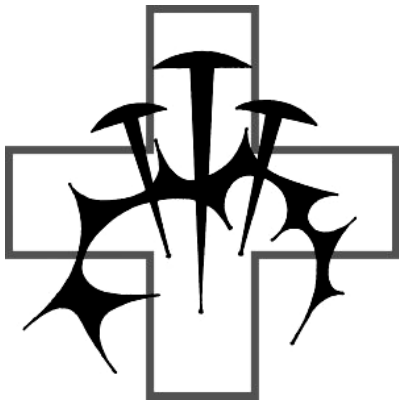
Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016 6:00PM

Passover commemorates God delivering Israel from Egypt. On the first or second day of Passover there is a ceremonial dinner that is called the Seder. This is a dinner and a story. The story is about God keeping promises. The Christian Seder adds those things that Jesus added as he sat at Seder.

The first and second century Christian Church undoubtedly celebrated Seder (see Acts 20:6), but today, we do not celebrate just a Seder, we are celebrating the Seder - the Last Supper of Jesus. We are celebrating the New Covenant. "...thy kingdom come..." is not a wish but a fact we celebrate.

This can be an amazing and memorable way to experience the power of the Lord's Supper. Ask some of your friends to join you at the table as we dine with Jesus. A light dinner will be served.

Typically our Maundy Thursday services have been at 7pm, but as this service is at its core a meal, this year we will begin at 6pm and our time together should conclude by 7:30. This will enable families with children to more easily participate. In fact, children play an important role in this meal. Come. All are welcome.



Good Friday Worship

March 25, 2016 7:00pm

The last in the Lenten message series before Easter morning.
A contemplative worship setting of prayer, music and readings.

Easter Sunday Celebrations

March 27, 2016 7:00am & 10:00am

Breakfast Served 8:15am - 9:30am

Egg Hunt 11:15am

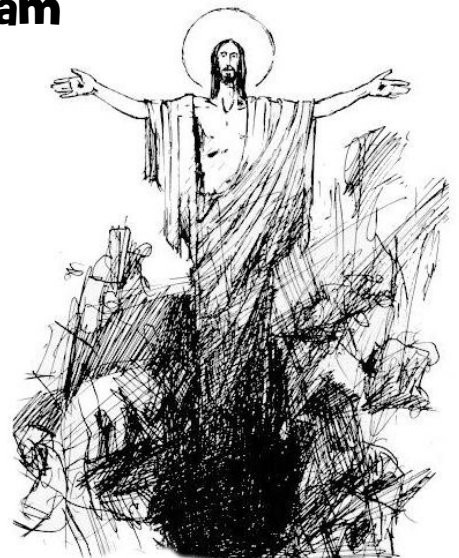
7:00am Sunrise Celebration

In years past the Sunrise Gathering has been a small informal gathering outside in the garden. It has been a short service to begin the celebration of the Risen Lord. Limited space and often cold weather have been factors.

This year the 7:00am service will be a festival liturgical worship celebration in the sanctuary to include Holy Communion. The message will be different than the dramatic conclusion of the series for Lent.

10:00am Resurrection Celebration

Come for a Celebration of the Hope of Easter. The dramatic message series concludes. This would be an excellent opportunity to invite a family to come to worship with you! Breakfast, uplifting worship, and an egg hunt for kids—it's the complete experience!



Lent



A Journey to Hope

A message series for mid-week Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 7pm
Starting February 10, 2016

A 40 days Challenge

Some people give up chocolate for Lent. Or meat. Or Facebook. This year, let me suggest an alternative.

Commit to regular worship for Lent.

Don't skip a Sunday. Not one.

Attend every Wednesday midweek service. Re-up on bible study... its at 9am every Sunday by the way.

Mark all the Holy Week services on your personal calendar, and plan to attend Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning.

Lent is exactly the right amount of time to make a new practice "stick." It takes about seven weeks for a new habit to become habitual.

You will benefit personally. You will take a journey of repentance and new life with Christ that is incomparable. If there is any season of the Christian calendar worth sacrifice of time and energy, it is Lent.

Your church will also benefit. Congregational vitality is measured at least in part by the number of those present Sunday morning. Others need you. The church needs you. Show up.

Of course, you can also give up chocolate or meat or Facebook if you'd like. Christian spirituality is very both/and. But commit to Lent.

Lent is designed for renewal. The lessons on Sundays are selected to focus the spirituality of the community as it journeys with Christ towards Holy Week and Easter. Temptation, mission, repentance, prodigal love, costly grace. If you worship regularly, twice a week, you will grow in your love of Jesus Christ. Guaranteed.

Finally, consider some kind of reading. I've got a ton of books from my DMin studies. Many are designed for people just like you!

But most of all, WORSHIP. We live in a modern secularizing era that fails to realize how important the "useless" activity of worship is essential. Give it a try.

February and March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	2 9am Quilting 9amCCFoundations 1pm CC Essentials 4:30pm Arts for All	3 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	4 10am BOHG Monthly Meeting 6pm Fitness Club	5 8am LUMS	6 10am Council Retreat 2-4pm PLAN
7 9am Sunday School Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Endowment Com. 2-4pm PLAN	8 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Mosaic	9 9amCCFoundations 1pm CC Essentials 4:30pm Arts for All	10 Ash Wednesday 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm AIAnon	11 6pm Fitness Club	12	13 8am Men's Breakfast At 11worth Café 10am Confirmation 2-4pm PLAN
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