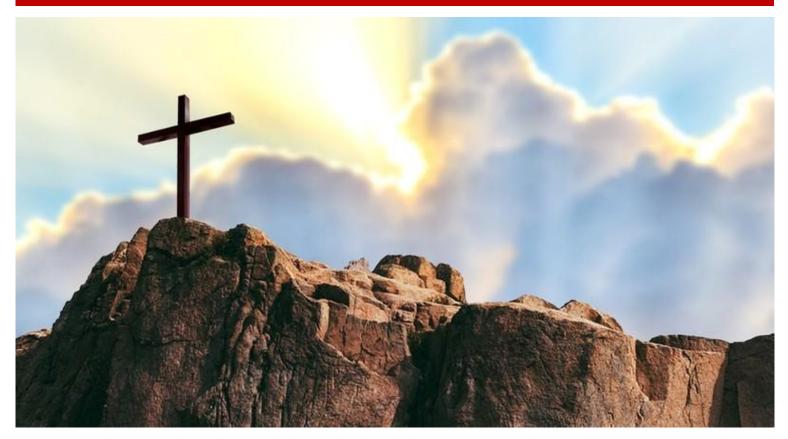


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## Grace and Peace A message from Pastor Bryan



Around Easter time every year, there seems to be something put out in our culture questioning both the death of Christ and his resurrection.

Did Jesus really die – or did he just appear to die? Did Jesus really come back to life – or did his disciples come and steal and hide the body?

Please don't let these flailing attempts to discount the work of Christ hold a place in your heart.

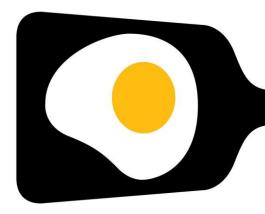
Did Jesus really die? The eyewitness testimony is clear. Those at the cross who weren't even Christ following acknowledged this. The Romans, who were excellent executioners, thrust a spear through Jesus' side and blood and water flowed out. This happened when they came to his body and realized he was already dead. Even the Pharisees who opposed Jesus didn't try to make the argument that he didn't "really" die. Instead, they paid off the Romans soldiers to say that the disciples came and stole the body. They knew Jesus had died and didn't even try to discount that.

Did Jesus really come back to life? Again, the eyewitness testimony is clear. It wasn't just the apostles who saw him, but Paul tells us that there were over 500 people who saw him after his resurrection. These were doubters at first. The gospel writers even said that some of the disciples had doubts about the risen Christ, wondering how something like that could have happened. It was extraordinary. Supernatural. But, it wasn't a mass hallucination, not for 500+ people. He was risen indeed and his disciples went to their death proclaiming the good news of a risen Savior.

Don't let flailing attempts discount the work of Jesus. We serve a Savior who suffered and died for you and was raised to life so that you too might live!

He is Risen!

### Congregational Life Events for the whole community



### **Mid-Month Breakfast**

Served 9am-10:30am

**April 13 & May 18** 

Start you weekend off with a nice breakfast and conversation with some friends at church. There is always hot coffee and good conversation.



# Celebration Sunday Lunch May 5 after Worship

May 5 our youth and children will be leading worship. Afterwards we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall. (Meatball Subs, chips, salads) You don't need to bring anything! But, if you'd like... maybe you have an amazing salad or dessert you'd like to contribute, talk to Judy Taylor.



#### May 12 is Mother's Day

Hold the chocolate and flowers.

Hold the brunch reservations.

What mom may really want for Mother's Day is for you to be in church with her.

### Youth and Family Events for specific age groups

If you have a young person in your life please encourage them to participate. We promise a welcoming space for all.

Firepit Fellows hip!

#### Family Campfire! April 26, 6pm

Celebrate the coming of warmer weather with your friends from church at the fire ring for s'mores, chili, hot dogs, and chips! We have a fun game to play too!





# Young Adults

Post-High School

#### May 10, 6pm

Let's gather at the fire pit and pray for the coming of finals week, celebrate the end of classes, or just the coming of warmer weather with your friends here at Christ the King. We're going to break out the fryers and do fries and wings! Bring your favorite sauce to share! We have a fun game to play too!

### News and Information from the Office

# Planting and Cleanup Day April 27, 10am - noon

Last month the scouts from Troop 474 joined us to clean up the pollinator areas and they will be back to do some planting. We had some people inside doing some tyding and decoratinag and we all finished with lunch. Join us to help get some annuals in the ground or spiffy up the inside. We'll finish with lunch.





#### Would you like to sign-up to mow?

If you'd like to take on the responsibility of mowing for a couple of weeks during the mowing season talk with Trent Daniels. More information on this coming soon!

# **April and May 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12noon Fitness Club 5:30pm T.O.P.S.	2 9am Quilting	3	4 12noon Fitness Club	5	6
9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:20am Christian Education	8 12noon Fitness Club 5:30pm T.O.P.S.	9	10	11 12noon Fitness Club	12	9am Mid-Month Breakfast
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