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Donut Fellowship

Sunday October 19 – Donuts and Cider with Pastor Omar!



Sola Scriptura

Why the Bible Matters

When Martin Luther and other reformers spoke of *sola scriptura*—“Scripture alone”—they weren’t saying the Bible is the only thing a Christian ever needs. They were saying it’s the highest and final authority for what we believe and teach. In the 1500s, church traditions and human opinions had begun to outweigh what God actually says in his Word.



Luther’s call back to *sola scriptura* reminded the Church that our faith must be rooted in the Bible, God’s unchanging revelation, not in rules, customs, or leaders who can err. This principle still guides us today. Scripture is where we meet Christ, hear the gospel, and learn how to live as his people. Everything else – traditions, practices, even our own feelings – must be measured against the clear teaching of God’s Word.

As Christians (especially as Lutherans) we’re blessed to have a guide that’s more than just a rule book. The Bible is both our moral compass and God’s great love story for us. It tells us the hard truth about sin and our need to repent, but it also gives us the wonderful news of forgiveness and salvation in Christ.

God’s Word doesn’t shift with the times. Governments change, culture changes, and even our ways of connecting with each other change. But God’s Word remains steady and sure. We never have to wonder if what’s right today will suddenly be wrong tomorrow. When everything else is in flux, Scripture gives us something firm to stand on.

This is exactly what the Reformation was about. In Martin Luther’s day, the Church was drifting away from Scripture. Selling indulgences – the idea that salvation could be purchased – was completely at odds with the Bible’s clear teaching that salvation is God’s free gift to us in Jesus. By studying Scripture, Luther rediscovered its authority and pointed people back to God’s Word as our only source for what we believe and teach.

We can see evidence of a Creator in the beauty of the world around us, but we can only truly know Christ and his will for us through Scripture. These aren’t just human words; they’re God’s own words – perfect, trustworthy, and without error. Without Scripture, our faith would rest only on our own opinions or feelings. And as the prophet Jeremiah warns, our hearts are not reliable guides. We need God’s unchanging truth.

That’s also what makes Christianity different from every other religion. We’re not saved by what we do for God; we’re saved by what God has done for us through Jesus. Romans 6:23 says it plainly: eternal life is a free gift, given through Christ’s sacrifice for our sins. We can’t earn it – but we can receive it. And when we do, we’re moved to share it and to live lives of gratitude and service. As Luther put it: “We do not become righteous by doing righteous deeds but, having been made righteous, we do righteous deeds.”

This Reformation season, let’s remember why Scripture matters so much. It’s not just a book; it’s God’s Word, our foundation and our hope. And as Peter urges, let’s be ready to gently and respectfully share that hope with others.

Worship

Pulpit Exchange! Sunday, October 19

On Sunday October 19, Pastor Omar from San Andreas will be leading worship at Christ the King! Pastor Bryan will be at San Andreas leading worship there. More details to follow. The worship times aren't the same so it might be possible to go to both if you are up for it.



Reformation Sunday **WEAR RED!** October 26



Was ist das?!?! Uhh... what?!?!
Why would I wear red?!?!

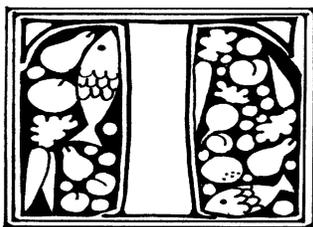
Many Lutheran churches have a tradition of wearing red on Reformation Sunday because red is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit and Luther believed the Reformation was born from the moving of the Holy Spirit. This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God even today.

November 2

Historically, the Church has confessed a belief in the "communion of the saints," which includes not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we experience the communion of saints, feasting with believers past, present and future. The author of Hebrews 12 reminds us that these saints, a "great cloud of witnesses," surrounds us and cheers us on. On All Saints Sunday, we publicly remember and honor those who have passed away and call the names of those lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us.



Worship continued



S E R V I C E

Thanks- giving

November 26, 7:00pm

*Thank the Lord
and sing his praise;
tell everyone what
he has done.*

Giving thanks is an inherent part of worship, and the Thanksgiving Eve worship service enables us to be especially deliberate and purposeful in expressing our thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has provided us with such abundance in our lives. This service will be a time of reflection, gratitude, and worship as we prepare our hearts for the Thanksgiving holiday. Whether you're attending with family, friends, or by yourself, all are welcome!

Congregational Life Events for the whole community

Mid-Month Breakfasts

Served 9am-10:30am

Not in October

November 8

SNIFF, SNIFF* Do you smell pumpkin spice?!?!?!

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

Congregational Appreciation and Gratitude Lunch

November 2
Following
Worship

Join us
after worship for a
congregational lunch
featuring roast beef,
au gratin potatoes,
and green beans.



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.



Young Adults *Post-High School*

Game night at the Rice's

October 26, 6pm

Join your Church friends at the Rice's where we can have a good time playing some JackBox and other games that will ensure hilarity! We'll have food too so you don't need to eat before you come.

Youth

Bowling – November 16, 12:00pm

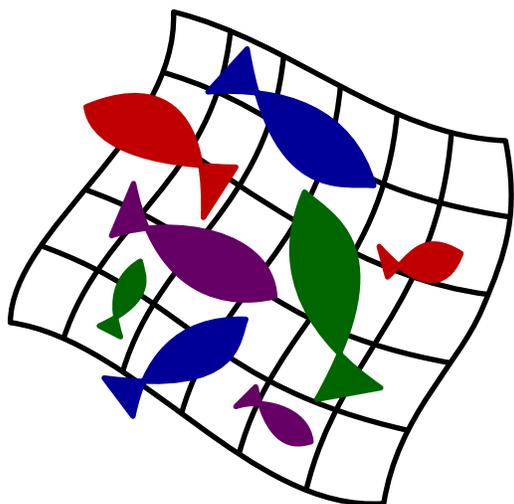
Join your friends at church after worship for lunch and bowling at "The Alley" in Bellevue! The young adult group hung out here in August and can confirm that it is great pizza. Adults are welcome to stick around as well. \$4 for shoes, \$5 per game, we'll cover the pizza and drinks.



Fall Family Campfire

November 7, 6pm-8pm

Come TOGETHER FOR JOY Friday, October 24 from 6pm-8pm at the fire ring for s'mores, chili, hot dogs, and chips!



Sunday School and Confirmation

Important dates this month!

October 19 KIDS SING IN WORSHIP!

REGULAR LESSON DATES

October 12 and 26

November 9 and November 23

Discussion and Watch Party

October 8, 15, 22, and 29

11:30am-2:00pm



The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you.

The Chosen takes the freedom to describe the background narrative of some individuals with creative vision and conversation as they first encounter Jesus. This is Biblical fiction, not merely acting out of scripture, though scripture forms the foundation of the narrative.

We have already watched all of Seasons 1, 2, 3, and 4 so now we're moving on to Season 5 (Which is Holy Week! The action is building!). If you missed earlier seasons, there is plenty of time to catch up as it is free to watch with an app for either google or iOs devices.

We will start with lunch and then watch 2 episodes each afternoon taking a break for discussion.

News and Information from the Office

Each year when the season of fall begins, I reflect on the previous year. I start to recall the many reasons I am thankful. I am thankful for time with my sister, my brother, and his family. Also, for time with my husband's family. My husband's grandmother passed away last July just shy of her 100th birthday. I am thankful for the many years I shared summers and holidays with her.



I continue to be thankful for our church home at Christ the King. I love sharing the ups and downs of life with our congregation. I am thankful for the traditions we share, and the activities that bring us together across generations. I find peace in the traditions and joy in the multigenerational activities. I think many of you do as well.

This is the time of year we think about our commitment to the church for the coming year. We think about volunteering time, activities, and financial giving. I am thankful for the commitment the congregation has made to consistent giving. Some give weekly, some monthly, some annually and some when they can. Offerings arrive through bill pay, PayPal, VANCO, checks or cash. If you are over 70 you can direct a portion of your mandatory distributions directly to the church as a charitable donation and you might lower your taxable income. Talk to your financial advisor. All the offerings add up to financial stability for the church.

If you have not made a financial pledge to the church in the past, consider making one this year. It does not need to be large, consider starting with \$10 a month. The \$120 total offering covers a month of trash removal or the plowing after a major snowstorm! The small contributions add up, every bit helps cover the cost of keeping our congregation and building in good standing.

Thank-you!
Laurel, Treasurer

Make a Contribution Make a Pledge

Counting

The Finance team is looking for people to help count the offering after church on Sundays. Counting takes only about 20 minutes right after service on Sunday. If you can read, know the denominations of United States Currency, and use a calculator we could really use your help! If you just completed Confirmation class and are looking for a way to be involved helping at church this is for you! Each week we need two people to separate, count and record the generous offering from the congregation. This usually takes 20 minutes or less working in a team of two. If you want to know more ask Laurel, Nick, Beth, Kathryn Heldt, Sheli Rice, Lauren McCarville or Elijah Christy. Look for a sign-up sheet in the entry way.

The Finance Team

Electronic Giving

Open your heart without opening your checkbook

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. You can choose to give weekly, bi-monthly, monthly or in any way the Lord leads you. Many of our members enjoy the convenience of making utility or other payments electronically; why not give to the Church electronically?

If you have a bill paying 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.

This will help us in our giving when we miss a Sunday and help us to prioritize the Church in our finances and be good stewards of what God has entrusted us. It will also help us in being consistent and obedient in keeping with our commitments that we have made to the Lord.

Three benefits to *Electronic Giving*:

- 1) You are taking a step of faith – When you sign up to give electronically, you are deciding in advance to faithfully give.
- 2) You will simplify your life – You won't have to remember whether you gave this month or need to send in an offering by mail when you are on a trip.
- 3) You will be helping the church – Every person who gives through electronic giving makes our record keeping much easier and saves us from paying check deposit fees and it evens out cash flow.

Some other ways to give...

Gifts of Stock

Stocks that have appreciated are subject to capital gains taxes. However, if you donate stock rather than selling it, capital gains taxes no longer apply. As a 501(c)(3) organization, Christ the King is able to accept your stock through our account set up specifically for this purpose. We did this at the request of a member who chose to give this way. This way of giving puts the full value of the stock toward the mission of the church. This way, neither you nor the congregation pays a capital gains tax, and you can still deduct as a charitable contribution the value of the stock at the time it was transferred.

IRA Distribution Option

Our needs at Christ the King are real, and there are many ways to help meet those needs. We are strengthening our community of faith for the people of today and tomorrow. One way some donors may consider fully fulfilling their pledge, while receiving a tax break, is by withdrawing funds from their IRA. Donors age 70½ and older may give up to \$100,000 directly to a nonprofit from an IRA without paying taxes on the distribution. This option was signed into law permanently in 2015. As we approach the end of the year, consider utilizing this payment option!

Consult with your financial professional before making a decision on either of these alternative ways to make a contribution.

For more information or to set up *Electronic Giving* contact
Laurel Wiegand at 402-547-7978

October and November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am San Andreas Pantry Set-up	2 12pm Fitness Club	3	4
5 9am Adult Study 10am Worship Pet Blessing 11:15am Fellowship	6 12pm Fitness Club 5:30pm T.O.P.S.	7 9am Quilting	8 9am San Andreas Pantry Set-up 12pm The Chosen Lunch, Watch and Discussion	9 12pm Fitness Club	10	11
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