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Message From Pastor Smith

MARCH 2018

Dearly beloved of Christ the King;

A tiger does what a tiger does. You can't take the tiger out of the tiger. Ask Siegfried and Roy.

You can't change a tiger's nature. He is a predator; lethal. You can sedate him. You can put a sequined collar around his neck. You can teach him to jump through a flaming hoop, but he remains a predator. His nature is lurking beneath the surface of the circus.

It is said that you can change a cucumber into a pickle but you can't change a pickle into a cucumber. Some roads are one-way streets. It was a one-way street out of Eden.

Those created in God's image had so soiled themselves, so pickled themselves in sin, that they were promptly pitched out lest they eat from the tree of life and live forever. From then on, a sinner does what a sinner does.

The old joke runs like this: a ravishing beauty was solicited by a fellow who offered her one million dollars for her favors. After some hesitation she agreed. The chap quickly reduced his offer to one hundred dollars and the woman just as quickly took offense asking curtly what sort of woman he took her to be. He replied, "lady, I know what you are. We're just haggling about the price."

What we are is plain, but we regularly deny it. A sinner needs to know what he is. No defense mechanisms, no escape hatches, and no room for hiding from reality; we are fallen. Every single one of us is corrupt. "There is no one righteous; no, not even one" (Romans 3:10).

One cannot run from his sinful nature. One cannot smear pancake make-up over the old Adam and attempt to saunter back into Eden. Even our good deeds are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). People sin; that is what sinners do. People lie; to themselves and others. People (you and me) gossip and call it sport. Lust is the back-alley trollop that is repeatedly welcomed into our hearts. Pride is the fragrance that bears your name which you spray on daily. People are hurt; good is left undone. A sinner does what a sinner does.

God knows what you are, and here is the wonder of it, He loves you. He truly and deeply loves you. Not an abstract love is God's love. He sends His Son. Love incarnate came to give Himself to sinners. "While we were yet still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). No pride, no deceit, no lust was in Him, just a radical fidelity to His Father. Christ came to save sinners, to stand in our stead as an innocent substitute, and pay the hefty price that God's law demands. By His love, by His death and resurrection, Christ effects a change in our nature. A stunning change, a wonderful change is effected – sinners are declared righteous; sinners are made holy. Christ's nature invades our own.

Martin Luther called this a "blessed exchange." St. Paul uses this imagery many times in his letters. "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The eternal Son of God took up our nature and was born of Virgin womb. He suffered on the holy cross all the punishment our sin has ever racked up. All of human iniquity is paid for – He bled the ground red with His divine blood and won for us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Now He leads us back to Eden, to the new and greater Eden.

To the thief who was dying with Him the Lord said: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). What believers are is plain; believers are forgiven, precious to God, and they have a new nature – they are holy. To God alone be the glory.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Smith

To God's Glory CTK's Church Remodel







Christ the King - Missions

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.

January 2018 Mission Support

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Tian Shan Mission Society	\$200.00
Youth Hope Foundation of Redlands	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Seminary Support - Justin Woodside	\$1,000.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$2,600.00



What is the Take Heart Scholarship?

The Take Heart Scholarship fund was developed for high school seniors and that will soon advance to your next level of higher education. During these times of excitement, anxiousness and uncertainty, "take heart!" As Christians, we cannot anticipate that life will be perfect or familiar, but when we feel that the world has become difficult, take comfort in knowing that our God has overcome it all!

As you begin your new journey, LCEF's Young Investors Club wants to assist your transition by offering financial support through the Take Heart Scholarship with up to three awards of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. This Year's Essay Question

C.S. Lewis wrote in Mere Christianity, "Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already." In 1,000 words or fewer, how does this quote apply to your life and experiences? As you move beyond high school, how will it change?

For more information go to:

https://lcef.org/take-heart-scholarship/

CTK TREASURER'S REPORT

CTK JANUARY 2018 Profit& Loss Previous Year Comparison	Jan 2018	Jan 2017	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	20,577.65	24,769.10	-4,191.45	-16.92%
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,982.00	2,120.00	-138.00	-6.51%
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	31.29	150.33	-119.04	-79.19%
Total Income	22,590.94	27,039.43	-4,448.49	-16.45%
Gross Profit	22,590.94	27,039.43	-4,448.49	-16.45%
Expense				
500.00 ACTIVITIES	1,954.38	42.00	1,912.38	4,553.29%
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	1,165.49	914.31	251.18	27.47%
525.00 BANK FEES	0.00	2.60	-2.60	-100.0%
530.00 MAINTENANCE	780.39	603.18	177.21	29.38%
540.00 MISSIONS	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.0%
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	15,060.03	11,594.62	3,465.41	29.89%
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	3,366.08	3,575.04	-208.96	-5.85%
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	929.25	258.92	670.33	258.9%
580.00 WORSHIP	381.88	416.49	-34.61	-8.31%
Total Expense	25,237.50	19,007.16	6,230.34	32.78%
Net Ordinary Income	-2,646.56	8,032.27	-10,678.83	-132.95%

2018 LENTEN THEME

JEREMIAH ~ THE WEEPING PROPHET Believers waken to repentance, faith, and new life through the living and active word of God

MARCH 7TH

Remember Me and Visit Me. I Am Called by Your Name, O Lord, God of Hosts Jeremiah 15:15-21

March 14[™] The Lord Tests the Heart Jeremiah 15:5-13

MARCH 21st God is the Potter, We are the Clay His Hand Works Virtue Jermiah 18:1-11

> WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS

Preceding the Lenten Vespers Services there will be a soup/salad dinner at 6:00PM. Please come and join us for food and fellowship Please sign-up in the church narthex to bring a soup, salad, bread, or dessert.



EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

Максн 29^{тн} ат 7:00рм

- ✤ Divine Service
- ✤ Order of Tenebrae
- ✤ Stripping of the Altar
- ✤ The New & Better Passover

<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> April 14th at 7:00pm

- ▲ Divine Service
- ✤ Divine service
 ✤ Stations of the Cross

EVENTS OF EASTER

HOLY SATURDAY April 15th at 7:00pm

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

- ★ The Service of Light
- The Service of Readings
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 Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16TH

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

- ✤ 6:30AM ~ Sunrise Service
- ✤ 7:30AM ~ Easter Breakfast
- ✤ 9:00am ~ Festival Service of the Resurrection of our Lord

SAVE THE DATE!



Teachings for Life <u>A Catechism Convocation for the People</u>

> The Third Article of The Apostles' Creed

Saturday April 14 2018

8:30am - 2:00pm (Lunch will be provided)

<u>Hosted by</u>



Immanuel Lutheran Church of Orange

802 E Chapman Ave. Orange, CA 92866

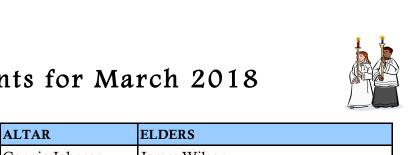
CTK March 2018 Events



CTK March 2018

Quedes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Eriday	Saturday
Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
9:00 AM Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class			6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Mid-Week Vespers 8:00 PM Choir Practice		7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study
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<u>9:00 AM</u> Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class	<u>9:00 PM</u> Lutheran Braille Workers <u>5:00 PM</u> Stewardship Meeting	7:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting	6:00 PM Soup Supper <u>7:00 PM</u> Mid-Week Vespers <u>8:00 PM</u> Choir Practice			8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 10:30 AM Elder Meeting
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<u>9:00 AM</u> Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class		7:00 PM School Board Meeting	6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Mid-Week Vespers 8:00 PM Choir Practice			8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study
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<u>9:00 AM</u> Divine Service <u>10:30 AM</u> Adult Bible Study & Sunday School <u>11:30 AM</u> Jr. Confirmation Class		9:00 AM Women's Coffee Fellowship	<u>6:00 PM</u> Soup Supper <u>7:00 PM</u> Mid-Week Vespers <u>8:00 PM</u> Choir Practice			8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study
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25 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM Jr. Confirmation Class	26	27 <u>7:00 PM</u> Church Council Meeting	28	29 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Divine Service	30 GOOD FRIDAY T:00 PM Divine Service	31 HOLY SATURDAY 7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter NO Morning Bible Study
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Check Out Our Website at www.ctkredands.org





Sunday Servants for March 2018







