



## FROM PASTOR'S DESK...

Congregational statistics! Sounds exciting, right? Not so much. Each year the Synod sends out a form for individual churches to record changes over the past year. They want to know about gains and losses in membership: Adult and teen confirmations, transfers in and out, baptisms and funerals. They also want to know about attendance in Sunday school and Bibles studies, confirmation classes and Vacation Bible School – by members and non-members. Add to that, they are interested in tracking total donations: How much was used in ministry within our walls? How much was sent out, used in ministry outside our walls? Numbers can reflect the health of an organization much like personal health numbers can reflect our wellness. How does your weight, cholesterol (good and bad), blood pressure, hours of sleep, etc. this year, compare to last year? Compare to the last five years? Numbers however, don't tell the whole story. Imagine a church whose budget is tight or even behind. All frowns right? What if on further investigation, the percentage of income given by the majority of members had gone up over the years? It would show that even though the church is not meeting budget, individuals are practicing sacrificial giving – a good thing! What can God do with numbers that are “down”? Much! The judge Gideon started out with over 30,000 men, not enough as he probably would like to handle the opposing armies, but still a formidable group. God however, whittled that number down to 300. What could 300 do against so many? On their own, not much! But with God, all things are possible. God and a small amount can accomplish mighty things. Gideon and his diminished army were victorious because God gave them the victory. What are our numbers this past year at Christ the King? Average attendance was up. Confirmation membership was up. Giving was up. Numbers aren't always up. Sometimes they go down. However, no matter if our numbers are up or down, may we know that God loves us dearly and it is he who is key and accomplishing good within and among us – no matter what our numbers are. So with little or much, may God continue to work within and through us here at Christ the King Lutheran Church – to his glory! Amen.

EASTER IS APRIL 1,  
SO BRING YOUR  
FOOLS TO CHURCH  
WITH YOU! ☺

SUNRISE SERVICE: 7  
AM

BREAKFAST: 8 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT:  
9 AM

EASTER SERVICE:  
10:30 AM



*If you're on Facebook, check out our Christ the King Lutheran Church page. If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, simply like the Christ the King Prayer Chain page.*

## CAMP DIXIE

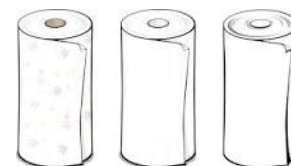
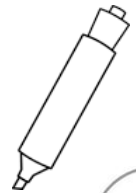
Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry is a waterfront summer camp and retreat in Perdido Bay — a place where campers, counselors, and staff members are able to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually, in a positive way by experiencing, reflecting and evaluating in an outdoor-based Christ centered program.

Camp Dixie is more than just a summer camp for kids. The facilities can be rented by individuals, organizations, families, or clubs that are looking for that quiet "get-away" for fun and fellowship or are just looking to get closer to the Lord. Camp Dixie also has a fully furnished house on the property that is available for a weekly rental.

## CAMP DIXIE DONATIONS

This year during Lent we will once again be rounding up donations for Camp Dixie. Each week we will have a different theme, but all of these things are needed:

- Crayola/Permanent markers
- Craft paint brushes and acrylic paint
- Blank CDs or CD cases
- AA, C, D, or 9-volt batteries
- Sandwich bags or gallon bags (with closed tops)
- Scotch tape or packing tape
- 20 x 20 or 16 x 25 x 1 furnace filters
- Paper towels
- Divided Plates
- 12 oz plastic cups
- Styrofoam bowls
- Disinfectant spray



The donations will be delivered after Easter. Thank you in advance!



## PRAYER CHAIN

### **Those who mourn:**

Sidanycz, Kozik, Risher/Ramsey, and Caldwell families

**Military:** For all service people stationed overseas and those at home

**Those at care facilities or at home**

**Illness/Recovery:** Caleb Cunningham, Cecil Eldridge, Shirley Eldridge, Ed Estes, Richard Fine, Anna Handgen's mother and sister, Susan High, Frank Judy, Traci Keeton, Gina Klang, Helga Klang, Maria Kubiak, Rex Mayhair, June Mize, Matt Morehead, Johnathan McNeil, Wendy Patton, Lindsey Phillips, Cecile Pye, Ralph and Jackie Reed, Georgia Rodney, Lotus Schiller, Grace Marie Strasbourg, Houston Tucker, and Ron Williams

**General:** Margo Coffman, Jessika Cunningham, Barbara Dicus, Phyllis Endrihs, Helen King and family/friends, Alice Messerly, Rafael Piñeiro, Catherine Rickmers, Jimmy Storm, Laura Weiler, and John Weisbecker

**The Persecuted Church and Those Affected by Disaster**

## JOURNEY TO THE CROSS MARCH 17, 10-11:30

**What is Journey to the Cross?** It's a multi-sensory way to experience the road to Calvary and the path to the empty tomb and to deepen your appreciation for the Passion of Christ. You will touch, taste, smell, see, hear, and experience Bible events in real and memorable ways. You will meet your tour guide and a small group of travelers at the customs station, get your passport, have your photo taken, and check in. You will go with your guide to Holy Land stations to meet people portraying Bible characters who describe Passion events. You will wave palm branches, taste Passover foods, sing songs, and more. You will also collect passport stickers, creating a souvenir book that recalls Holy Week and this experience.

**Why should you Journey to the Cross?** Well, which is easier—describing the taste of your favorite food or letting someone have a bite? Your friend has a fuller experience eating it than if

you merely described it. In the same way, Journey to the Cross enhances understanding of the Passion story. Details of Bible events come alive as connections are made through touch, taste, and action. Journey to the Cross moves learning to a new level by actively involving participants in the Passion story. By hearing the Passion story in a different way, by experiencing Jesus' journey to the cross, you and your family will gain a new and deeper appreciation of Christ's death and resurrection.



THE NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE IS THE  
25<sup>TH</sup> OF THE  
PREVIOUS MONTH.

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Rodeo Restaurant is starting a program for local churches. Go in, tell your server you attend Christ the King, and they will donate 10% of their profits from your check to our church!

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Our food pantry is a bit bare again. We need soups, canned meats, canned pasta, ready to eat dinners, cereal, boxed or canned milk, peanut butter, jelly, and crackers. Can openers are always welcome, too.

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We are getting our 2018 directory together. If your information has changed please fill out the form on the podium (with the Sunday bulletins) and put it in the black basket by the bulletin board. We would like to include photographs, so please email your favorite to pvanhoveln@gmail.com or put one (labeled) in the black basket. Thank you for your help!

## OUR FAMILY COOKBOOK: CHERIE'S BEEF, BARLEY, AND ONION CROCKPOT SOUP

2-3 pounds of beef stew meat  
(1/2 in cubes)

3 large carrots, cut into 1/2  
inch thick slices (I use pre cut  
carrots and maybe cut a few)

3/4 tsp Beaumonde seasoning  
(or 2 large ribs of celery/cut,  
1/2 tsp dried oregano leaves &  
1/2 tsp salt)

4 cans (14 1/2 oz each) beef  
broth

1/4 tsp pepper

1/2 cup barley (not quick)

2 cups French's fried onions

Combine beef, carrots,  
Beaumonde, and broth in  
crockpot. Cover and cook on  
low for 7 hours (or high for 3  
1/2 hours) until meat and veg-  
gies are tender.

Stir in barley. Cover and cook  
on low for 1 hour ( or high for  
1/2 hour) until barley is ten-  
der.

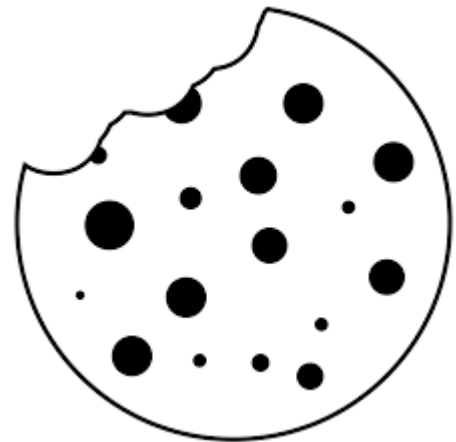
Stir in 1 cup of FFO. Then  
serve up and enjoy with fresh  
FFOs on top!

Prep time: 20 min / Cook  
time: 8 hours / makes 8 serv-  
ings

## SPRING COOKIE SALE — SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 21

Christ the King will be hosting a second cookie sale this year! This spring cookie sale will benefit Jeremy Caldwell's fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish foundation. The average cost of a wish is \$7000 and Jeremy wants to help make another child's dream come true...and we want to do our part. If you want to help, please let Cherie know if you can bake or help sell cookies. The sale will be Saturday, April 21 from 8 am to 1 pm. Please let your friends, family, and neighbors know so we

can make this as big of a success as our Christmas cookie fundraiser!



Altar Guild: Cindy Kelly and Pearl Parrish

March 4: Ethel Piniero, counter  
Robin & Rylea Hodgson, nursery  
Dan and Daniel Dicus, sound  
Kimberly Ramsey, Nursery-3 yo Sunday School  
Megan Diel, Pre-K-K Sunday School  
Yvonne Swindergal, 1-3 grade Sunday School  
Susan Anderson, 4-7 grade Sunday School  
Cherie Endrihs, 8-12 grade Sunday School

March 11: Susan Anderson, counter  
Jeanie Kisner, nursery  
Matthew and Cherie Endrihs, sound  
Kimberly Ramsey, Nursery-3 yo Sunday School  
Megan Diel, Pre-K-K Sunday School  
Yvonne Swindergal, 1-3 grade Sunday School  
Susan Anderson, 4-7 grade Sunday School  
Cherie Endrihs, 8-12 grade Sunday School

March 18: Ethel Piniero, counter  
Yvonne Swindergal, nursery  
Randy Welch, sound

March 25: Susan Anderson, counter  
Peggy VanHoveln, nursery  
Dan and Daniel Dicus, sound

# **Those Who Serve in March**



**We need  
greeters and  
readers for  
the month of  
March! The  
sign up  
sheet is on  
the bulletin  
board next  
to the office.**