

July 2018

Practicing hate brings more hate. More anger leads to more anger. Fear breeds more fear. It is the emotional additive equation. More negative emotion brings more negative emotion.

It is not a one to one ratio. It is multiplicative. It is exponential. The world tells us to return violence for violence, to rail against those who persecute or defame us, to hate those who hate us back.

After all, if we have been insulted or we feel attacked we *obviously* need to defend ourselves. Insults, tweets, retweets, clapbacks, outrage, name calling, and screaming at each other are our chosen tools of hateful discourse. We practice the leaden rule: Do unto others before they do unto you.

Hate is multiplied. Anger abounds and overflows in our social media websites and on the 24 hour news commentary which floods our airwaves and fills our consciousness. Anger is multiplied. Politicians stoke our fears. Fear the other! Fear change! Fear the different! Fear terrorism! Every day a new and fearsome thing exists. Film at eleven! Fear is multiplied.

As people whose hearts and lives have been transformed by the resurrected Christ, we are called to higher things. Being a believer in Christ means that we will suffer indignity and endure insult. It comes with the job. We do not combat hate and anger and fear by returning the same thing with more vigor and energy than those who are attacking us.

The opposite of hate is not love. It is indifference. The opposite of hate is compassion. Having compassion helps us to understand those who are different that we are. It helps us to put ourselves in their place and to see where they are coming from. Compassion helps us to know how others may be feeling. God (who was so very different than we are) had compassion and put on our frail flesh so that we might get to know our loving and grace filled God better. How much more can we better understand those with whom we are fundamentally different or with whom we disagree socially, politically, and practically?

Compassion comes from a place of respect and honor for creation. When we empathize with our neighbor, we can better see them as fellow human beings.

Purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and trust in the power of God, the Apostle Paul tells us, are the ways in which we can stay true to our identity as Christians.

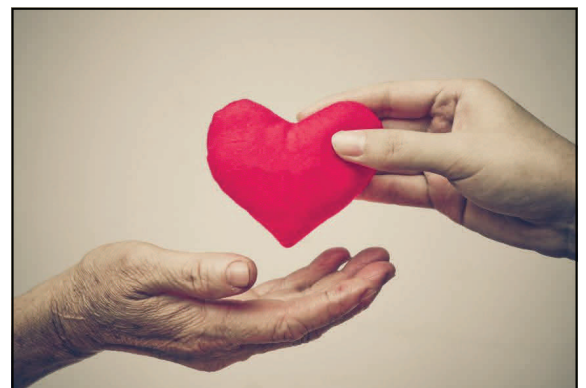
This is what lives transformed by the gospel look like.

Compassion is how we fight against hate and anger.

Compassion helps us to love and demonstrates our faith in a compassionate God.

Faith and love drive out all fear.

- Pastor Matt



WORSHIP



Worship Schedule

Saturday @ 5 pm

Sunday @ 11 am

Food For The Poor

June 30 & July 1, both services

Please join CtK in welcoming The Rev. William R. Beers, Ph.D. as he speaks at both worship services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Everyone is encouraged to stay after worship for lunch and to hear Father Beers share his personal witness about the Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Thank you to the Book Club for providing lunch. Please sign-up on the Gathering Area kiosk to indicate if you will be attending.

CtK Council Installation

July 7 & 8, both services

Newly elected and returning Council members will be installed, and the assembly will be invited to pray for them in their work in furthering CtK's ministries.

Summer Youth Worship Ensemble

**Wed, July 11 & Sun, July 15
Rehearse on Wednesday and
be in worship the following
weekend.**

All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited! Come to one, come to all – whatever you can squeeze into your busy summer schedule. The ensemble will be doing some contemporary music and finding other creative ways to be in worship. Bring your talent (instruments, voices, percussion), or we'll help you find it!

Contact [Denise](#)



Summer Saturdays Pick-Up Choir

Saturdays July 21, August 11

Rehearse @ 3:45-4:45pm

Sing in worship @ 5:00pm

All youth and adult voices and abilities welcome. Come as you are; come as you are able.

Contact [Denise](#)

Ctk Choir Starts in August

The CtK Choir will start early this year to help celebrate our 50th anniversary!! ALL are welcome to join us for this **Special Anniversary Edition Choir**.

Rehearsing:

August 7, 16, 23 @ 7:00-8:30 pm

Singing in the Celebration worship service:

Sunday, August 26 @ 10:00 am

Regular CtK Choir rehearsals will begin August 30 and continue every following Thursday at 7-8:30pm.

Contact [Denise](#)

Readings for July

<u>June 30 & July 1</u> Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	<u>July 21 & 22</u> Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:1-11 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
<u>July 7 & 8</u> Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	<u>July 28 & 29</u> 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
<u>July 14 & 15</u> Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	

DRAMA CAMP

July 22-29

* plus Stagecraft Mini Camp, July 19-21

Ages 5+ welcome - kids, youth, and adults

Drama Camp is a fun and exciting intergenerational program that includes a place for everyone. A musical script based on biblical story is brought to full production in only one week. This year we'll be performing:

Oh Jonah! By Allen Pote & Carole McCann

Director: Jim

Assistant Director: Deondra

2018 Drama Camp Schedule

- Script Read-Through: Sun, July 22 @ 12:15-1:15 pm
- Rehearsals: Mon, July 23 - Thurs, July 26 @ 6-9 pm
- Dress Rehearsal: Sat, July 28 @ 9 am-noon
- Final Performance: Sun, July 29 @ 4 pm

All rehearsals and final performance will be at Christ the King. A light snack will be served at all rehearsals.

* Stage Craft Mini Camp—New this Year!

Thursday, July 19 - Saturday, July 21

Work on set, props, and costumes to be used in Drama Camp.

CD recordings and scripts may be picked up by registered participants in the Gathering Area.

Help needed:

- Snack donations
- Nautical props: life jackets, life preservers, sailor hats, oars

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!
Brochures are available in the Gathering Area.
Share the Facebook post.

Registration is live online NOW!

Go to www.ctlkuth.org



EDUCATION

Creative Connections

Sundays @ 9:30-10:30 am

Through August 12

Come be part of the crew, behind and in front of the camera, as the group creates a short film which will highlight events from CtK's past 50 years.

**** Creative Connections will NOT meet on July 1.**

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)

Mid-week Bible Study - Revelation

Tuesdays, July 3, 10 @ 10:00 - 11:30 am

Thursdays, July 5, 12 @ 6:30 - 8:00 pm

This summer's mid-week study on the book of Revelation continues through the second week in July. Pastor Matt is leading the study.

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY

First Friday Prayer Vigil

Friday, July 6 @ 11:00 am-3:00 pm

The sanctuary will be open for anyone to come for quiet prayer and meditation. Names of those on our prayer lists will made available, so that you can lift up their names. Please sign up for a time-slot on the Gathering Area kiosk.



OUTREACH

Reach Out Lakota's Back to School Program

It's back-to-school shopping time again. Ctk is partnering with Reach Out Lakota and other congregations in the Faith Alliance to provide supplies to local students in need. You can sponsor a student by taking a card found in the Gathering Area. (Sponsor cards will be available after July 8.) These cards have a list of items which represent the supplies requested by the schools. Providing these items ensures that students have what they need to succeed. **The last day to turn in donations is Sunday, July 29.**

Contact [Laura](#)

Graceworks Lutheran Services Golf Outing

Friday, July 13

10000 Yankee St., Centerville 45458

The Graceworks Lutheran Services Golf Outing supports all of their services, which include serving people of all faiths through human service programs; consumer credit counseling; healthcare and residential care for persons who are elderly or have disabilities, and persons with developmental disabilities.

Registration is \$ 135 individual and \$540 foursome.

Event Details:

11:30 am-12:45 pm Registration, lunch,
driving range open

1:00 pm Shotgun start

6:00 pm Dinner, awards and door prizes,
short program

7:30 pm Event ends

Fee includes lunch, golf, driving range, two door prize tickets, two drink tickets, golf cart, buffet dinner, Ritter's Ice Cream sundae bar, and awards banquet. Mulligans and additional raffle tickets are available for purchase.

Register online at <https://graceworks.org/2018-golf-outing-registration/> .

Contact Traci Douglas, tdouglas@graceworks.org

A Day of H.O.P.E. Outreach

Saturday, September 15 @ 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Symmes Park, Hamilton

Missions In Motion International Ministries cordially invites you to help with their 5th annual homeless outreach called "A Day of H.O.P.E. Outreach" to benefit the homeless and low income community in Hamilton, Ohio. Last year's outreach was so successful; 100+ volunteers from various organizations served approximately 550 meals and provided the following free services: haircuts, health screenings, hot cooked meal and a meal to take home, hygiene care kits, clothes, backpacks, blankets and linens, bouncy houses, snow cones, cotton candy, children's area, referral agencies, music, special dance lessons, prayer, lots of love and encouragement!

A Day of H.O.P.E. will empower, encourage, and impact the homeless and low income community in a

positive way, by helping to restore and build their dignity. This outreach will benefit children, their families, and individuals who are facing or experiencing homelessness.

You are invited to attend the next planning meeting which will be held

Saturday, July 14 @ 6:00 pm

4832 Business Center Way, Cincinnati 45246

Contact Cathy Shupe,
cathy.shupe@missions-in-motion.org



FELLOWSHIP

Lunch with Pastor Matt

Thursday, July 5 @ 11:30 am

The Wooden Barrel (9303 Cincinnati Columbus Rd)

Grab something to eat and join Pastor Matt for lunch.

Grapevine

Friday, July 20 @ 6:00 pm

Everyone aged 50+ is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish to share for dinner. The hosts, Carolynne and Gary, are in charge of providing drinks and dessert. Come enjoy board and card games or dominoes as you chat and mingle with friends.

Contact [Jeanine](#)

Summer Brunch

Sunday, July 22 @ 9:30-10:30 am

WELCA is hosting brunch before service on July 22. No need to bring anything, just come and enjoy!

WELCA (WOMEN OF THE ELCA)

Mary Martha Circle

Mary Martha Circle is taking a break for the summer months. Meetings will resume in September. Join them on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month for service and fellowship as they work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Contact [Ruby](#)

Rachel Circle - Movie & Dinner Night

Tuesday, July 24 (Note change of date)

Matt the Miller's Tavern (9558 Civic Centre Blvd.)

Rachel Circle is going to see the movie *Mama Mia! Here We Go Again!* and then going to dinner at Matt the Miller's Tavern. Please watch the weekly Parish Notes and check your e-mails for times. All women are invited! Hostesses will be Jeanine and Joan.

Contact [Judy or Jeanine](#)



YOUTH

Youth Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston is finally here! The group is traveling to Houston on Wednesday, June 27 and returning to Cincinnati on Monday, July 2. Follow their activities by going to the CtK Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristTheKingLutheranWC>.

They will be posting throughout their time in Houston.

Youth Gathering Shareholders Lunch

Sunday, July 15 @ 12:15 pm

Join the youth who traveled to the Youth Gathering for lunch and hear about their adventures in Houston. This is a special THANK YOU to the congregation for all their support.



VEIL (VIDA ETERNA IGLESIA LUTERANA)

VEIL is ...

Vida Eterna Iglesia Luterana
(Eternal Life Lutheran Church),
a local and Synodical ELCA
Latino Ministry.



Worship Services

Sundays @ 4:00 pm

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (6329 Tylersville Rd.)

Please join VEIL for bilingual service of the Word and Sacrament. In April, VEIL was visited by Bishop Allende of the NE OH Synod. He said one of the reasons for VEIL's success is the positive interaction of Anglo churches with VEIL families. Be part of that success and come join VEIL in worship!

MYLE & ELCA Youth Gathering

On June 24 - July 1, six VEIL youth (including CtK's Kylie) will head to Houston for the MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event) program, followed by the ELCA Youth Gathering. MYLE empowers young people of color and those whose primary language is other than English to claim their story as a part of God's story.

Specific stories and photos will be shared in the next newsletter. Heartfelt thanks are extended to Susan and the E family for their generous support. Thanks to Susan's friend, Rita, who lives in Houston, along with other members of her church (Unitarian Universalist), for providing transportation to and from the airport, as well as snacks and meals, thus saving the youth at least \$800!



Summer Reading Program

June 6 - August 1

Wednesdays @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sundays @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (6329 Tylersville Rd.)

VEIL has been blessed with both an elementary and kindergarten teacher this summer. This was made possible through the generous gifts of several churches and individuals. Help is still needed to :

- Assist with the activities (crafts/games/reading) and to share God's love for ALL people.
- Make/provide a lunch and dessert on Wednesday's program for about 20 children and tutors.

This is a great opportunity to meet some great and very willing children. No Spanish is required. Come as you are able.

Contact [Susan](#)

Congratulations

Valeria graduated from Lakota West High School and will be attending Miami University this coming fall.

Alexa was confirmed on June 9th, 2018.

Thank You!

Many thanks to the CtK members who donated snacks for the Summer Reading, English, and Citizenship Programs, as well as donating diapers and feminine hygiene products for Women's Ministry! These contributions make the lives of many VEIL families less anxious. ¡Gracias!

Donations to Support Mothers' Ministry & Reading Program

The follow items are needed: 100% Juice boxes/ pouches, feminine pads (thin overnight and thin regular), plastic tampons, and wipes. Please place your items in the VEIL Basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congregational History Timeline— 1971-1997 Part Two

That long awaited day, December 19, 1982, was the first service held in our “own” building on Dimmick Road, after 14 years of temporary rented district school spaces. Although very basic, we had a permanent facility for worship, classes, meetings, and multiple uses.

As a young congregation, many new programs were added, such as: the Kingsfolk musical group, Dixieland liturgy, Men’s Breakfast, Dinners for Eight, Grapevine, SNAC, Logos, Eagle Scout projects, youth activities, Mom’s Day Out, Women’s Circles, and Bible studies. CtK partnered with Reach Out Lakota to provide food and school supplies, provided volunteers and funding for the West Chester/Mason Habitat for Humanity, and shared space with Mercy Professional Services, a Christian counseling agency.

Christ the King had a personal relationship with Dr. James Moore, Professor of Music, renown composer, and recording artist. He composed the hymn “Welcome In” especially for our congregation.

The educational and administration wing was dedicated on June 5 & 6, 1993. The renovation also included a redesigned sanctuary, sacristy, kitchen, cry room, and gathering area. Many volunteered in setting up the new facility.

On December 7, 1997, CtK celebrated Pastor Ron Redder’s blessed 26 year of ministry at CtK. The Reverend Erwin Streng became the interim pastor during the call process for a new pastor.

Discover the timeline blocks in the Gathering Area and watch the developing slide show on the Gathering Area monitor.



50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday

Sunday, August 26

**Ronald Reagan Lodge
@ Voice of America Park
(7850 VOA Park Dr.)**

You are invited to help Christ the King celebrate 50 years of ministry! Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt will be our guest preacher for worship which begins at 10:00 am.

A catered lunch (\$12/person) and special program will follow.

In order to plan for the worship space and the catering, please go the following link and RSVP by July 29 to let us know if you will be attending worship and/or lunch:
www.ctkluth.org/celebration-sunday.html.

All details about Celebration Sunday can be found on the above link. Pick up an invitation on the usher stand for yourself and pass on to any former members who might want to join us. They are VERY WELCOME!

PROPERTY

Thank You

Thanks to Natorp's for donating vegetable plants for CtK's community garden. It is their policy to provide plants for community gardens. This year, the gardens has a wide variety of tomatoes (including heirloom), peppers, squash, and melons.

Help is needed to maintain the garden and/or harvest produce.

Contact [Susan](#)



CHURCH COUNCIL

A Note from the Council President

June council meeting was packed with exciting plans, news, and more appreciation of the hard work of our property elder and property prioritization team. Christ the King is in an exciting time where we are celebrating a special milestone of 50 years, appreciating our past, and beginning the vision for our future. Knowing the age of our house of worship and our grounds, we feel it is important to step back and check in with the families of CtK. We look forward to organizing several small town hall meetings to facilitate deeper discussions of vision and stewardship.

Hopefully, by now many of you have seen our new logo. With some back and forth work with a graphic designer and with much prayerful thought, we now have a logo that is reflective of our current mission and who we are as a congregational family. A logo will not define us, we are who we are in God's eyes. As we go forward, creating a vision and our place in the faith lives of our community, our logo will blossom into our brand. A brand is an opportunity for others to identify and associate with us. Nevertheless, to borrow a phrase, "they will know we are Christians by our love". If we do it right, they will remember who we are by our brand.

I will close with the latest and good news from our property elder. The floor in the sanctuary is not cracked as badly as suspected. The drainage system repair is underway. We will wait for changes or settlement of the floor and then prepare for next steps.

Peace,
Sheila



CALENDAR

Sun 1

11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Lunch & Food for the Poor Talk

Mon 2

3:00 pm Music Lessons

Tues 3

10:00 am Bible Study

Wed 4— Office Closed

Thurs 5

11:30 am Lunch with Pastor @ The Wooden Barrel
6:30 pm Bible Study

Fri 6

11:00 am Prayer Vigil
11:00 am Summer Lunch @ Gettysburg

Sat 7

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
5:00 pm Worship

Sun 8

9:30 am Creative Connections
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Cottingham Worship

Mon 9

3:00 pm Music Lessons
7:00 pm Faith Alliance Liaison Meeting

Tues 10

10:00 am Bible Study
4:30 pm Stepping Forward Dinner

Wed 11

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Thurs 12

6:30 pm Bible Study

Fri 13

11:00 am Summer Lunch @ Gettysburg

Sat 14

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
9:00 am Council Meeting
5:00 pm Worship

Sun 15

9:30 am Creative Connections
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Youth Shareholder Lunch

Mon 16

3:00 pm Music Lessons

Wed 18

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Thurs 19

6:00 pm Stage Craft Mini Camp

Fri 20

11:00 am Summer Lunch @ Gettysburg
6:00 pm Stage Craft Mini Camp
6:00 pm Grapevine

Sat 21

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
9:00 am Stage Craft Mini Camp
3:45 pm Summer Pick-up Choir
5:00 pm Worship

Sun 22

9:30 am WELCA Brunch
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Drama Camp

Mon 23

3:00 pm Music Lessons
6:00 pm Drama Camp

Tues 24

6:00 pm Drama Camp
TBD Rachel Circle Movie & Dinner Night

Wed 25

10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Drama Camp

Thurs 26

6:00 pm Drama Camp

Fri 27

11:00 am Summer Lunch @ Gettysburg

Sat 28

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln
9:00 am Drama Camp Dress Rehearsal
5:00 pm Worship

Sun 29

9:30 am Creative Connections
11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm Drama Camp Performance

Mon 30

3:00 pm Music Lessons

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