



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH *THE KING'S HERALD* APRIL 2026



Holy Week

In Lent, we talked about the many ways we “Pass on” our faith through our ministries and how each is another way of worshipping God. Holy Week is a unique time to talk about all that gets passed on. It is rife with emotion and meaning and mystery, as well as God’s love and intention. We enter into Holy Week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love and knowing Christ’s resurrection begins a new covenant for humanity.

Our Holy Week worship services include:

Palm / Passion Sunday – March 29th, 9:15am

Palm blessing & procession that transitions into reading the passion story according to Matthew. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for the kids after worship.

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd, 7pm

Worship with handwashing and blessing followed by Holy Communion, with some of our youth celebrating their first communion.

Good Friday – April 3rd, 7pm

Worship with a litany of extinguishing candles and reflection on the meaning of Jesus’ death.

Easter Sunday – April 5th, 9:15am

Worship with celebration, special music, and Holy Communion as we join together in proclaiming, “Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!!”

Reminder: The church office is closed on Easter Monday, April 6th.

Holy Humor Sunday – April 12th

We will once again enjoy the “Easter laugh” and the joke God played on the devil (by raising Jesus from the dead) on the Sunday following Easter. We may even have some extra special fun. Come and join the hilarity.

LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH



Lutheran Lunch Bunch Hits the Salsa Trail!
We're heading south of the border (well... food-wise anyway!) on Thursday, April 23 at 11:30 a.m. Join us at La Hacienda De Los Barrios, 18747 Redland Rd, San Antonio, TX 78259. Come for the fellowship, stay for the chips and salsa, and don't worry—there will be no pop quiz on Lutheran theology. Just good food and good company. RSVP to Susan Abbey so we know how many tables (and tortillas) to save!

FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP ON THE FOURTH

Feast and Fellowship will be held on Sunday, April 26th after worship. All are welcome to stay for good food and fellowship. For more information, or if you would like to help with food, set up, serving or clean-up, see Susan Abbey.

RACAP NEWS

Below is the RACAP February 2026 information showing the number of various individuals helped in February:

RACAP assistance for February: 57 clients, 127 people, 48 pantry visits, 105 people fed, 22 rent pledges, 21 utility pledges, 25 new clients, and 32 REPEAT clients. In addition, \$10,335.00 in groceries given out, \$3,651.02 paid towards utility bills, and \$2,149.02 towards rental assistance.



Below is a special Thank You Letter from a RACAP client sharing how the pantry helped them:

“To all of you at RACAP,

I just wanted to personally thank you for going beyond what you do. What you've done to help me is beyond words, as God himself knows. There are no words on earth that could ever express my gratitude. I thank God for what you do for people...On that note, THANK YOU AGAIN!

Peace, love and God Bless to you all! “

Current Needs at RACAP: Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Tomato Products, Dry Pasta, Jelly, Meat Helpers, Shampoo



THE COUNCIL IS IN

Susan Abbey, Council Vice President

During the past year, the council theme has been **Engagement**. As I stood before you a few Sundays ago, I realized that the ministry of Fellowship is all about engagement. **Fellowship is where faith grows better together!**

Church is more than a place we go—it's a family we belong to. Fellowship is the heartbeat of that family life, where relationships are built, faith is strengthened, and Christ's love becomes visible in everyday ways.

At its core, Fellowship is about **meaningful connections**. When believers walk side by side—sharing stories, prayers, and laughter—we grow deeper in our faith together. These relationships remind us that we're never alone on our spiritual journey. Whether through small groups, shared meals, or simple conversations, Fellowship creates space for encouragement, accountability, and growth.

Fellowship also reflects a **welcoming community** where everyone is valued and supported. No matter where you are in life or in your faith, there's a place for you here. It's a community that opens its arms wide, celebrates each person's gifts, and offers grace in abundance. In Fellowship, strangers become friends—and friends become family.

Through **shared worship, prayer, and study**, Fellowship strengthens our spiritual unity. Gathering together to worship God, lift one another up in prayer, and explore Scripture deepens our connection not only to Christ, but to each other. These shared moments anchor us in truth and help us grow stronger as one body in faith.

Fellowship shines especially bright in seasons of both joy and challenge. It offers **encouragement and care** when life is full of celebration—and when it feels heavy. Rejoicing together during milestones and standing together during difficult times reflects the compassion and presence of Christ in tangible ways.

Finally, Fellowship comes alive when we **serve together**. By joining hands to meet needs, support ministries, and care for our community, we reflect Christ's love in practical, meaningful action. Serving side by side strengthens our bonds and turns faith into lived-out love.

Fellowship isn't just something we attend, it's something we live. When we connect, worship, care, and serve together, we become a powerful expression of God's love at work in the world. And there's always room for one more.

FAITH FORMATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH PASTOR MIKE and JOANNE - 10:00AM

The Wednesday morning Bible study class continues watching Season 3 of “The Chosen” TV series. The group meets at 10:00 am to watch the episode and begins discussion afterward (approx. 10:45 am). You can join the group each Wednesday in person in the Disciples Room or via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Pastor Mike or Joanne Benson. Bring your Bible and join the discussion. **Everyone is welcome** to join.

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CHOSEN



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for all ages will be held on Sunday, April 12th and Sunday, April 19th. Pre-School ages meet in the Joy Room, Elementary ages meet in the Faith/Hope Rooms, and the Jr. High/High School ages meet in Building 3. The school year is winding down and the final class with the year-end celebration will be held on Sunday May 3rd.

CTK BOOK CLUB

Patsy Meyers

CTK Book Club meets Monday, April 6th at 6:00 pm at the American Legion, Post 667 in Universal City. The goal is to read a book by a Native author, so please bring your selection and your willingness to share why this book spoke to you. If you don't get around to the assignment, come anyway as we always have great discussions. Next month, we will be reading *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan.





KINDNESS CUPBOARD

The Rev. John Eggen, ELCA World Hunger, sent a message asking for donations to support feeding the hungry. The message began:

“Right now, you have a neighbor who doesn’t know where their next meal will come from.

You might not know them — perhaps they live next door or a few roads over. This is the situation for at least **1 in 7 of our neighbors** here in the United States. And now food insecurity is rising because of inflation, job loss and reduced government benefits.”

And it will continue to rise. The quote validates that our food offerings do make a difference. Thank you for your continued support!

LOVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

FRIENDLY VISTORS/CARE MINISTRY ACTIVITY

Joyce Lucas

Friendly Visitors stay busy keeping in contact with our members who are sick, homebound, or unable to attend church regularly.

In March, the following contacts were made:

Number of Cards/Letters Sent: 38

Number of Emails/Texts Sent: 7

Number of Phone Calls: 2

Number of Personal Visits: 7

Number Served Communion: 4



If you would like to become a part of this important ministry, contact Joyce Lucas.

A NOTE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY CHAOS COORDINATOR 😊

Dawn Young, Administrative Assistant

I had no plans for surgery on March 12th, but as my mama used to say, “man proposes, but God disposes”. In other words, God has control. And He was definitely in control. Thanks to Him and all of you for your prayers and support, I am doing quite well. Thank you to those who covered for me while I was in the hospital and recuperating – Susan, Lisa, Kathy, and there may have been others I didn’t know about. God is good all the time.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA at Christ the King

Spring is in the air, and there is no better time to come together! We warmly invite you to join us for our April meeting – a time of connection, inspiration, and shared purpose. Whether you have attended before, or this will be your first meeting, you are truly welcome. Come and enjoy conversation, fellowship and a chance to plan together. Together is always better!

Date: April 27, 2026
Time: 6:45 pm
Place: Fellowship Hall

Up Coming Events:

April 11th – Cibolo Creek Spring Gathering – St. John's, Marion, Texas - Join the women of Cibolo Creek for our annual conference gathering. We will join with women from our conference for a morning of Bible Study and fellowship. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. Anyone needing a ride – we can carpool from CTK or we can pick you up if needed. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your circle of connections with women in the SA area! All are welcome.

April 19th – Bold Women's Sunday – Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt will join us and provide the sermon. We will honor three bold women in our congregation.

SAVE THE DATES:

May 29-30 – WELCA Yard Sale! Please begin to save all the treasures you would like to donate. We currently have space to store smaller items. For larger furniture or bulk items please hang on to them until May 25th. We are available to assist with pick up or delivery the week of May 25-29th.

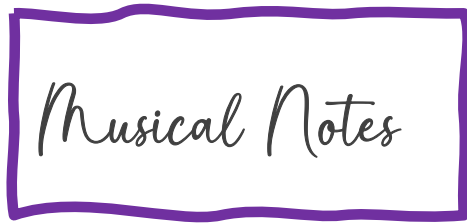
June 20, 2026 – The GREAT CTK CHILI COOK-OFF returns! It's been a long time since Ray Lopez won the coveted trophy; this year he will join us on the judging panel. Plan to attend this evening of fun, chili tasting, competition and Silent Auction. Details are coming soon.

October 16-18th – Southwestern Texas Synodical Convention – Sunshine Cottage, SA TX - Plan to attend our annual WELCA Convention and Business meeting. Scholarships are available to cover the registration fee. Come be a part of the larger community of Women of the ELCA.

*Your WELCA Leadership Team,
Susan Abbey, Cindy Bonaccorsi, Dinah Halopka Ryson, and Lisa Lopez*

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the **May 2026** Newsletter are due no later than **April 20th**. You may send your articles to ctkadm@ctk-uc.org or bring them by the church office.



Choir and Worship Band News

Sally Walters, Choir Director and Band Director

Our Choir will rehearse on the following Wednesdays at 6:30 pm: April 1, April 8 and April 15.

Our Worship Band will rehearse on the following Thursdays at 5:00 pm: April 9, April 16, and April 23.

Soli Deo Gloria / To God be the Glory!

Bell Choir News

Cindy Bonaccorsi, Bell Choir Director

No Bell Choir Rehearsal on April 1st. The Bell Choir will meet for rehearsal on the remaining Wednesdays of April at 5:00 pm in the Disciples Room. Please consider visiting a practice. New members are always welcome.

Thank you!

- ♥ To all our “reader’s theater” readers for the long Gospel lessons in March – Steve Lerum, Kathy Staley, Rich Patterson (2x), Jeremy Jackson, Cindy Patterson and Vanessa Jackson.
- ♥ To all our soup chefs for Wednesday Night Dinner Church soups – Joanne Benson, Cindy Bonaccorsi, Kathy Hanley, Carmen Hawkins, Vanessa Jackson, Lisa Lopez (3x), Sissie Mirhashemi, Chuck & Doretta Moldenhauer (2x), Erika Robeson, Mike Roehrig, Dinah Ryson, Arnold Salinas, Luis & Tina San Roman (2x), Misty Teteris, Ray & Julie Trent (2x), & Pr Mike. And thanks to those who brought desserts and other items – Alfrieda Anderson and Tabitha Alcala.
- ♥ To Alfrieda Anderson, Lisa Lopez and Julie Trent for all their extra work helping clean up the kitchen after Dinner Church.
- ♥ To the members of CTK – a HUGE THANK YOU! I had twenty (20) tickets and all of them were sold. That was \$280 worth of tickets! Combining ticket sales and donations from CTK, Troop 118 received \$428 from Christ the King! This congregation is so giving and supportive. Yours in Him and Scouting, *Al Boos, IV*
- ♥ Thank you for your donations to 40 Cans for Lent for RACAP. God’s blessings for your support of the many clients served by the food pantry. You have been serving neighbors near and far for over 40 years. *Kathy Staley*

WORSHIP AT THE ARMY RESIDENCE COMMUNITY

On Sunday, April 26th at 4:00 pm the Lutheran worshipping community will gather at the ARC located at 7400 Crestway Rd. The message, "I Am the Gate", will be given by Chaplain Bruce Betker. Music is led by Carol Huebner. *Stay for amazing conversation with friends -- and goodies!* This is a good opportunity to visit those of CTK who are home bound at the ARC. All are welcome to worship with the ARC community and bring your news of home to share with the residents.



APRIL 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND VOLUNTEERS

	April 2 Maundy Thursday	April 3 Good Friday	April 5 Easter Sunday	April 12	April 19	April 26
Liturgist	Rich Patterson	Katharine Barden	Lisa Lopez	Katharine Barden	Rich Patterson	Joyce Lucas
Reader	Ann Krahn	Sissie Mirhashemi	Steve Lerum	Joanne Benson	Cindy Patterson	Julie Trent
Communion Assistants	Delilah Barden Joanne Benson	N/A	Susan Abbey Sissie Mirhashemi	Delilah Barden Bruce Lemire	Luis & Tina San Román	Cathie Theis Jill Theis- Cooper
Ushers	Dunevant Family	Sissie Mirhashemi OPEN	Diel Family	Dunevant Family	Cindy Bonaccorsi Kathy Hanley	Cindy Bonaccorsi Kathy Hanley
Media Slides	Lisa Lopez	Joanne Benson	Joanne Benson	Susan Abbey	Carol McClelland	Jill Schulz
Acolyte	Delilah Barden	Delilah Barden	OPEN	Delilah Barden	OPEN	OPEN
Safety Monitor	Tim Walters	Cindy Nutt	Cindy Nutt	Ed Sauseda	Cindy Nutt	Ed Sauseda

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Matheo Elie	3
James Johnson	3
Stetson Saucedo	7
Noah Torres	8
Erin Poe	9
BJ Henk	12
Sheri Boos	22
Ruth Mosley	22
Jill Cooper	23
Kirby Olson	23
Mike Widner	23
Melissa Compton	25
Gabriel Elie	25
Sheryl McCawley	26
Thomas Hawkins	28

Ryan Agrella	29
Cathie Theis	29

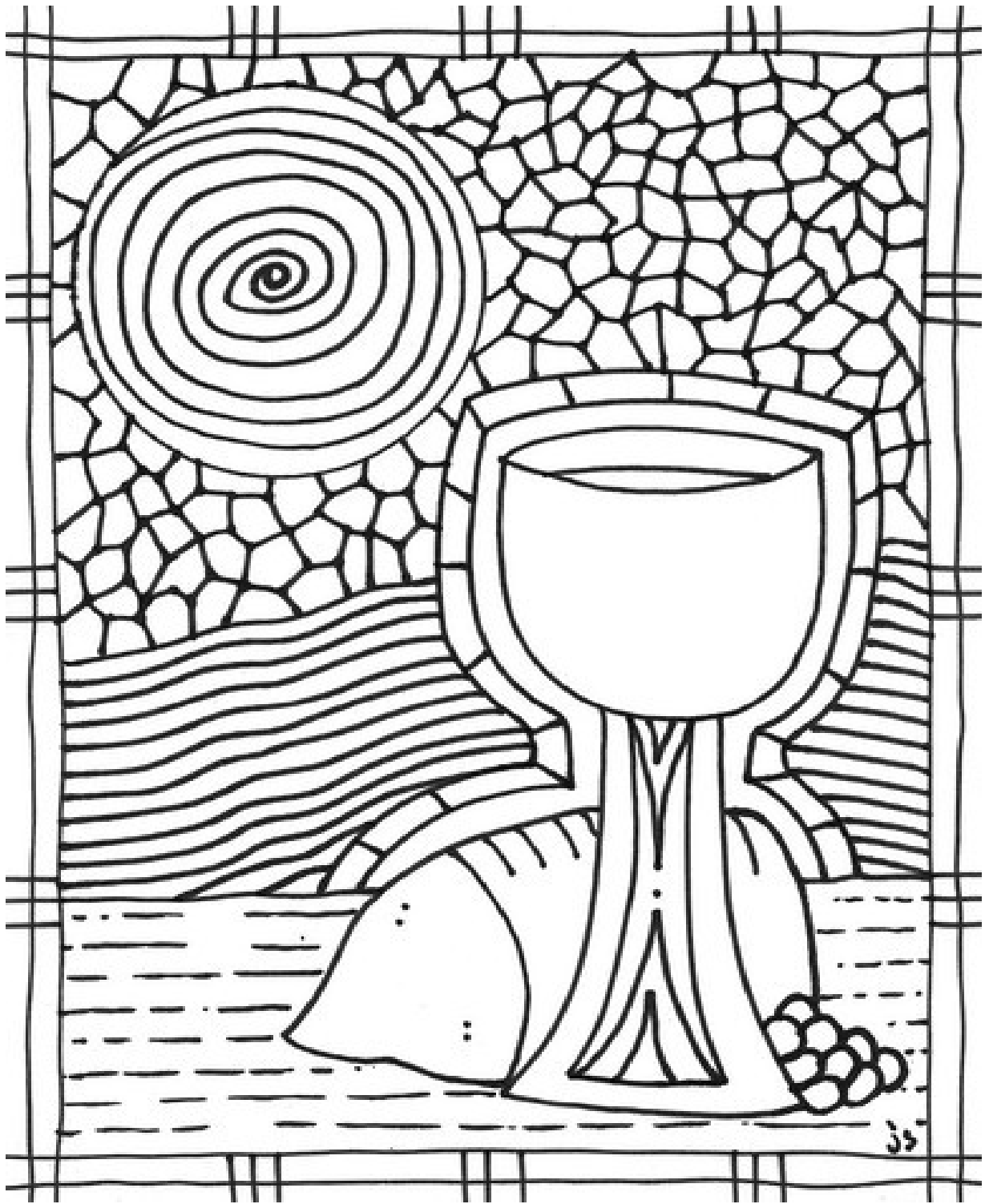
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Patricia & Randy Wolff (50)	3
Hector & Desiree Alvarado	8
Samuel & Dorothy Lawrence	10



APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:15am Worship/Communion/Palm Sunday 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt after worship 11:00am CALEB AME Zion Worship	30 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	31 9:30am Text Study for A/CC Pastors 12:00pm Homeschool Class (Math)	1 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm HR Committee 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship w/communion and First Communion	3 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00pm Good Friday worship 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	4
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I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

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Staff

Pastor--Rev. Mike Widner
Administrative Assistant--Dawn Young
Choir & Worship Band Director--Sally Walters
Bell Choir Director--Cindy Bonaccorsi
Pianist--Vanessa Jackson
Nursery--Rachel Ball
Bookkeeper--Suzanne Schroeder
Financial Secretary--Leona Hietala
Treasurer--Joy Brown
Media Team-- Thomas Hawkins, Shannon Lopez,
Ray Lopez, Dale Meyers

Church Council

President--Jamie Dunevant
Fellowship (Vice President)--Susan Abbey
Education (Secretary)--Maggie Boos
Mutual Ministry--Lisa Lopez
Finance--Dobie Garner
Property, Building, & Grounds--Edward Sauseda
Shepherding--Luis SanRomán
Worship--Joanne Benson

Education / Faith Formation Ministries

Sunday School—Maggie Boos
Wednesday Bible Study--Pastor Mike Widner and
Joanne Benson
Sunday Adult Bible Study--Al Boos IV

All Other Ministries

Women of the ELCA--Susan Abbey, Cindy Bonaccorsi,
Dinah Halopka Ryson, and Lisa Lopez
LWR Quilts—Joanne Benson
LWR Kits – Erika Robeson
Prayer Shawls--Kathy Hanley
Bereavement--Barbara Kovacich
Mission Endowment Fund--Jill Schulz
Stewardship Committee--Dinah Halopka-Ryson
HR Committee--Susan Abbey
Care Team – Joyce Lucas

Fellowship Ministries

Fourth Sunday Breakfast--Susan Abbey
Lutheran Lunch Bunch--Susan Abbey
Book Club--Patsy Meyers

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