

The King's Herald

February 2024



Service Times!

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Traditional)
10:40 a.m. (Contemporary)

Wednesday

11:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

February 2

PJ Prayer Time 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Summit 7:00 p.m.

February 3

Black Belt Saturday

February 10

Funeral for Barbara
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February 11

Annual Budget
Congregation Meeting

February 13

Shrove Tuesday

February 14

Ash Wednesday

February 16

Firehouse Shelter

February 18

Confirmation Lunch &
Learn

February 19

President's Day

February 23-25

Jr High Retreat



Shrove Tuesday

5:15 p.m.
Pancakes & Palms

Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Pastor's February Notes

Lent 2024: "A Mind Awake"

Ash Wednesday February 14 through Holy Week (end of March)

Lenten Question:

How does Father God awaken us both to Abundant Life now and to Everlasting Life after we die?

Lenten Answer:

Father God himself awakens us by His Living Word, who is Jesus Christ, in unity with God's Holy Spirit!

Lenten scripture:

John 11:11 - "...Jesus said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep.'"

(This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!)

Indeed, thanks be to God for God's Living Word speaking to us through God's written word recorded in scripture.

Let's heed God's sobering/awakening Ash Wednesday declaration from scripture: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return!" (Genesis 3:19)

And let's, in accord with God's declaration, gather on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and receive ashes on our forehead, close to our minds, which God himself awakens through His Living Word, Jesus Christ. The ashes are imposed in the shape of a cross, indeed Christ Jesus's cross, reminding us that our most certain mortality (signified by the ashes) will receive from God to receive and put on immortality because of Christ's own cross and resurrection. At the 2nd Coming of Christ, Christ himself will usher in the resurrection of all the dead for the final judgment unto everlasting life. Those who have received Christ in faith will be judged righteous because Christ's righteousness and everlasting life with God is put onto our accounts through faith in Jesus Christ.

Death is sure in this life, but so is God's promise of our awakening and resurrection from the dead both now unto Abundant Life and also, at the last, unto everlasting life and peace with God and other believers through faith in the person and work of God's only Son, Christ Jesus!

Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.



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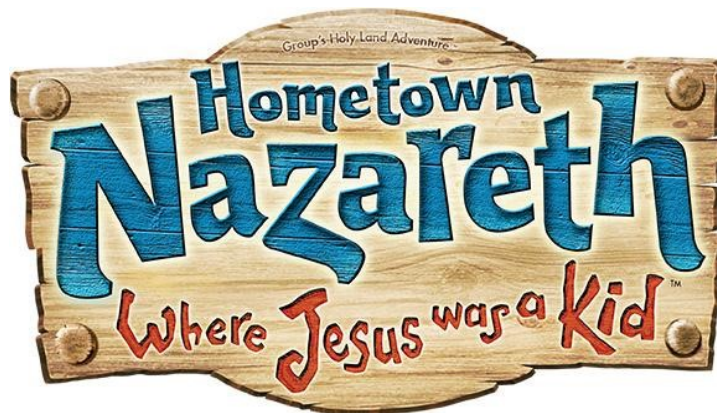
Simple SIPs with Pastor Chris

Many adults & youth are involved in SIP Groups that share Scripture, Invitation, and Prayer daily. Simple SIPs are for families with younger children. Pastor Chris will provide a simple daily devotion and, with the assistance of a few adults participating in the SIP, share the devotions for families to experience with their young children. See Susan Dearing for more details.

NEW ACOLYTE ROBES!

We need helping hands to make new acolyte robes, pinning & cutting patterns, machine & hand sewing, ironing, & finishing touches.

The estimated cost is \$75 per robe for the 16 current Acolytes, plus extras for new & growing acolytes. If you are interested in helping make or contribute toward the cost of robes, please contact Susan Dearing.



Come check out what **Hometown Nazareth (June 16-20)** is all about at the Vacation Bible School Information Meeting on February 4, 2024, @ 12:15 pm in the Luther Room.

Looking Ahead:



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- **February 2: PJ Prayer & Parents Night Out, 5:30 - 9:00 pm \$15/child 6 weeks - 5th grade.**
- **February 4: VBS Information Meeting "Hometown Nazareth"**
- **February 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**
- **February 14: Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins**
- **March 1: PJ Prayer & Parents Night Out, 5:30 - 9:00 pm \$15/child 6 weeks - 5th grade.**
- **March 24 Palm Sunday**
- **March 25: Holy Week Begins - worship @ 12:00 & 7 pm each night at Ctk**
- **March 30: Easter Vigil**
- **March 31: Easter Sunday**
- **April 5: PJ Prayer & Parents Night Out, 5:30 - 9:00 pm \$15/child 6 weeks - 5th grade.**
- **April 7: Easter Extravaganza - egg hunt, refreshments, and activities for ALL AGES 9:20 am**

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Senior High Monthly Meet Up

The First Sunday morning of each month, the Sr. High will meet off campus for breakfast!
February 4th, students will meet at IHO, 2000 Pelham Pkwy at 9:30 am

JR High Confirmation Retreat

**February 23-25 @ the Alabama 4-H Center
INVITE A FRIEND!**

**\$100/student all meals, housing, &
transportation included.**

**See Amanda DeGree or Susan Dearing for
details and permission forms**

Built for the Wild Student Conference

B4TW Student Conference March 1 & 2, 2024 is all about the presence of God and a place for students to go absolutely bananas! This event is for students 6th - 12th grade for one purpose only: Make Jesus's name known!

This is a 2-day conference in Birmingham, **not an overnight event**. Please let Shandra Graf, Amanda DeGreen, or Susan Dearing know if you (and a friend) are interested as soon as possible.

Youth Led Worship February 28th

Please pray about ways to participate through readings, music, prayer, messages, art, and skits. We plan YLW during Wednesday night Youth Group (meets at 5:45 pm).



Looking Ahead

- **February 4 Sr High @ IHOP**
- **February 7 Youth Outing**
- **February 17: B4TW Registration Deadline**
- **Jr High Retreat February 23-25**
- **February 13: Shrove Tuesday**
- **February 14: Lent Begins**
- **February 28: Youth Led Worship**
- **March 1 & 2: Built for the Wild Youth Conference**
- **March 24 Palm Sunday**
- **March 25: Holy Week Begins**
- **March 27: Youth Led Worship**
- **March 31: Easter Sunday**
- **Sr High Retreat April**
- **June 16-24 Nazareth Holy Land Adventure!**
- **July 9-12: LCMC Youth Gathering
Grand View University (Des Moines, IA)**

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Hey everyone!

Another month gone! We are still growing in the preschool. That is a blessing to have new parents and students choose us.

We just have a few things that is going on this month.

We will have PJ Prayer Feb 2nd

We will have our Valentine's day parties Feb 9th at 11:30 am

We are Closed On Feb 19th For Presidents Day

Thursdays we have Kid Tigerz come out to the school and have martial arts with our Three and Fours.

I hope you have a blessed and prosperous month.

April



Congregational Meeting



Sunday,
February 11, 2024

** Budget, agenda & other handouts will be
emailed prior to the meeting

** Lunch will be a variety of Chicken & Dumplings
from traditional to Cajun. Lighter fare of Chicken
Noodle Soup. Salad. Desserts by Paula.



It's that time of year...

With the resurgence of flu, Covid, & RSV, we kindly ask that
you please cough and/or sneeze into your elbow. This will help
prevent the spreading of germs.

Christian Education Classes

Sunday:

Recap of Paul's Letters, 2/4 & 2/11, led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris in the Luther Room

"A Mind Awake", beginning 2/18, led by Jack VanOrman, Ralph Hyatt, & Pastor in the Luther Room:
Our Lenten Book bible study.

College & Young Adult Class led by Caden DeGreen in the Library:
This class is for college age and young adults.

Oasis with Maizie Nelson and Martha Green in the Luther Room Foyer:

Oasis = An area made fertile by a source of freshwater in an otherwise dry and arid region.

Oasis is a place for God to nurture the wellsprings of our souls. We seek the guidance of Holy Spirit as we grow together toward Christian maturity. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, brings back the outcast, and seeks the lost. We study God's word, Old and New Testament, worship and praise him, sing, pray, and give mutual encouragement to one another. To God be the Glory as he produces fruit for the building up of his kingdom in our homes, the church, community, and the world. All are welcome, on any Sunday, to come for prayer or come for our entire class.

The Life of Christ, Led by Tim Champion in Fellowship 2:
Currently we are in the book of Acts.

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main Bldg, preschool nursery
3K & K ~ led by Debbie Fick & Christine George in the John Room
1st - 3rd grade ~ led by Jennifer Minner & Cassie Carter in the Matthew/Mark Room
4th - 5th Grade ~ led by Lydia Pizner & Maureen Lynn in the Disciple Room

Jr High ~ led by Amanda DeGreen & Zack Vegter in the Jr. High Room

Sr High ~ led by Shandra Graf & Kathy Stepanksi in the Youth Room

Children & Youth Sunday Education - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Disciple 1 Study Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Tuesday:

Sermon Prep 8:45 a.m. with Pastor and friends in the Library

EVERYONE Tuesday Morning 10:14 - 11 a.m. for everyone, both in person in the Luther Room Narthex and on the phone. Those not physically present call the one step number 727-731-7466, or 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Prayer and Bible study (worship night) Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. call the one step number 727-731-7466, or use the old number and access code: 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Wednesday:

Bible Discussion Group led by Pastor, Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. in the Library. All are welcome!

Children's Time (Bible Basic's) each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Jr. High Room

Youth Bible Study led by Amanda DeGreen at 5:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Discussion Group led by Pastor Chris, Wednesday's at 5:45 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome!

Thursday:

Disciple 2 Bible Study 1:00 p.m. at Barbara Scott's home.



Our 1st Friday of the Month Prayer

Summit, 2/2/2024!

It will be held from **7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

To join us by **Phone**, please call 425-436-6342

Access code #328663

PJ Prayer Time for Kids

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$15/child. Please contact Mrs Susan or Ms April to sign up

Would you like to help serve in our acolyte ministry?

Please contact Mrs. Matsy or the church
office so we can start your training!

Adults are welcome to serve also!



JOIN US!

The last Wednesday of each month, one of our CDC
classes will sing for us during our mid-day worship
at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary!



Safety & Security

Establishing A Foundation for Church Safety

If you have been or are a greeter or usher, you have had little or no background in emergency planning, protection or security activities.

You may be a senior-aged member or have a disability or illness, or you may be youthful and inexperienced in dealing with people who are upset. You may be friendly in a quiet way or assertively outgoing. You probably thought that the role as a greeter or usher would involve smiling, shaking hands, directing guests, passing the offering place and helping during services.

Fortunately, those will continue to be your primary tasks. However, greeters, ushers, elders, ministers, teachers and the pastor, all share responsibility for the safety and security of the congregation. You are not expected to do it all yourself or act as a police officer or security guard but you are expected to continuously observe people and the environment, assess the situation to see if there is danger and respond accordingly.

YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO FULTILL THE DUAL ROLES OF GREETER AND GUARDIAN.

You must be balanced in your approach. You must balance the need to provide a feeling of welcome and openness with being watchful and appropriately wary. Some are so unconcerned that they are rarely aware of what is happening around them, while others are so concerned that they are tense and on edge all the time

To be continued!

February 2024	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
8:00 a.m.	Dennis Stanek	CJ Crum	Dave Demsky	Todd Vegter
10:40 a.m.	Jon Young	David & Jo	Jeff Minner	Jake Daniel

Aaron's Staff



Aaron's Staff, a monthly respite care ministry to special needs children and adults, is in need of volunteers, but especially nurses. If you are a nurse, please consider volunteering, even if just once or twice a year. We serve on Saturdays from 3:00-8:00pm.

See Debbie Fick for more information. 205-862-1704.

Food Box Ministry



A food donation bin will be available in the hall, just outside the narthex, next to the choir cabinet. Please consider purchasing an extra food item when you grocery shop and donate toward the food box ministry. *A featured food item will be suggested each month, but any non-perishable food may be donated.*

February: Canned Soup or Stew

If you would like to participate in this ministry or learn more about it, email Wilma at wsween4423@gmail.com or call her at #847-915-5803.



Thank you so much for your generosity!

Contribution Statements are ready.

If you haven't received yours, please see Tom or Pat.

*Don't forget to join us for our Annual Budget
Congregation Meeting on February 11.*



Black Belt Saturdays!
February 3, 2024

Black Belt (Rich Soil Region) Saturday Mission

February 3, 2024 in Midway, AL.

Our next Black Belt Regional mission trip will be Sat. 2/3 in Midway, AL. The site will be the Midway Community Senior Center (166 Railroad St. Midway, AL 36053)

Please check out and share our new Website:

A Promise To Help <https://www.apromisetohelp.com/> (<https://www.apromisetohelp.com/>)

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Children Time 8:00 am 10:40 am	Patsy Scott Binnie Myles	Patsy Scott Binnie Myles	Patsy Scott Binnie Myles	Patsy Scott Binnie Myles
Lector 8:00 am 10:40 am	David Walter Arden Melton	Debbie Fick Crystal Rice	Sherry Gilbert Doug Sweeney	Kathy Stepanski Daphne Phillips
Prayers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Ann Dawson Amanda DeGreen	Jack VanOrman Amy Hoaglund	Maizie Nelson Gerry Roden	Wendi Vegter Shandra Graf
Ushers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Sherry Gilbert, Steve Owen Brooks & Philip Melton	Casey Van Kralingen, Mark Scott Jeff Minner, Larry Loyacano	Dave & Carla Demsky Brooks Melton, Jon Young	Lee & Joye Sherrill Jeff Minner, Larry Loyacano
Communion 8:00 am 10:40 am	Dick & Cheryl O'Brien Shandra Graf, Camille Stanek	Dave & Carla Demsky Eric & Amy Hoaglund	CJ & Sharon Crum Doug & Wilma Sweeney	Mark & Patsy Scott Pat Loyacano, Amanda DeGreen
Crucifer 8:00 am 10:40 am	Ashton Gorby Aria Shelley	Ranae Remillard Megan Durbin	Ashton Gorby Cruz Dearing	Mikal Remillard Madison Daniel
Acolyte 8:00 am 10:40 am	Mikal Remillard, Lizzy Plaia Charles Williams	Vera & Russell Moore Olivia Durbin & Cate Wahl	Vera & Russell Moore Ella Grace George, Aubrie Nagel	Ranae Remillard, Izaya Kusiak Cate Wahl
Torch/Banner 8:00 am 10:40 am	Volunteer/Volunteer Volunteer/Adeline Williams	Mikal/Volunteer Volunteer/Volunteer	Ranae Remillard/Volunteer Volunteer/Mason Fleming	Volunteer/Max Kusiak Volunteer/Volunteer
Nursery 8:00 am 10:40 am	Jesse Gomez Laura & Megan Durbin	Jo Walter Brooks Melton, Maizie Nelson	Volunteer Sheri & Ella Gilbert	Volunteer Karen & Charlie Pierce



3:33 Prayer

Please join our 3:33 prayer ministry by stopping each day at 3:33 to pray, "Lord please bring/continue revival in this nation and your church, and start/continue your revival in me."

40 Days of Prayer

As God has led us in this chapter of our life in Christ, when in 2003, it was put on our hearts to daily pray together the 3:33 prayers. So too, it's only through prayer that we can see where God would lead us now. Please join together in daily prayer:

1. *Dear God, help me to see with your eyes, (Matt. 14:14; 15:32) and reach out with your hands, (Mark 13:16; Luke 8:54) and be your body. (1 Cor. 12:27)*

And

2. *Lord God, I pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church, along with the surrounding community you've given us to serve. Show us your way, both dismantling what you didn't start, and also removing the opposition in each of us so that you can accomplish, through us, the ministry that you want to do.*

Please join us in stopping to pray EVERY DAY at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm and pray and act in accord with this command of God from 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Spread the word!



February Memory Verse:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

1 John 4:7

Let's Celebrate!!

February Baptisms

2/1 Maureen Lynn
 2/1 Patsy Scott
 2/2 Sharon Grimes
 2/3 Mike Hamner
 2/17 Ellie Graf
 2/19 Zack Vegter
 2/27 Nell Betz



February Anniversaries

2/6 Bob & Connie Kasper 53 years



February Birthdays

2/2 Steve Owen	2/16 Greg Segrest
2/2 Ella Gilbert	2/16 Will Becker
2/3 Sam Shinaberry	2/17 Laura Durbin
2/4 Rich Camlic	2/17 Aubrie Nagel
2/4 Binnie Myles	2/17 Cate Wahl
2/5 Gerhard Graf	2/18 Diane Hagemeyer
2/8 Caden DeGreen	2/19 Len Thorson
2/9 Danielle Grossmann	2/19 Taylor Fisher
2/10 Connie Owen	2/20 Abby Camlic
2/11 Nikki Wahl	2/21 Donna Vogel
2/11 Lyn Franks	2/21 Lucy Nethery
2/13 Bradley Moore	2/22 Terri Levis
2/14 Pam Nagel	2/23 Alexa Fisher
2/14 Connor Nethery	2/24 Shirley Gordon
2/15 Izaya Kusiak	2/25 Luanne Dubble
	2/27 Petra Watson
	2/27 Phyllis Kasper

March Birthdays

3/2 Shandra Graf	3/15 Katie Hoaglund
3/3 Ilene Holmes	3/21 David Horton
3/3 Rolf Wrona	3/22 Mary Rich
3/4 Eric Rasmussen	3/23 Carmen Vaccarella
3/8 Leigh VanOrman	3/24 Olivia Durbin
3/9 Jim Coe	3/25 Al Dampier
3/9 Bernie Gregson	3/25 Sadie Messner
3/9 Carol Hyatt	3/26 Mary Foster
3/9 Ben Abercrombie	3/26 Ruth Wilger
3/11 David Durbin	3/27 Amanda DeGreen
3/12 Jon Young	3/28 Patric Brasher
3/13 Dennis Stanek	3/28 Joseph Brasher
3/14 Doug McPhail	3/28 Debra Peel
3/14 Bob Kasper	3/30 Charlie Cain
3/14 Isaac Whitehouse	
3/14 Joseph Gelinas	





2023-2024 Church Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Staff Support</u>
David Walter	334-717-0877	President	
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Alicia Melton	704-408-2788	Missions	Susan & Pastor
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Jeff Minner	205-482-7682	Education	Susan & Pastor
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Please join us for Worship:

Wednesday:

11:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:40 a.m. Contemporary

Other ways to connect with or worship with us:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/ctkbham

YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g)

Instagram

[ctklutheranbham](https://www.instagram.com/ctklutheranbham)

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