

# THE KIRK KONNECTION

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

Have you ever considered the difference that one person can make in this world?

It's not uncommon to hear someone say, "Oh, I'm only one person" or "It's only one vote" or "I can't change the world." In a world populated by nearly 8 billion people, commentary like this is understandable. But is it accurate?

We spoke just this past Sunday about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness when he was repeatedly challenged by Satan but avoided giving in to temptation - temptation that he surely felt given that he was fully human. If Jesus – who was only one man – had given in to any of those temptations, how different would history have been? Frighteningly, disturbingly and alarmingly so. There would have been no “Good News.” No reason for hope, no reason for joy beyond earthly merriment (which those in captivity probably weren't experiencing often) and, most importantly, no salvation for any of us as no human in history was or is capable of living a sinless life.

Thankfully, Jesus – this one man – did not give in to any of those temptations. And he made a difference that changed the course of history, not just for Christians but for our entire world. Even those who do not subscribe to our beliefs or take part in our religion have somehow been touched by it. This was all caused by one man. Yes, he was fully God. But this individual was also *fully human*.

If your response to this is, “Yeah, yeah...fully human. But also *fully God*, just like you said. The ‘fully God’ part is why he was able to make such an enormous difference,” then I invite you to take a look at the world right now. Is Vladimir Putin one million men? Is he a god?

No. And no.

Sure, there are many surrounding Putin who are as evil as he is. But it's no accident that the invasion of peaceful Ukraine is so widely – even among 13,000 Russians – being referred to as “Putin's war.” This one man has made the decision to mercilessly murder thousands and wage war upon a people who had not threatened him in any way (contrary to the propaganda that he has peddled to anyone willing to listen).

Putin is only one person, and look at the impact his personal actions have had not just upon Russia and Ukraine but the *whole world*. His actions have not only resulted in the murder of innocent civilians and upended the lives of Ukrainians who are now refugees, but have also thrown our entire world into economic and political turmoil and disarray as we wait to see whether or not nuclear war will be the ultimate consequence of Putin's actions and all of the subsequent choices of world governments.

Putin is most assuredly not Jesus, and as he does not appear at all in sheep's clothing he is clearly not the Antichrist. My point is this: it doesn't take a deity to create a huge difference in the lives of this world's people. A human being who is not even 1% God – let alone “fully” God – is also quite capable of shifting the landscape on a global scale, for better or worse. We're witnessing that right now: the effect that just one person's actions can have on our world.

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*Your choices – your actions – matter.* You might not be the reason for a religion or the political leader of your country, and thus might not be the impetus of change or impact for millions or thousands or even hundreds. But whether we are making an impact in the lives of millions or making an impact in the life of just one person should never change our goals and our motives: to use our resources – all that we have and all that we are Christians – to reveal the love of God to others through our choices and actions. You might be one person who, for a great many people, makes a small but significant difference. Or you might be one person who, for just *one* person, makes an *enormous* difference.

My prayer is that you all recognize how important you are and how much your choices matter. If we keep this firm truth at the forefront of our minds every single day – and our greatest joy and happiness is spreading the love of Christ however we can – then it will be impossible for us *not* to sow seeds great and small that further God’s kingdom. What it means to be “Christian” has been blurred by society’s public critique the past 5 years in a way that it had not been muddled in the previous 50. But an increasingly secular society is not to blame; *we are*. Along with those who masquerade as Christians and publicly spew hatred and vitriol in the name of Christ, there are those of us who, in our apathy, are just as guilty by not actively living out the words and message that we preach and profess on Sundays.

If ever there was a time, though, in which it was obvious how great an impact just one person can make, it’s now. You have the power to ruin or brighten someone’s day today; *believe* that because it’s true. If we all individually have this power, can you imagine what an amazing difference we can make if we firmly join together in an effort to *only* love? What it means to be “Christian” in the eyes of the world might actually change and once again mean *what it was always supposed to mean*.

Whether or not this happens is up to *all* of us. Whether or not you lovingly contribute your individual – *but undeniably crucial* – effort is up to *you*.

*Pastor Mike*



- 6 Jerry Cobleigh
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## 2022 PER CAPITA

The 2023 Per Capita charge per Kirk member is \$34. The increase is in accordance with the amount that the Presbytery passed on to the church. Payment can be made using the Per Capita envelope in the giving box or any method you choose to designate the funds. Thank you.



***The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.***

***It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God’s love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.***

## March 2022 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### **Tuesday, March 1**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Prov. 30:1–4, 24–33  
Phil. 3:1–11  
John 18:28–38

### **Wednesday, March 2**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Amos 5:6–15  
Heb. 12:1–14  
Luke 18:9–14

### **Thursday, March 3**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18  
Phil. 3:12–21  
John 17:1–8

### **Friday, March 4**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32  
Phil. 4:1–9  
John 17:9–19

### **Saturday, March 5**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Ezek. 39:21–29  
Phil. 4:10–20  
John 17:20–26

### **Sunday, March 6**

#### **First Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Dan. 9:3–10  
Heb. 2:10–18  
John 12:44–50

### **Monday, March 7**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Gen. 37:1–11  
1 Cor. 1:1–19  
Mark 1:1–13

### **Tuesday, March 8**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Gen. 37:12–24  
1 Cor. 1:20–31  
Mark 1:14–28

### **Wednesday, March 9**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Gen. 37:25–36  
1 Cor. 2:1–13  
Mark 1:29–45

### **Thursday, March 10**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Gen. 39:1–23  
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15  
Mark 2:1–12

### **Friday, March 11**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Gen. 40:1–23  
1 Cor. 3:16–23  
Mark 2:13–22

### **Saturday, March 12**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Gen. 41:1–13  
1 Cor. 4:1–7  
Mark 2:23–3:6

### **Sunday, March 13**

#### **Second Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Gen. 41:14–45  
Rom. 6:3–14  
John 5:19–24

### **Monday, March 14**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Gen. 41:46–57  
1 Cor. 4:8–20 (21)  
Mark 3:7–19a

### **Tuesday, March 15**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Gen. 42:1–17  
1 Cor. 5:1–8  
Mark 3:19b–35

**Wednesday, March 16**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
 Gen. 42:18–28  
 1 Cor. 5:9–6:11  
 Mark 4:1–20

**Thursday, March 17**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
 Gen. 42:29–38  
 1 Cor. 6:12–20  
 Mark 4:21–34

**Friday, March 18**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
 Gen. 43:1–15  
 1 Cor. 7:1–9  
 Mark 4:35–41

**Saturday, March 19**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
 Gen. 43:16–34  
 1 Cor. 7:10–24  
 Mark 5:1–20

**Sunday, March 20****Third Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
 Gen. 44:1–17  
 Rom. 8:1–10  
 John 5:25–29

**Monday, March 21**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
 145  
 Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
 Gen. 44:18–34  
 1 Cor. 7:25–31  
 Mark 5:21–43

**Tuesday, March 22**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
 Gen. 45:1–15  
 1 Cor. 7:32–40  
 Mark 6:1–13

**Wednesday, March 23**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
 Gen. 45:16–28  
 1 Cor. 8:1–13  
 Mark 6:13–29

**Thursday, March 24**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
 Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34  
 1 Cor. 9:1–15  
 Mark 6:30–46

**Friday, March 25**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
 Gen. 47:1–26  
 1 Cor. 9:16–27  
 Mark 6:47–56

**Saturday, March 26**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
 Gen. 47:27–48:7  
 1 Cor. 10:1–13  
 Mark 7:1–23

**Sunday, March 27****Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
 Gen. 48:8–22  
 Rom. 8:11–25  
 John 6:27–40

**Monday, March 28**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
 145  
 Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
 Gen. 49:1–28  
 1 Cor. 10:14–11:1  
 Mark 7:24–37

**Tuesday, March 29**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
 Gen. 49:29–50:14  
 1 Cor. 11:2–34  
 Mark 8:1–10

**Wednesday, March 30**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
 Gen. 50:15–26  
 1 Cor. 12:1–11  
 Mark 8:11–26

**Thursday, March 31**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
 Exod. 1:6–22  
 1 Cor. 12:12–26  
 Mark 8:27–9:1



Financial Report as of 2/28/2022			
	February	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Income</b>	4,229	11,598	15,936
<b>Expenses</b>	10,057	20,311	19,705
<b>Net Income or Loss</b>	-5,828	-8,713	-3,769
<b>Liquid Assets*</b>	116,768	116,768	

\* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.  
Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

February's income numbers are impacted adversely by Mutual Fund losses of \$1,800 which is a noncash transaction. However, income was still below budget and heavier winter expenses like snowplowing and gas bills also were a factor in the bottom line being down. As expected we had to transfer \$4,500 from savings to checking to assure we stayed above the \$1,500 balance threshold to avoid bank monthly fees. While March is off to a better start, challenges like a 3 pay period month, the economic toll of inflation and the War in Ukraine will also be negatives.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Nancy Lee Pride (2024)

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**MISSION/OUTREACH**

Mieke Beckman (2023) Chairman and Elder

June Jennings (2023) Elder

**FOUNDATION**

Rob Otte (2024) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2023) Elder

**TREASURER:** Fred Kirk

**CLERK:** June Jennings

The membership of Kirk of Our Savior approved changes to the by-laws which eliminated the Board of Deacons. The number of Elders serving was also decreased from six to five. The Elders will now serve a 2-year term rather than the 3 years they had served previously.

**REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS! REMEMBER**

It's time to spring forward on Sunday morning!  
2:00 a.m. March 13  
Turn your clock ahead one hour!

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# LEARN THROUGH PLAY PRESCHOOL



# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	5
6 10:30am Worship	7 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	8	9	10	11 6-8pm LTP St. Patrick's Reading is Fun Party 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	12
13 10:30am Worship	14 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	15	16	17	18 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	19
20 10:30am Worship	21 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	22	23	24	25 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	26
27 10:30am Worship	28 LTP No School  7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	29 LTP No School	30 LTP No School	31 LTP No School		

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	2
3 10:30am Worship	4 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	5	6	7	8 6-8pm LTP Egg Hunt 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	9