

The King's Herald

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**Christ the King
Lutheran Church**
"Where Christ is
King - All Are
Welcome!"

Lay School for Mission

One of the best ways to learn more about, and dig deeper into the Faith we share is by getting together with others. After all, as Paul writes in Ephesians 2, we are "members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone." This fall the Lay School for Mission will be up and running again, providing a rich opportunity for you and others from local Lutheran churches to grow in the Faith. More details on this will be coming in the next newsletter, so keep posted! If you are interested, let Pastor Chris know!

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Special points of interest:

- * Cottage Meetings Continue
- * Acolytes To Receive Training
- * Volunteer Workers Sought for Property Needs

Confirmation Things

ACOLYTES!!! One tradition of this church has been to have confirmation students serve the Lord as acolytes during worship. We'll keep that tradition going strong. However, it is always good to have a refresher, to know what you are doing and why you are doing it. After 10:30 worship on Sunday, August 28th, we'll be going over some of those things! If you can't make it, please contact Pastor Chris to set up another time to meet.

State Fair

The last few years many of the local ELCA churches have been staffing a booth at the State Fair. One day will be assigned to Christ the King, so if you would like to represent this church, give the office a call so that we can put you down for a time slot that works for you.



**Have You Attended A Cottage Meeting?
Please Sign Up Today!**

Pastor's Corner

Philippians 1:27 - "Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel..."

The above passage St. Paul wrote to one of his beloved churches in Philippi, a city just off the northern coast of the Aegean Sea. You can also read a little bit about Paul's first (somewhat humorous, but also crucially important) venture to that city in the book of Acts, chapter 16. There are a couple of reasons why I thought I'd dwell on this passage. This past 5-6 weeks has shown me how well this church serves God when striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel: Funerals, VBS, cottage meetings, worship, etc. This passage is also part of the biblical text that we dwell on for a bit to start our cottage meetings. **The Word gets us grounded into who God is calling us to be as a church; members of the body of Christ who are standing firm in one spirit.** Paul knew full well how important it was for these early Christians to be working well together. He saw what happened when people had their own specific or selfish agendas and how that produced no small amount of havoc, especially at the churches in Galatia and Corinth.

So far, we have had six cottage meetings and I can definitely say that the Holy Spirit is moving here. Many of you care deeply about a number of things; worship, music, how God wants to use us in the community, the youth, the young adults, families, and discipleship to

name a few. One comment that stuck out the most to me in one meeting that I led was this: "Might God be calling us to be uncomfortable?" Wow! I'm still wrapping my brain around what that means!

God's people, in every age and in every place, has had to wrestle with what it means to be a Christian. This inevitably leads to uncomfortability. Now I personally don't like to be in uncomfortable situations, and I don't know many people who do. However, there is something really rich and really life-giving that can God can use in the midst of all that. Sometimes people call those "growing edges." I tend to think of it as God pulling us into His future that is breaking in on the here and now. Or to use an analogy, as any mother who has given birth knows, there's nothing more uncomfortable (and painful!) than giving birth, than having this child being pulled out of you. But oh, how sweet it is to see that child's face, to hear that child's vocal chords straining as it cries out in amazement to this new life it has been graciously given and then you know that all that pain and comfortableness was worth it.

So might God be calling us to be uncomfortable? Has God revealed to us some "growing edges?" Might God be pulling us, kicking and screaming, into a future where He promises to lead, guide, and be with us? We shall see!

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For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

Pastor's Corner Continued

Keep these cottage meetings in your prayers and also do your best to find some time in your busy schedules. This is important stuff!

One final comment: St. Paul, towards the end of his letter to the Philippians writes, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." And that is so important for us to hear because he couldn't do everything by himself. He needed the help, abilities, talents, minds, creativeness, and prayers of his co-workers in the Gospel for the glory of God. You all have

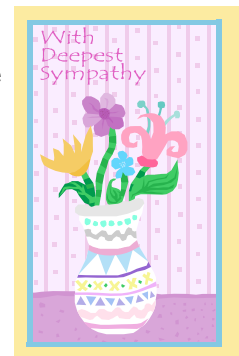
abilities, talents, gifts, minds, creativeness, and the power of prayer that God is already using where he has called you to serve. How might God use those same things for the sake of this church? We, after all, can do all things, as uncomfortable as they might be, through supporting one another.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pastor Chris

Heartfelt Sympathy

Our church family is saddened with the sudden passing of a faithful friend, Laverne Hendrickson. Her presence and insightful comments will be missed at Bible study and when they meet again, in September, the Joy Book Club. Our quilting ladies have lost a dear friend and faithful worker. Laverne made it her mission to keep the quilters supplied with quilt tops as she often sewed them at home. She was always so supportive of what was happening in our congregation and was never shy to share a good word for our efforts. We keep her children Richard, JoAnn & Karen and their families in our prayers as they learn to cope with her passing.



We also keep in our prayers Denny & Cathy Schaefer as we recently learned of the passing of their son, Michael. Even though the Schaefer's have been gone from Escanaba for several years they have remained close friends with many at Christ the King. Their own struggle with health have kept them from continuing their routine visits to Escanaba but none the less Christ the King and its members remain special to them.

Nursery to Receive a Makeover

Nancy Kutzera has volunteered to spearhead a project to give our nursery area a complete makeover. With concerns for the safety of our young children who are placed in the nursery we want to be sure it is kid friendly. Nancy is interested in hearing from those who have any suggestions or who are willing to work on this project. She will also be working on putting together a nursery schedule so if you feel like you can serve please contact her at 280-1054 or sign the back of your worship response card.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Saturday—5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday—8:30 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 10:30 Worship, Nursery

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays and every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. service. At the 10:30 a.m. service communion will be distributed using continuous communion.

Let Us Pray For those Celebrating Birthdays On:

August 1: Tom Raeder
August 2: Ashley Dahlgren, Mitchell Martin, Ashley Olson
August 3: Jenny Carter
August 4: Alice Koivisto-Hintsala
August 5: Doris Gustafson, Sandy Peterson
August 6: Kevin Possi
August 7: Ryan Way
August 8: Lisa Gartland, Ashton Moran
August 10: Wendy Mattson
August 11: Clara Braun, Taylor Way
August 12: Reid Christensen, Leslie Leisner
August 14: Patty Parlato
August 15: David Johnson, Jenny Koivisto, Irene Pakulski
August 16: Jerry Eis, Pastor Chris Johnson
August 17: Mary Leisner
August 19: Chloe Carter, Joan Dlugas, Wally Slade
August 20: Brandon Eis, Mildred Leisner, Caitlin Smith
August 21: Robert Jensen
August 23: Michael Anderson
August 24: Larry Leisner
August 26: Lance Possi
August 27: Lyndsey LaMarche
August 30: Debbie Girardi
August 31: Derek Lindstrom, Courtney Sovey



Funeral Thanks

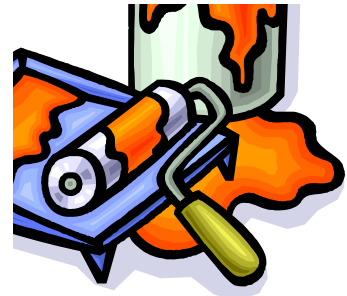
A big THANK YOU to everyone who used their gifts, time, and talents so well in the mist of the funerals of three long time members of this church. It was busy, it was hot (in the kitchen at least!), but it was a powerful time where God used the people of this church in powerful ways. We are promised by our Savior this: “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and Hades” (Rev. 1:17-18). Thanks again everyone, you served God so well.

Help If You Are Able

We have a long list of property things that need attention. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 9th, 7:00 p.m. for those on the Property Committee as well as individuals who would be willing to help where needed. If a group or family would like to take on a project this could be fun. Property concerns will continue to be address as long as the church council keeps approving them.

Here is a list of some things that need to be worked on.

- Windows are in bad need of repair or replacement (should have paint this year)
- Men's & Women's bathrooms (on the southside) need refurbishing
- Steps leading to attic need replacement
- Cable run to coffee room to install internet
- Fellowship hall needs paint and sound tiles
- Shampoo chairs in fellowship hall
- Kitchen needs refurbishing
- Do something with floor by front door
- Re-strip parking area
- Find covers ore remove all sconces north hallway
- Build and install rack to hang banners
- Sidewalk needs to be edge at parsonage (working on)
- Floor at bottom of steps leading to garage needs repair at the parsonage



Your help would be appreciated to help accomplish these tasks. See you on the 9th.

Altar Flower Sponsors Needed

There are a number of Sundays that still need individuals to sponsor the weekly altar flowers. Sundays that are open include: October 2 & 16; November 13 & 20 and December 18. The cost for flowers per week is \$24. Sign the chart in the narthex or call the office and we'll be glad to do it for you.



Good News!

The waiting felt like forever but the good news is LeRoy Sovey's twin brother recently went through a double lung transplant. The update as of Thursday is that he is doing remarkably well. After only a couple of days since the surgery he is already up and walking (96 steps to be exact). LeRoy and his sister's will be with Leon for the next three weeks as he continues to gain strength and recapture his life back. Your prayers for this family continue to be important.

Offerings & Worship Attendance for July

<u>Date</u>	<u>5 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 2/ 3	39	9	57 (5 nursery)	110
July 9/10	51	19	53 (5 nursery)	128
July 16/17	33	9	32	74
July 23/24	42	11	61	114

Average attendance for July (through the 24th): 107

Offerings For July (through the 24th)

July 3: \$3,201.30
 July 10: \$2,075.99
 July 17: \$1,945.00
 July 24: \$2,217.00

Total Offerings for July: \$9,439.29
 Total Needed This Month: \$10,769.56
 Difference This Month: - \$1,330.27
 Year-To-Date Income: \$79,308.28
 Year-To-Date Needed: \$88,848.87
 Difference To Date: - \$9,540.59



Memorials

The following memorials were given in memory of...

Vi West

by Dan & Fern Hedman, Lynn Chylek, Ralph & Vi Oja, David & Sue Westermann and Roland & Sandy Jacobson

Ellen Johnson

by Lynn Chylek

Laverne Hendrickson

by Ralph & Vi Oja, Leigh & Connie Schmidt and Lynn Chylek

Carl Eastman

by family & friends

Those Who Serve



Readers

August 6/ 7—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Fern Hedman
 August 13/14— 5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Derek Lindstrom
 August 20/21—5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Carrie Boudreau
 August 27/28—5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Marlene Raeder

Acolytes

August 6/ 7—5:00 T.J. Schlenvogt 10:30 Carly DeVet
 August 13/14—5:00 Abby Runkel 10:30 Dustin Heath
 August 20/21— Nathan Tufnell 10:30 Nick Beattie
 August 27/28—Alexis Dahlgren 10:30 Lizzie Irving

Altar Guild

August 6/ 7—Laverne Picard
 August 13/14—Connie Schmidt & Tom & Marlene Raeder
 August 20/21— Sandy Jacobson & Judy Anderson
 August 27/28— Judy Anderson

Head Usher

5:00—Jim Anderson
 10:30—Rob Jensen



Assisting Minister

August 6/ 7—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Lance Lindstrom
 August 13/14— 5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Doris Dubord
 August 20/21—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lynn Chylek
 August 27/28—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland Jacobson

Communion Assistants

August 6/ 7— 5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Lance Lindstrom & Pat Johnson
 August 13/14—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Doris Dubord & Fern Hedman
 August 20/21—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lynn Chylek & Sandy Peterson
 August 27/28—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland & Sandy Jacobson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 Bible Study	2 5:45 Tops Meeting	3 11:00 & 6:00 Cottage Meetings	4 10:00 Coffee 11:15 Weight Group	5	6 5:00 Communion Service
7 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion Service	8 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting	9 5:45 Tops Meeting 7:00 Property/ Volunteer Workers Meet	10 11:00 & 6:00 Cottage Meetings	11 10:00 Coffee 11:15 Weight Group	12	13 5:00 Communion Service
14 8:30 Communion 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion Service	15 9:30 Bible Study 1:00 Executive Mtg. 2:00 Parish Life Mtg.	16 5:45 Tops Meeting	17 11:00 & 6:00 Cottage Meetings	18 10:00 Coffee 11:15 Weight Group 6:30 Finance Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting	19	20 5:00 Communion Service
21 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion Service	22 9:30 Bible Study	23 5:45 Tops Meeting	24 11:00 & 6:00 Cottage Meetings	25 10:00 Coffee 11:15 Weight Group	26	27 5:00 Communion Service
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