

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

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The King's Herald

September 2011

Senior's Luncheon For The Young At Heart

If you are 55 and older then you fall into the category of a senior citizen. Now that's not all that bad because with that comes some advantages such as cheaper coffee at certain establishments, a 15% discount every first Wednesday of the month at Shopko and more importantly you can come to our monthly luncheons here at Christ the King.

Reservations are now being taken for September's luncheon which will be held on Tuesday the 13th, 12:00 noon. The menu will include Boiled Dinner (ham, cabbage, carrots and potatoes), cottage cheese/peach salad, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$5. Sign the back of your worship response card or call the church office to make a reservation.

We look forward to seeing everyone again and would especially

Christ the King To Host A Fish Boil Saturday, Sept. 17 at 6:15 p.m.

Have you ever attended a Fish Boil? If you haven't then you need to treat yourself. As a thank you to its members and guests, Brian Pahnke, local representative of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be purchasing, preparing and serving this meal. You do not need to own any Thrivent products to attend, you are our guests.

Afterwards Brian will lead a 30-minute workshop on Understanding Your Social Security Statements. There is no cost and you are under no obligation to attend if you take in the fish boil. These are two very separate affairs. Please sign up to attend the fish boil so Brian has an ideal how to plan.



Pastor's Corner

“Timothy, my co-worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my relatives, I Tertius, the writer of this letter greet you in the Lord. Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Rastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.”

Romans 16:21-23

There are certain passages in Scripture that stick to us, that we love to memorize. One of mine is John 16:33 where Jesus gives the following promise to the disciples after telling them that they will be persecuted for His name: “Take courage; I have conquered the world.” The Scripture passage I started this little piece off with here, I’m guessing, is probably not anyone’s favorite (except, perhaps, for someone who likes to pronounce difficult names). However, there is something really powerful about this passage. Let me explain. When we think about someone who is often in the public eye (president, politician, celebrity, etc.) we often only think about them and forget or not realize how many people are at work behind the scenes. For example, have you ever heard of Jon Favreau or Michael Gerson? Jon is the current speech writer for President Obama. Michael was the speech writer for former President Bush. Their jobs may seem rather insignificant to some, but their jobs as speech writers were and are essential for a presidency that wants to articulate itself well. But this is to say nothing of all the people who plan, who organize, who connect, who call, who protect, who pay bills, etc. Just like it takes a church



to raise a newly baptized child of God, it certainly takes an entire church to think, dream, pray, and plan about the future God is leading us into. No one is insignificant. Everyone is a vital member in the body of Christ. A Timothy is just as important to Paul and to God’s church as a Lucius, a Jason, a Sosipater, a Tertius, a Gaius, a Rastus, and a Quartus. And you are just as important to the life and ministry of this church. Period.

And here’s another connection that I would like to make for this church. Our church secretary writes all my sermons...just kidding! This other connection that I would like to make is in regards to our cottage meetings, and, ultimately, the future God is bringing us into. We have had a number of these meetings so far, and for those who have come, thanks so much! But we have really been struggling to get even 5 people together the last couple of weeks. I’m not sure why this is or what might be holding some back. Regardless, we have only three more times we’re scheduled to get together: September 7th, 14th and the 21st. Be sure to sign up! You and what you bring to this church is important! All of you! Your thoughts, your prayers, and your concerns about the future God is leading us into matters!

God’s peace to all of you my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pastor Chris

Confirmation

It's that time of year again! School is soon to be back in session, yellow buses will be roaring down the streets, and great fun is had by many after reconnecting from being apart for the summer. Our confirmation students will be reconnecting soon too (September 14th to be exact). These are some of the things that they'll be up to: Walking through the Small Catechism this year (starting with the Law, the Ten Commandments), getting used to a new pastor's teaching style, forming new relationships, and serving the Lord for our neigh-

bor's sake together. So every Wednesday we'll be meeting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., but we know the demands on the lives of students too. So if you, a confirmation student, wanted to come early, say from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for homework help, feel free to do so! Pastor Chris will be here (though, he's not too strong in math). And if there is anyone else who would like to help these young, blossoming Christians with faith formation or with homework help, let us know!

Breakfast Resumes September 25

We are anxious to get back to serving the monthly breakfast and so our first one will be on Sunday, September 25 immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Served will be Waffles with a variety of toppings, homemade American fries, scrambled eggs, sausages, fruit and juice. The cost is \$5 adults; children 6-12, \$3 and children 5 and under, \$2.



The monies raised from the breakfast along with a special offering taken at each worship service will be directed to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. It's a painful truth to swallow, but thousands of families struggle daily just to put food on the table. Many are families that live within our own community. Through efforts like this breakfast and our collection of goods we at Christ the King are able to make a positive impact. Can you help fill their pantry shelves by providing the following items:

Canned soups and meats

Spaghetti sauce

Pasta

Breakfast cereals

Canned milk

Canned fruits and veggies

Hamburger Helper

Macaroni & cheese

Hot dogs

Lunch meats

Peanut butter

Jelly

Juice boxes for lunches

Crackers

Cookies

We'll be making a big push in September concerning support for the Salvation so please do what you are able. Thank you for doing all you can to help our neighbors survive these tough times—and start building a brighter tomorrow!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Saturday—5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday—9:00 a.m. Pioneer Club; 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 10:30 Worship, Nursery

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday and Sunday service. At the 10:30 a.m. service communion will be distributed using continuous communion.

Let Us Pray For those Celebrating Birthdays On:

- September 1:** Jeremy Schwark, Beth Wise
September 2: Carter Scheuren
September 3: Stacy Jensen
September 4: Allison Orzel, Laverne Picard
September 5: Hunter Way
September 6: Karen Degnan
September 7: Jessica Grenfell
September 9: Lisa LaCasse, Amanda Picard, Katie Trombley
September 10: Colleen Owens
September 12: Carly DeVet
September 13: Karen Beattie, Sharon Pascoe
September 14: Kate Bonifas, Tim Kenneally, Mandy Lindstrom, Troy St.Vincent
September 15: Allen Botwright, Trevor Christensen
September 19: Michelle Demeuse
September 20: Brett Schlenvogt
September 21: Jodi Way
September 22: Jennifer Dubord
September 23: Jackie LaMarche, Lexi Skorupski
September 24: Dante Rouse
September 26: Joe DeMars, Troy McDonald
September 27: Linda Bonifas, Roger Chylek, Ron Parlato
September 28: Chelsea DeMars, Mikhail Moran, Mary Thompson
September 29: Kim Schwark, Anna Sholander
September 30: Lucas Runkel



Heartfelt Thanks—Dear Pastor Chris and Friends:

I want to express my sincere thanks for your thoughts, prayers, visits, and lovely flowers during my stay at Christian Park Center. I am feeling so much better and was able to return home on Friday, August 5. I feel very blessed to be a member of this congregation, and look forward to seeing you soon.

Millie Leisner

Baptized Into The Faith

We rejoice and give thanks to God as we welcome into the fellowship of Christ and His Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism *Hannah Kristine Trombley*. Hannah is the infant daughter of Clay & Katie Trombley. Her sponsors are Brad Trombley and Tara Braun.

Questions!

Someone recently came into my office and asked one of those profound theological questions. So I thought, why not do that every month? Answer one of those profound questions? So here was the question asked to me: Why does God command to not kill when we see, especially in the Old Testament, God commanding the Israelites to go to war and, ultimately, kill. This is a tough question indeed. There is a long answer to this, but let me give as simple of an answer as possible.

Answer: God commanded those things to be done because that was His will at the time. It doesn't make the

question go away, or make it any easier to wrestle with. However, what we need to put in perspective is the center of the Bible, who is Jesus Christ. As a part of God's eternal, unchanging will to reconcile all of creation to Himself, God used his people, Israel, to do those things. If God did not, then the Savior promised to all people may not have come because Israel would have been utterly wiped out, and with that, the royal line of David from which Christ sprang forth—the "root of Jesse" as it says in Isaiah 11. However,



with questions like these, it's difficult to call into question why God does what, or as C.S.

Lewis once called it, "putting God in the dock." God is God after all, and sometimes it might just be best to not know why *exactly* He commanded what He did. This is part of the hiddenness of God that God doesn't want us to know about. But God does want to reveal Himself to us, reveal His fatherly and merciful heart toward us—and for that, look no further than the babe born in a manger in Bethlehem, look no further than Jesus on the cross.

Lay School For Mission

Would you like to grow deeper in your faith? Would you like to learn more about the Bible, Christian theology, and the church? The Lay School for Mission, sponsored by the Northern Great Lakes Synod, will be kicking things into high gear once again this Fall, starting on Tuesday, September 6th. The Lay School closest to us is at First Lutheran Church in Gladstone. You can learn more about Lay school at this website: <http://www.nglsynod.org/lay-school.html>. Or you can pull Pastor Chris aside to ask him more about it.

Lay School classes are taught by pastors and qualified lay persons. There is no tuition for

classes; the only cost is for books, transportation, and any meals. Although some academic work may be required, grades are not assigned, and students learn what they want to learn, at their own pace. The topics to be learned, taught and discussed this Fall are: Exegesis and Preaching, survey of the Old Testament prophets, Systematic Theology, and a short session on Martin Luther.

Nursery Helpers Needed!

If willing to serve then make you intentions known by signing the back of your worship response card or call the office. A list will be made available as soon as we have the names.

Pioneer Club

The signs are all around us—it is a time of transition into another season. Last week was the UP Fair; the stores all have sales for back to school supplies; the days are slowly getting shorter and the nights are longer and cooler. Soon all the children will be returning to school and here at Christ the King plans and preparations are ongoing for the fall season. Of course, there is lots to plan and prepare for including the Pioneer Club (Sunday school), Confirmation and Rally Day Sunday just to name a few. Exciting times loaded with anticipation and yes, some anxiety, as we begin the fall with a new pastor and both Linda McDonald and Sandy Sovey stepping down from the Pioneer Club program.

First of all, a big thank you needs to go to Linda and Sandy. They have been co-superintendents of the Sunday school for a long time and it will not be easy to fill their shoes. Sandy has capably handled the kitchen and snacks each week and Linda has been the leader for many, many years. It would be impossible to list everything Linda has done over the years. On Rally

Day Sunday she will be honored for her years of service to the Sunday school program.

Praise be to God! All of the teachers from last year have volunteered to teach again this year! A planning meeting was held on August 22 and it was wonderful to see how the teachers have stepped up to help make this



another successful year for the Pioneer Club. Following is a list of opportunities for everyone to be involved and support the Pioneer Club.

1. Rally Day Sunday is on September 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m. A breakfast of eggs and pancakes will be served and everyone is welcome. Parents can register their children for Pioneer Club and there will also be tables set up to display many of the other opportunities here at Christ the King.
2. The very popular Prayer Pal program will continue this year. Linda Bonifas will oversee this program and everyone is encouraged to participate. The power of prayer is needed for our children, and for all of us,

now more than ever.

3. Family Fun nights will continue this year. A simple meal, games and fellowship at the church are planned for September 28 and December 7 and a hayride is planned for October 19. The Family Fun nights begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and the confirmation students will also be involved. Here at Christ the King we are all one big family so everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. When was the last time you were on a hayride?
4. The Sunday School Christmas program will continue this year. Liz Schlenvogt has volunteered to oversee the program and for sure she will be seeking others to assist her in this endeavor.

Lots of opportunities for everyone to get involved and support the work of Jesus and His church while also having a great time—I guess you would call that a win-win situation. There are many ways to be involved and one big one is to remember the Pioneer Club in your prayers. Also, the Pioneer Club Family Nights need sponsors to help cover the

Pioneer Club continued

the costs. If you would like to support the outings such as the hayride or other events that are now being planned such as roller skating or snow tubing please let the office know. Last year, a member sponsored the roller skating

event and it was a great outing. Just ask LeRoy Sovey or Ardy Ross and they will tell you about their adventures on roller skates. In closing it is appropriate to name the teachers and volunteers for the Pioneer Club.

It goes without saying that many of you have supported the Club in many ways and a big thank you to the congregation is first of all in order. Thank you!



The teachers for this year are:

- Ages 4-Kindergarten Carrie Boudreau/Mandy Lindstrom
- Grades 1-2 Nancy Kutzera/Beth Jacobson
- Grades 3-4 Arlene Cody/Tammy Jensen
- Grades 5-6 Liz Schlenvogt/Roland Jacobson
- Substitutes Tara Bruce/Fern Hedman
- Volunteers Linda & Jim Bonifas/Mary Jo Johnson

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 1:8-9, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because the whole world is hearing about your faith. God is my witness that what I say is

true—the God whom I serve with all my heart by preaching the Good News about his Son. God knows that I remember you every time I pray." Paul was writing to

the Romans but his words are true for all of us here at Christ the King. God bless everyone and God bless the Pioneer Club.

Jesus Attention All Women!
Others JOY Book Club To Begin
You Tuesday, September 13



Starting Tuesday, September 13 The Joy Book Club will begin meeting every Tuesday in the church library from 1:00-2:00 p.m. We will be reading the final chapters of the book Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible by John MacArthur. The next book we will be reading and discussing has yet to be decided. All suggestions are appreciated! If you are interested in joining our group please call the church office at 786-7400.

Offerings & Worship Attendance for August

<u>Date</u>	<u>5 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
August 6/ 7	46	16	50	112
August 13/14	38	8	70 (3 nursery)	119
August 20/21	43	5	62 (2 nursery)	112
August 27/28	35	9	95 (2 nursery)	141

Average attendance for August: 121

Offerings For August

August 7: \$3,468.00
 August 14: \$1,928.00
 August 21: \$1,953.60
 August 28: \$1,970.24

Total Offerings for August: \$9,319.84
 Total Needed This Month: \$10,769.56
 Difference This Month: - \$1,449.72
 Year-To-Date Income: \$88,628.12
 Year-To-Date Needed: \$96,618.43
 Difference To Date: - \$10,990.31



Memorials

The following memorials were given to the Quilters in memory of...

Vi West

by her nieces & nephews

Laverne Hendrickson

by Inez Mattson & Nancy Barrett Sliva

Sam Mills

by Leigh & Connie Schmidt

The following memorial was given to the Quilters in honor of Laverne Hendrickson's birthday by Richard, JoAnn, Karen & their families

Those Who Serve



Readers

September 3/ 4—10:30 Sandy Peterson
 September 10/11— 5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Roland Jacobson
 September 17/18—5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Leigh Schmidt
 September 24/25—10:30 Lance Lindstrom

Acolytes

September 3/ 4—5:00 Nina Boudreau 10:30 Dalton Orzel
 September 10/11—5:00 Carly DeVet 10:30 Rachel Gregory
 September 17/18— 5:00 Jett Martin 10:30 Sarah Way
 September 24/25—5:00 Sam LaMarche 10:30 Dustin Heath

Altar Guild

September 3/ 4— Lin VanEffen & John & Ardis Anderson
 September 10/11—Laverne Picard
 September 17/18— Connie Schmidt & Tom & Marlene Raeder
 September 24/25— Sandy Jacobson & Judy Anderson

Head Usher

5:00—Jim Anderson
 10:30— John Anderson



Assisting Minister

September 3/ 4—10:30 Roland Jacobson
 September 10/11— 5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland Jacobson
 September 17/18—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Connie Schmidt
 September 24/25—10:30 Lance Lindstrom

Communion Assistants

September 3/ 4— 5:00 Jim Anderson 10:30 Roland & Sandy Jacobson
 September 10/11—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland & Sandy Jacobson
 September 17/18—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Leigh & Connie Schmidt
 September 24/25—5:00 Jim Anderson 10:30 Lance Lindstrom & Pat Johnson

Pop Tap Tobs...Pap Tob Tabs...ERR...Pop Tob Tabs!

Over the summer we have had a friendly completion with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Bethany and Immanuel over who can collect the most pop top tabs. And guess what? We won! However, the real winners will be the families who will receive the money generated from all those tabs through the organization Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). All three churches collected over 274 pounds...274 POUNDS!!!...of those little aluminum tabs. The amount of money generated

from that is about \$162. And that \$162 dollars will go a long way because FMSC can use that money to make a meal out of only \$.24. So that dollar amount, \$162, will make nearly 700 meals. Great job everyone! And thanks be to God who can do amazing things with something as small as a pop top tab.



Life Line Screening—The Power of Prevention

Christ the King will once again play host to the Life Line Screening organization on Tuesday, September 27th. Life Line Screening uses painless, accurate sonogram technology to “see” plaque build-up in the arteries. When detected early, 80% of strokes can be prevented. Life Line Screening uses only advanced colorflow ultrasound technology and experienced highly skilled technologists. Screening results are provided to you with 21 days after physician review. Life Line Screening is dedicated to providing the highest quality imaging technology at an affordable rate. Their mission is to make people aware of an undetected health problem and encourage them to see follow up care with their physician. Life Line Screening offers a convenient, affordable, confidential and accurate way for men and women to monitor their health. If a significant finding is noted through the screening process, you will take the report to your physician who can then order further testing and given consideration for treatment. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 1-800-324-1851.

WELCA Convention & Women's Fall Retreat

September 16-18 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp



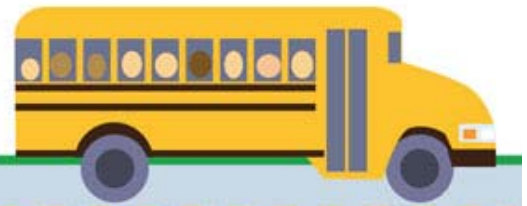
The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) Convention will be held in connection with the Women's Fall Retreat this year.

The convention will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16 and will end that evening.

The retreat begins after the convention closes. You can come for just the convention or just the retreat or come and stay for both.

Registration forms with more information are available for those who are interested in attending.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.</p>				1 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 11:15 Weight Group	2	3 5:00 Communion Service
4 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion Service	Labor Day 5 Church Office Closed	6 1:00 Parish Life Mtg. 5:15 Lay School 5:45 Tops Mtg.	7 9:00 Quilting	8 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 11:15 Weight Group	9	10 9:00 End the Silence Walk 5:00 Communion Service
Rally Sunday 11 9:00 Pioneer Club 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion	12 9:30 Bible Study 12:00 Executive Mtg. 5:00 Worship Mtg.	13 12:00 Sr. Luncheon 1:00 Joy Book Club 5:15 Lay School	14 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Confirmation	15 10:00 Coffee 11:15 Weight Group 6:30 Finance Mtg. 7:00 Council Mtg.	16	17 5:00 Communion Service 6:15 Fish Boil
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