

The King's Herald

November 2011

Confirmation and High School Things

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

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Next summer the ELCA will be having its HUGE youth gathering in New Orleans with the theme being "citizens with the saints." All HIGH SCHOOL students are welcome to sign up for this event. Students entering 9th grade next year and students who are graduating from high school this year are also welcome to sign up and participate. Some sign up forms will be in the office for you to bring home. Registration is limited to the first 39,000 students, and must be done ONLINE with a \$150 deposit. If you want to register, you'll also need the church's congregation I.D. number which is available at the office.



The total cost for this trip will probably be around \$1200 to \$1400 – so the sooner you sign up the sooner you can start doing some fundraising (and yes, we'll do some fundraising here too!). We'll be going with a number of local churches, so hopefully that will offset some of the cost as well. Registering for the youth gathering started on October 9th, and so far over 22,000 youth have registered. To find more out about this powerful opportunity visit <http://www.elca.org/ELCA/Youth-Gathering.aspx> and talk to Pastor Chris.

Special points of interest:

- * Stewardship Sunday, November 19th & 20th
- * Operation Christmas—Shoe Box Ministry Wraps Up
- * "Voices For Youth" Receives Our Support

Other dates to remember:

- "Unplugged" High School Retreat at Fortune Lake – November 4th – 6th (Friday night to Sunday) – Cost \$85 (Scholarships available) – See bulletin at church for sign-up sheets and more info.
- NO Confirmation class on Wednesdays, November 16th and 23rd
- First Worship Wednesday in Advent – November 30th at 7 PM

Also: Be sure to congratulate, pray for, and support our confirmands for this year: Nina Boudreau, Jett Martin, Dalton Orzel, Erin Mattson, and Sam LaMarche!!!

Pastor's Corner

Martin Luther once wrote, "When I reflect on the magnitude of God's mercy and majesty, I am myself horrified at how far God has humbled himself." But isn't that the truth if we take a moment each day to think that thought? God made Himself weak, petty, vulnerable, and despised in the person of Jesus Christ. A verse from the great Christ hymn of Philippians 2 captures that line of thinking



too: *"being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."* This type of humility is something that God calls and invites us into – individually as people and collectively as a church.

And this type of humility is what a lot of our cottage meetings were about. This type of humility is what we have been thinking, dreaming, and praying about for the sake of this church's God-breathed mission.

Currently we are in our next stage of planning. All the data is in. God's mission and vision has been spoken on the lips of the young, the old, and all in-between. There is much to celebrate, much to look forward to, but also much to be concerned about. In light of all of this we continue to ask ourselves and each other, "What does God want us to do now? What is God's preferred future for you, for me, for all of us here at Christ the King next year...two years from now? Where is the Lord bringing us and what will we have to risk?" Wherever the good Lord leads us, it is sure to be promising! I won't give away any hints now, but just know that your pastor is excited to be in this place, at this time, with faithful servants like yourselves who care so deeply about God's ongoing mission of reconciling the

world to Himself (2 Corinthians 5). A passage from Scripture that comes to mind is Colossians 3:16-17 which declares: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And **whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**" We will most certainly continue to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus; you can count on that!

There are also some other things done in Jesus' name to look forward to this month that you'll read more about in this newsletter: A Pioneer Club update, Confirmation and High School things, a 3 week focus on stewardship in November, our Thanksgiving service on the 20th at 7 P.M., and the first Sunday (and Wednesday) in Advent, just to name a few things. Keep praying for the ministries of this church, keep praying for each other, and may the word of Christ continue to dwell in you richly as you do everything in Christ's name; the Name that is above all names, the Name of the One who came not to be served but to serve, the Name of the One who humbled Himself for us and for our salvation, the Name of the One who calls and invites us to follow Him – The Lord Jesus.

Humbly yours in Christ,

Pastor Chris

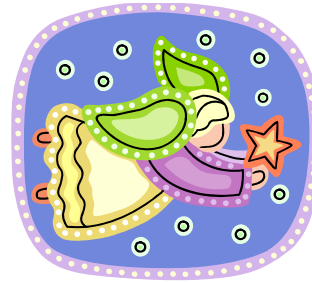
Monthly Question

Someone asked me about angels...not angles mind you, angels. So what is the deal about angels? The word “angel” springs from the Latin word *angulus*, a translation of the Greek word *angelos*, which is a translation of the Hebrew word *malak*. The word both in Hebrew and Greek means “messenger” or “one who is sent,” like a postman or woman is one who is sent from the post office. The role of an angel is to protect and guide God’s people and deliver messages to God’s people in God’s stead. In Scripture, there is also mention of other heavenly beings like cherubim and seraphim. These two, cherubim and seraphim, are said to have wings (cherubim are said to have 4 and seraphim are said to have 6 in Ezekiel and other places), whereas there is no mention of angels having wings at all in Scripture. In English translations of the Bible you can find angels mentioned in Old Testament chapters like Genesis 19 and 22,

Exodus 3, Numbers 22, Isaiah 37, Daniel 3 and 6. Some New Testament passages include Matthew 1 (an angel appears to Joseph in a dream), Luke 1 (the angel Gabriel appears to Mary), Paul mentions that Satan can disguise himself like an angel of light in 2 Corinthians 11, and Paul also mentions in Galatians 1 that if an angel brings a different Gospel than what God has given us, let such an angel be accursed, cut off, *anathema*! This list isn’t exhaustive, but hits on some events in human history when an angel (or angels) has appeared, and it isn’t always a good sign if they do. It’s also important to remember that much modern thinking on angels has been colored by works like Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, movies like *Prophecy*, listening to people who claim to be “psychics,” as well as reading angels (or better, what people think angels are)

into passages of Scripture.

This short spiel on angels isn’t exhaustive, but then again, Scripture doesn’t talk about angels and angelic things at length or very often. Scripture is much more concerned with God’s ongoing work of redemption through Jesus Christ as well as the lives of His people here and now. And God is



much more concerned in building up our faith through the proclamation of the Gospel and the use of the Sacraments than sending an angel into our midst. So what’s the big deal about angels? Well, not too much really. They are important, they play pivotal roles in revealing God’s will to His people at crucial times in human history, but as soon as angels become our chief focus instead of Christ and him crucified, then we’ve got a huge problem.

Let Us Pray For those Celebrating Birthdays On:

November 1: David Erickson

November 2: Dan Hedman

November 3: Ben Dubord

November 4: Brenda Hiney

November 9: Janice Mills

November 10: Roy Dahlgren, Chuck Irving, Karl Tollefson, Judy Vanlerberghe

November 14: Brittany Delke

November 17: Nancy Kutzera

November 18: Donna Orzel

November 19: Elijah Berthaume

November 20: Heidi Prevost

November 21: Joe Dillabough

November 22: Brenda Lunderby, Oral Thompson

November 23: Travis Heath, Joey Murray

November 26: Julie Botwright

November 28: Jeff Kutzera

November 30: Jaylin Skorupski

Pioneer Club News

It has been another busy month with the Pioneer Club. The students and staff continue to meet every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:15 and the activities include a gathering in the sanctuary for prayer and activity, individual classroom work and a closing with music and singing.

Overall, everyone involved in the Pioneer Club program feels very blessed to be involved in the program. The staff are excited to see each student that comes for class each Sunday. Unfortunately, there have been a couple of concerns that seem to occur each year. The first concern is that student attendance is intermittent and each week there are students missing and they are definitely missed. What makes it really unfortunate is that the teachers and Pastor take time to prepare the lessons and many students end up missing these lessons. The second concern is that children are dropped off for Pioneer Club and then picked up after class and the family does not attend church services. Pastor Chris now has a message prepared for the children each Sunday and they seem to enjoy the opportunity to join him at the altar and hear the message.

On Wednesday, October 19, everyone enjoyed a hayride which was the Family Night Activity for the month. Approximately 40 people attended this great event. Everyone gathered at Jeff & Nancy Kutzeras' home for the hayride to a local pumpkin patch where pumpkins could be purchased. After the hayride there was a great bonfire – it really felt good as it was a cool and windy evening but, thank God, no rain. Hotdogs and s'mores were enjoyed by the bonfire and the students had a great time playing in the large back yard area of the home. The adults tended to hang by the fire and enjoy its warmth. Even though it was cool, everyone had a great time! A big thank you is extended to Nancy and her family who organized the event and opened their home for everyone.



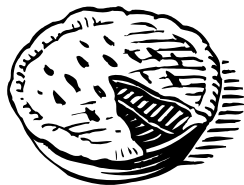
As always, everyone is encouraged to get involved in this important ministry for our children and families. Continue to remember the Pioneer Club in your prayers. Also, remember that the Pioneer Family Fun Nights always need sponsors to cover the costs. If you would like to support any of the upcoming events for the Pioneer Club let the office know or tell one of the teachers.

Each week the students are given a Bible message to memorize. One of the recent Bible passages comes from James 1:25 and says: *“But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.”* May God bless everyone who is “doing” for the Pioneer Club.

Senior's Luncheon

The November Senior's Luncheon hands down has to be our favorite luncheon that we do all year. We invite all those 55 and older to our luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 12:00 noon. Please note that this happens to be the third Tuesday of the month and not the usual second Tuesday.

The festive meal will include Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing, Sweet & Sour Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Relish, Dinner Roll, Assorted Pies and Beverages. The cost is \$5. Make your reservation by signing the back of your worship response card or call the church office.



Keep These Members In Your Prayers

Jean Cote was recently hospitalized and underwent a delicate surgery to remove a portion of his leg. He has since left the hospital and was transferred to Christian Park where he will rest and recuperate. We pray that he regains his strength and will soon be home again.

Last month Melba Bramer left her apartment and now resides at Sunny Shores, 1615 Lake Shore Drive, Gladstone.

Help lift the spirits of these special individuals with a card and word of encouragement.

Breakfast/Luncheon

Last month we did something different than the usual breakfast and it went over very well. The soup and sandwich luncheon brought in \$367 for the Ford River Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you for your generous support to this very needy cause. The proceeds will be used to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus masks. We are proud knowing that we helped supply at least one fire fighter with a mask that allows them to fight fires safely.

As for November we will be doing a long overdue and favorite of ours, potato bake. Patty Lindstrom is spearheading this luncheon with the help of others. You will get a baked potato that you can smother with toppings from the potato bar such as Cheese, Broccoli & Cheese, Chili, Bacon Bits & Sour Cream. Also being served is coleslaw, beverages and apple slices and pumpkin desserts. The cost will be adults \$5; children 6-12, \$3 and children 5 and under \$2. Take out orders are welcome.

Proceeds this month are being directed to "Voices For Youth." (see more details about this elsewhere in this newsletter).

Have You Checked Out Our Web Page Lately?

Our web page has been in existence for a while now and we are quite pleased how it has evolved. Pastor Chris submits his sermons weekly and there is a complete schedule of what is taking place at Christ the King. You can also see a follow up to many events complete with pictures. Check it out at www.ctk-escanaba.org and see what you think.

Worship Attendance for October

<u>Date</u>	<u>5 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
October 1/ 2	45	77 (3 nursery)	125
October 8/ 9	58	86 (5 nursery)	149
October 15/16	51	73 (5 nursery)	129
October 22/23	54	79 (9 nursery)	142

Average attendance for October (through the 23rd): 136

Offerings For October (through the 23rd)

October 2: \$2,946.00
 October 9: \$3,124.80
 October 16: \$2,072.00
 October 23: \$1,957.00

Total Offerings for October: \$10,099.80
 Total Needed This Month: \$10,769.56
 Difference This Month: - \$669.76
 Year-To-Date Income: \$103,757.01
 Year-To-Date Needed: \$115,772.77
 Difference To Date: - \$12,015.76



Memorials

The following memorial was given to the Memorial Fund in memory of...

Sam Mills by Vivian Frossard

Bill Smith by Jim & Judy Anderson

Allen Hendrickson by Bud Irving, Jim & Judy Anderson

Vernon Lind by Jim & Judy Anderson

Vi Peterson by Jim & Judy Anderson

The following memorial was made for kitchen gadgets in loving memory of...

Sam Mills by his wife, Janice

Those Who Serve

Readers

Nov. 5/ 6—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Dawn Martin
 Nov. 12/13— 5:00 10:30 Fern Hedman
 Nov. 19/20—5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Derek Lindstrom
 Nov. 26/27—5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Carrie Boudreau



Acolytes

Nov. 5/ 6—5:00 Alexis Dahlgren 10:30 Abby Runkel
 Nov. 12/13—5:00 Nick Beattie 10:30 Kyle Mattson
 Nov. 19/20— 5:00 Carly DeVet 10:30 Dustin Heath
 Nov. 26/27—5:00 Alexis Dahlgren 10:30 Rosalea Coyle

Altar Guild

Nov. 5/ 6 — Judy Anderson
 Nov. 12/13— Lin VanEffen & John & Ardis Anderson
 Nov. 19/20— Laverne Picard
 Nov. 26/27—Connie Schmidt & Tom & Marlene Raeder

Nursery (10:30 service)

Nov. 6—Nancy Kutzera
 Nov. 13—Samantha Kutzera
 Nov. 20—Abby Runkel
 Nov. 27—Tammy Jensen

Assisting Minister

Nov. 5/ 6—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Lance Lindstrom
 Nov. 12/13— 5:00 10:30 Lynn Chylek
 Nov. 19/20—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland Jacobson
 Nov. 26/27—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Connie Schmidt

Coffee Server

Nov. 6—Carly DeVet
 Nov.13—Rachel Gregory
 Nov.20—Nathan Tufnell
 Nov.27—Nathan Tufnell

Communion Assistants

Nov. 5/ 6— 5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Lance Lindstrom & Sandy Herlik
 Nov. 12/13—5:00 Jim Anderson 10:30 Lynn Chylek & Sandy Peterson
 Nov. 19/20—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland & Sandy Jacobson
 Nov. 26/27—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Leigh & Connie Schmidt

Fish Fry Supports "Voices For Youth" Program

On Friday, November 12, immediately following the 5:00 worship service, a Fish Fry will be held for all those who are interested. The menu will include Walleye, French Fries, Coleslaw, Homemade Baked Beans, Dinner Roll and Dessert. There is no charge but we will be taking a free will offering with the monies going to "Voices For Youth."

Come, join us as we share in this special opportunity for fellowship while knowing that our efforts are supporting such an important need in our community. Please sign the back of your worship response card or call the church office to make a reservation. Reservations are not necessary but are helpful in our planning.

Voices For Youth

Those in attendance at the fall Delta Conference meeting, which was held at CTK, heard a representative from Lutheran Social Services describe the transitional living home known as "Voices For Youth." It is located in Escanaba and serves homeless youth from 16-21 years of age.



These young people can stay up to 18 months and while they are in the home are provided the basic necessities such as food, clothing and shelter. They attend weekly life skill classes and are encouraged to get their education whether its a high school diploma or college education. They are also coached in searching for a job.

Our monthly breakfast/luncheon and special fish fry will direct their proceeds to this group home. Help us help these kids!

Operation Christmas Child— "Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child."

November 13th is fast approaching and Operation Christmas Child is coming to a close. Please remember those children in need by returning your filled box to the table in the narthex. If you cannot fill a box, please consider making a donation so we can fill one for you or by donating the \$7 shipping costs. Help us make a child's Christmas a little brighter—fill a box.



Our Deepest Sympathy

On Wednesday, October 12th friends and family gathered to celebrate the life of Bill Smith. As several of his former co-workers shared he was quite the serious man so they took great pleasure in finding ways to get under his skin. All in fun I'm sure. He was most known to be a man who loved his wife, children and grandchildren very much. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends during this difficult time. *"As the flowers bloom and the sun shines, so will your heart again. Birth is a beginning and death a destination."*

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank You—It was very much appreciated. Thank you so much for the very nice luncheon for Bill Smith's service.

The Family of Bill Smith

Operation Christmas Child—The Power of a Simple Gift

Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”* Matthew 19:14



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. Here are some ways you can make a difference.

PRAY. Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.

PACK A GIFT. A shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love.

PROVIDE \$7 DONATION. It takes \$7 to cover the shipping costs per box. Monetary contributions are appreciated to help cover these shipping costs.

Shoe boxes will be made available on Sunday, October 10th along with an instructional pamphlet. Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label from this brochure. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. Fill the box with gifts (see gift suggestions below). Place a rubber band around each completed shoe box and bring back to church and place on table in the narthex. National Collection Week is held November 14-21 therefore we ask that you return your filled box by Sunday, November 6th.



TOYS—small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES—pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS- toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER-Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

WELCA Fall Cluster

The Women of the ELCA will hold their Fall Cluster on Thursday, November 3rd at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The program is entitled "*Feed the Hungry*". Dave Mason and Tom Kozar will share some of their Tanzania experiences as the program. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with a meal to follow at 6:00 p.m. The World Hunger meal will be served by the women of Immanuel and friends.



The monetary offering will be divided between the Food Disaster Fund to aid families in Michigan and the SWO. The In-Kind offering will be shared with Rock's Food Pantry. Items that are especially needed include: canned soup, boxed dinners and paper products.

Come, bring a friend. Men are also invited. Please RSVP by November 1 to 786-6771. If you are in need of a ride please contact Connie Schmidt at 786-3324.

Progressive Dinner

The Progressive Dinner which typically takes place in December has definitely been one of our favorite events during the holidays. The Parish Life Committee has chosen Friday, December 9th to host this year's dinner. Contact Sandy Peterson if you would like to host one of these courses...Appetizers, Soup & Salad, Entrée and Dessert. A couple of families have actually joined together and co-hosted a particular course so that is always an option. Signing up to attend this event will begin sometime in November so please check for details in your bulletin.

EYEsee

EYEsee is a ministry sponsored by the youth group at First Lutheran in Gladstone. Started by Roman Catholic High School students in Chicago, EYEsee is not a multimillion dollar agency, but a group of kids seeking to live faithfully and make a difference in the world!

EYEsee collects old or unused glasses and sends them to poor, third world countries. In these places, a person's daily wages can be \$4.00. That means a simple pair of prescription glasses can cost a month's salary! By donating one pair of old, unused glasses, you can change a person's entire life. Moreover, statistics show that over 90% of old, unused eyeglasses are simply thrown away.

The First Lutheran group collected over 200 pair of eyeglasses during September, Faith in Rock collected them in October, and Bethany in Perkins will be collecting them in November! On November 19th and 20th, several young people from First will be with us to tell us more about this ministry. In December, Christ the King will be collecting those unused glasses. You can learn more about EYEsee at their web site (www.eyeseemission.org).



So check out your dresser drawers and other hiding places, and bring in those unused spectacles in December!

Stewardship and the Giving of Ourselves

Stew-ard-ship [stoo-erd-ship] noun

“a person who acts as the surrogate of another or others, especially by managing property, financial affairs, an estate, etc.”

The Stewardship Plan for this fall has now been put into place and we would like to give you an advance preview of the upcoming events during the month of November. Stewardship is our opportunity to put the resources in place to carry out God's Plan for one of His churches, this church; Christ the King.

In the very near future, you will receive the forms to complete your Estimate of Giving pledge for the upcoming year along with the Time and Talents sheet. Please review this information carefully and prayerfully respond with your gifts for the year.



During the month of November the following stewardship events will be happening:

During the weekend of November 5th and 6th, David Hendrickson will be preaching the Word to us and for us. David visited Tanzania during this past summer and he will be speaking to this experience. Also, David Mason from Immanuel Lutheran Church will share a temple talk during the Saturday service and Tom Kozar, also from Immanuel, will be available before and after the Sunday service to share his experiences. Both Dave and Tom visited Tanzania this summer. Christ the King and Immanuel are in partnership with a companionship church in Tanzania, Magagoni Lutheran Church. Come and hear more about this and the opportunities for stewardship on an international and global level.

During the weekend of November 12th and 13th, there will be a free will offering fish fry after the Saturday service and the monthly brunch after the Sunday service. All of the proceeds from these meals will be given to the Voices for Youth program which is a program for homeless youth here in Escanaba. A guest speaker will share information about this vital program. Come and hear more about this program that is supported by our church and by Lutheran Social Services, as well as the opportunity this provides for stewardship on the community and local level.

Finally, during the weekend of November 19th and 20th, there will be three opportunities to return your Estimates of Giving pledges and Time and Talent Sheets at either the Saturday service, the Sunday service or the Sunday night Thanksgiving service. Of course, you can always return your stewardship forms earlier if you would like. There will be a skit shared with the congregation during the Saturday and Sunday service that will address the opportunity for stewardship on the congregational level. Here is another opportunity to come and hear about God's Plan for serving here at Christ the King.

Stewardship is our opportunity to give to God what is really his in the first place: Our time, our talents, everything we have received from God, and ourselves. Take the time this month to see how you can continue to be a steward of God's gifts.

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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.
