



The King's Herald

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

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- * Christian Education Opportunities Begin
- * Custodial Vacancy to be Filled
- * God's Future Plans for Christ the King Moves Forward
- * New Stewardship Committee Formed

Monday Morning Bible Study

After taking a break from our Bible study for the Christmas season, we will be starting up again our weekly Bible study on Monday, January 9th. Our focus to start off the new year will be on the book of Jonah—a very fascinating, funny, and thought provoking book about one of the more interesting prophets of God (or is the book more about God than Jonah?). As a guide, we'll be using a Bible study from the ELCA's "Book of Faith" initiative to help navigate us through this part of God's Word. To help offset some of the cost of this resource, a donation of \$5 is requested, but not required. Come check it out!



Joy Book Club

The Joy Book Club invites all women to join us as we begin reading and discussing the power of a praying women by Stormie Omartian. Beginning on Tuesday, January 10 we will meet every Tuesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the church library. Please join us and bring a friend! All you have to do is call the church office at 786-7400 to register. This allows us to order enough books. Hope to see you there!!



Annual Meeting

Christ the King's Annual Meeting to approve the reports of the committees, review the churches financial reports, adopt the 2011 budget and hold election of Church Council members will be held on Sunday, February 5, 11:45 a.m. Prior to the meeting coffee, juice, fruit and sweets will be served. It is important that all confirmed members be present to carry out the business at hand.

All written reports which are to be included in the booklet of reports are due in the office by Wednesday, January 18th. Please submit electronically to c.lutheran@att.net if possible.

Pastor's Corner Continued

else. God puts to an end to all of that useless wanting and desire and says instead, "Return not to that vomit and bile, but turn to Me. Look to my Son who is your life, who is your perfection. His resolution was to take all that was imperfect, sinful, and full of death in you from you, and he did that already, oh, about 2000 years ago."

So brothers and sisters in Christ may you refrain from any and all vomit-like things and instead continue to trust in the one who made not so much a "New Year's" resolution, but made and kept and accomplished a "New Age" resolution already which started in the manger, reached its climax in the death and resolution, and will become finalized and consummated when Christ comes again in glory and power.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chris



“Blessed is the one
who comes in the name
of the Lord.”

LUKE 13:35, NRSV

Senior's Luncheon

Reservations are now being taken for the Senior's Luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 12:00 noon. The menu will include Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, California Blend Vegetables (carrots, cauliflower & broccoli), Salad, Dinner Roll, Beverage and Dessert. The cost is \$5.00. Sign the back of your worship response card or call the church office to make a reservation.

Flowers/Newsletter Sponsors

A new chart is posted in the narthex for those interested in signing up to sponsor the altar flowers. The cost per week is \$24. You are invited to take the flowers home after the 10:30 a.m. worship service otherwise they will be shared with our shut-ins.

You may also sign up to sponsor the monthly newsletter. The cost is \$33.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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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.

Pioneer Club News

**“Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!”**

The children slowly filed out of the sanctuary as the congregation joined them in the singing of this beautiful Christmas hymn. The blessed and real Christmas story had just been told again, in song and word, by the Sunday School students. It was a beautiful program given in a sanctuary filled with proud parents, grandparents and congregation members. A big thank you needs to be extended to all of the students, and to the teachers and assistants, who helped to make the program happen! Many hours went into the preparation and practice for the program and it sure paid off! A special thank you goes to Liz Schlenvogt who wrote and directed the program – Liz, it was beautiful! Finally, the fellowship hall was filled after the program and everyone was enjoying the goodies supplied by the congregation. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to everyone who set up and cleaned up in the fellowship hall. We thank God for the talents of our children and for all who help to shape their Christian development and growth!

During the month of December, a group of teachers and parents met to discuss the plan for the rest of the Sunday School year. Classes will begin on Sunday, January 8 and continue every Sunday at the usual time of 9:00 – 10:15. The activities planned for the rest of the year include snow tubing at the Gladstone Sports Park, roller skating and family fun night activities. A schedule of events will be available early in the new year so keep posted and everyone is welcome to participate in any of the activities or classes. Any gifts of time or money is always greatly appreciated and would be put to good use in the Sunday School program. Finally, please remember the students in your prayers that they may continue to learn about, and receive, the word and grace of God. May the words of that great song reverberate in all of our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ and welcome the New Year –



**“Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.”**

GOD'S FUTURE PLAN FOR CHRIST THE KING

Steadily and surely God's Future Plan for Christ the King is coming together. It is very exciting to be involved in the evolution of this Plan. It has been a blessing to hear how God has been working in the hearts, minds and actions of His disciples here at Christ the King Church and how His wishes are, and will be, played out by the members of Christ the King.

All of the data from the cottage meetings has been pulled together into various topics / themes that can be used for planning. One evening in October a representative group of members came together in a work session to revise and/or develop a draft mission statement and long term goals using all of the information that had been collected. The evening was very busy and fruitful and resulted in a revised mission statement and two long term goal areas. The members of this work session should be thanked over and over again for their Christ centered and diligent work and their names are Fern Hedman, Sandy Peterson, Lynn Chylek, Carrie Boudreau, Pastor Chris, Beth Carlson, Rachael Pascoe, Sharon Pascoe, Joe DeMars, Oral Thompson, Marlene Raeder, Nancy Kutzera, Deb Wayne, Mary Jo Johnson, Barb Hammerberg, and Roland Jacobson. A smaller group (Roland Jacobson, Pastor Chris, Carrie Boudreau, Nancy Kutzera, and Oral Thompson) then took the work that had been completed on the goals and drafted two goal statements. At the November Church Council meeting the revised mission statement and the new goals were reviewed and approved. The approved mission statement and goals are:

Mission Statement: Empowered by God's Word and Grace we share Jesus Christ with Family, Community, and World.

Goals God has been revealing to us:

Discipleship: Strengthening our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Hospitality: Being intentional in welcoming others, and creating an environment and attitude of hospitality.

The next step in the development of God's Future Plan will be to develop the steps that will put each goal into action. A work team is now being formed that will meet on December 8 to work on that process. If you are interested in being involved please contact Pastor Chris or Roland Jacobson.

During the development of God's Future Plan, we have been using the book of Ephesians as a guide. In closing let me share a word of scripture with you from Ephesians: "In Him (Jesus Christ) the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you are also built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." Ephesians 2:21-22

Christmas Blessings to All,

Roland Jacobson
Church Council President

Offerings & Worship Attendance for December

<u>Date</u>	<u>5 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
December 3/ 4	51	76 (6 nursery)	133
December 10/11	50	78 (6 nursery)	134
December 17/18	62	78 (5 nursery)	145
December 24	254	74	328
December 25		46	46

Average attendance for December: 157

Offerings For December

December 4	\$3,634.75
December 11	\$1,855.65
December 18	\$2,778.00
December 25	\$9,443.00



Total Offerings for December: \$17,711.40

Total Needed This Month: \$10,769.56

Difference This Month: - \$6,941.84

Year-To-Date Income: \$133,843.38

Year-To-Date Needed: \$140,004.00

Difference To Date: - \$6,160.62

2012 Offering Envelopes

There are still a number of offering envelopes in the church narthex that have not been picked up. Help us save on the expense of mailing them by picking yours up.

Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

Deuteronomy 15:10

Those Who Serve

Readers

January 7/ 8—5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Sandy Jacobson
January 14/15— 5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Marlene Raeder
January 21/22—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Leigh Schmidt
January 28/29—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Linda McDonald



Acolytes

January 7/ 8—5:00 T.J. Schlenvogt 10:30 Abby Runkel
January 14/15—5:00 Rosalea Coyle 10:30 Alexis Dahlgren
January 21/22— 5:00 Carly DeVet 10:30 Abby Runkel
January 28/29—5:00 Nathan Tufnell 10:30 Alexis Dahlgren

Altar Guild

January 7/ 8 — Judy Anderson
January 14/15— Lin VanEffen & John & Ardis Anderson
January 21/22— Laverne Picard
January 28/29— Connie Schmidt & Tom & Marlene Raeder

Head Usher

5:00—Thure Dahlgren
 10:30— John Anderson

Assisting Minister

January 7/ 8—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lynn Chylek
January 14/15— 5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lance Lindstrom
January 21/22—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Connie Schmidt
January 28/29—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Roland Jacobson

Coffee Server

Jan. 8—Abby Runkel
Jan. 15—Alexis Dahlgren
Jan. 22—Abby Runkel
Jan. 29—Alexis Dahlgren

Communion Assistants

Jan. 7/ 8—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lynn Chylek
Jan. 14/15—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lance Lindstrom
Jan. 21/22—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Connie Schmidt
Jan. 28/29—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Roland Jacobson

Nursery

Jan. 8— Shannon Scheuren
Jan. 15— Nancy Kutzera
Jan. 22—Samantha Kutzera
Jan. 29—Abby Runkel



Everything else is
 WORTHLESS when
 compared with the
INFINITE VALUE
 of knowing
Christ Jesus
my Lord.

Philippians 3:8, NLT

Let Us Pray For those Celebrating Birthdays On:

- January 3:** Alyssa Gafner, Ilene Solis
- January 6:** Courtney Jensen
- January 9:** Joyce Cote
- January 11:** Jason Gartland
- January 13:** Isabelle Braun, Karen Dillabough
- January 14:** Linda Gafner
- January 15:** Lori Clark
- January 16:** Kathy Gartland
- January 17:** Jenna Smith
- January 19:** John Herlik, Bud Irving, Jeremy Murray
- January 21:** Lindsey Forvilly
- January 23:** Marci Anderson, Caryl Clemens
- January 24:** Andrew Emmons, Gayle Emmons
- January 25:** Barbara Dahlgren
- January 26:** Tara Braun, Mary Jo Johnson
- January 27:** Charles Clark, Kurt Peterson
- January 28:** Andy Hendrickson
- January 29:** Drake Degnan, Kylie Forvilly, Robert Smith
- January 30:** John Anderson



January

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year 1 10:30 Communion Service	2 Church Office Closed	3 5:45 Tops Mtg.	4 9:00 Quilting	5 10:00 Coffee with the Staff	6 6:00 Progressive Dinner	7 5:00 Communion Service
8 9:00 Pioneer Club 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Communion	9 9:30 Bible Study	10 12:00 Sr. Luncheon 1:00 Joy Book Club 5:45 Tops Mtg.	11 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Confirmation	12 10:00 Coffee with the Staff	13	14 5:00 Communion Service
15 9:00 Pioneer Club 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Communion	16 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Budget Mtg.	17 1:00 Joy Book Club 5:45 tops Mtg.	18 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Confirmation	19 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 7:00 Church Council	20	21 5:00 Communion Service
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Confirmation Things

Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 PM!!! Some things that we'll be focusing on between now and Easter and beyond: Lord's Prayer, Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, how to find our way through the Bible, and Law/Gospel and Sinner/Saint paradoxes. Some things we focused on in the Fall: Ten Commandments and the Apostle's Creed.

As you can see, we've been really dialing in on and digging into Luther's Small Catechism – parts of which the confirmation students are required to memorize. Fall was a lot of fun and this coming Winter and Spring are shaping up to be the same! Keep these young, budding Christians in your prayers!

Also, a HUGE thanks to all the confirmation students for

their participation in the Advent services – reading, ushering, taking care of the offering, preparing cookies and coffee afterwards, and also for Nick Beattie for sharing a message with us on the final Wednesday in Advent! Make sure you thank them and also thank them helping out in many ways on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings too!

Monthly Question For Pastor

The question asked to me: "Why isn't Easter on the same date every year! I know there is some 'religious calendar reason' but obviously not everyone knows the reason."

Great question! The way you know which day Easter Sunday will fall on is that it is always the first Sunday *after* the first full moon *after* the Spring

Equinox (always March 21st).

Why is this so? There are a number of reasons for this of course, but this is something you could look up on Wikipedia.org to see all the specifics (much more than space would allow here). Just type in "Easter" and you'll

find out more information than you can shake a stick at. The earliest Easter Sunday can be is March 22nd and the latest Easter Sunday can fall on is April 25th. Here are the dates of the next 10 Easter Sundays: April 8th, March 31st, April 20th, April 5th, March 27th, April 16th, April 1st, March 24th, April 12th, April 4th, and April 17th. Plan your vacations and Spring breaks accordingly. ©



Custodial Vacancy

We will be hiring for the vacant custodial position this month. The job description can be found on our website and in the office. The position will also be posted in the Daily Press for a week or so in late December/early January.

Pastor's Corner

Something that I really enjoy are interesting (some would say weird) Bible verses. Here is one verse that I find hilarious but at the same time all too true. Proverbs 26:11 states: "Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who reverts to his folly." The book of Proverbs, like the book of Job, the Psalms, the Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes, are what are classified as "Wisdom literature" in the Old Testament (ordered differently and including different books in the Jewish order of the Old Testament). These writings are all written in a poetic style (save Job which has poetry and prose just like every other book in the Old Testament). Here is the Proverb again, this time transliterated into English to give you a sense of its poetic nature:

Ka-ke-levshav al-qeov

Kasilshovnehba-iv-val-tav



So there (hopefully) you'll notice the hard "k" sound at the beginning of each line as well as the hard "v" sound at the end of each line (not to mentioned all the "v" sounds throughout this verse). So now you may asking what does this have to do with me? Well, the poetic stuff is just nice to know since poetry is all over the Bible (especially the Old Testament). Reading something poetic also tends to make hard truth a bit easier to digest (pun intended). Let's get back to the verse I mentioned already: "Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who reverts to his folly."

This is a popular time for "New Year's resolutions." You know, things you say you'll do to live a happier, healthier life but chances are that you don't live up to your resolution and end up "like a dog that returns to its vomit." This isn't meant to be or sound mean, but if we are all honest with ourselves we are all too aware and too fond of our own "vomit" (whatever that may be for you) than try something new or different, even if that new or different thing is good for us.

So instead of setting yourself up to fail (and I know I have...anyone remember the "ab roller"?), how about you make a New Year's resolution to not make any New Year's resolutions? Instead of making yourself look foolish and awful to yourself with hollow promises, threats, and accusations, why don't you instead put some shoes or boots on or open up a book and go on a journey where you have no expectations but to be met by the holy God where you're at in your life now? We tend to think, "Once I feel holy enough, good enough, or decent enough then I'll get closer to God." What we forget if we say or think that is that God is *already* closer to us than we to ourselves. This is the whole point of the Incarnation, of God becoming Man in Jesus Christ! This is the whole point of Christmas! This is the whole point of being baptized by God, receiving the Holy Spirit, wholly and completely. God comes to us in this child and on that cross, not us to God as we climb a ladder of self-improvement. God stops at *nothing* to get it through our thick skulls and hearts of stone that we will never see ourselves as good enough! Instead, God turns our faces and hearts from the false pictures we paint of ourselves. God shatters every mirror we just can't help but to look at wishing we were someone



Stewardship=Discipleship

Praise God for another successful pledge drive! 61 pledges of Estimates of Giving and/or Time and Talents have been received which is approximately a 25% increase from the previous year! Thank You to everyone who made a pledge and thank you to everyone who helps support the ministry of Jesus Christ here at His church.

Recently a Stewardship Committee has been formed to function as a Steering Committee for the ongoing stewardship activities at Christ the King. The Committee includes staff members Pastor Chris and Arlene Cody along with Roland Jacobson, Carrie Boudreau, Mary Jo Johnson and Cathy Olson. Initially, the group will

meet on a monthly basis to oversee the stewardship actions of discipleship for His church. The group will be using a book titled *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation* as a guide. If you would like to check out this book – it is only 128 pages and loaded with great information – inform the office and a copy can be made available to you.

As just mentioned, the stewardship plans and actions will include at least some of the recommendations from the Ask, Thank, Tell book. As the title suggests, stewardship does not only include ask-

ing but it is also all about thanking and telling: Thanking the disciples of this church frequently and sincerely, and sharing (telling) their stories of discipleship.

There are so many stories to tell! During this month of December, for example, a group prepared and delivered a great meal for the students at Bay College.

Around 100 students received the meal and it was obvious how thankful they

were to receive a home cooked meal. Remember, it was Jesus working through you and your giving of time and/or funds that made this ministry possible. Praise God!

“Make no mistake, my friends. All good giving, every perfect gift, comes from above, from the Fa-

