

# The King's Herald

## February 2012

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

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### Special points of interest:

- \* Join us on Facebook
- \* New Members Welcome
- \* Lent begins on February 22nd with Ash Wednesday
- \* Fundraisers to benefit youth going to New Orleans Youth Gathering this July

### First Communion Class Dates

This year, all 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders who wish to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend Communion class held each Sunday in March: the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. Class will start at 12PM sharp. Lunch will be provided each week, but feel free to bring anything to eat if you or your child has certain dietary restrictions. Also, parents of first communicants are required to attend these classes as well, so they too can help their child prepare for the sacrament. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will commune on Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Chris or the church office to enroll or if you have any questions.



### Monday Morning Bible Study

On Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we began our focus in the book of Jonah – a very fascinating, funny, and thought provoking book about one of the more...peculiar prophets of God. We will be wrapping up our brief foray in Jonah on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The next two weeks we'll cover two short letters in the New Testament: St. Paul's letter to Philemon (a hotly debated letter during the time of the Civil War) and the letter of St. Jude. For Lent we will either be walking through the Old Testament book of Exodus or another New Testament letter, Hebrews. After that we will... well, we can't let too many cats out of the bag, can we?



### Annual Congregational Meeting - February 5

Christ the King's Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the reports of the committees, review the churches financial reports, adopt the 2012 budget and hold election of Church Council members and other representatives will be held Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 a.m. Reports are available at the church. Please pick one up or call the office and we'll be happy to send you one.

## Pastor's Corner

*1 Corinthians 1:18 – “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

It's kind of hard to believe that this month Lent will be already beginning (Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>). Last year Lent started during March, so while I'm not up to my one year anniversary just yet, I'm al...

most.....there. For some reason though, I don't think Lent is a favorite time of year for many. Let's look at what is going against it:

- (1) For students, Lent anticipates the end of the school year by having this thing called “Spring Break” where unfortunate students have their hopes dashed year after year by having to come back to school after being gone a week. As the old saying goes, “It's close, but no cigar.”
- (2) There really aren't any big holidays during Lent. Sure, this year and every year there is St. Patrick's Day sandwiched between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but let's face it; green beer looks rather disgusting and one can only have so much corned beef and cabbage. I'll take a shamrock shake any day over those two things.
- (3) Lent occurs on the cusp of Winter and Spring; it's not quite one or the other. And for some reason, God just simply can't make up His mind whether or not He wants the weather to be cold, wet, rainy, or sunny.
- (4) We also can't forget the anthropological (people centered) and theological (God centered) reasons for our distaste for Lent.

*Anthropological:* We human beings are reminded right when Lent starts, Ash Wednesday of our own death – “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Maybe

that's why receiving the cross in ashes on our forehead isn't very fashionable; no one likes to be reminded that death is one day coming and they can't escape it. However, what our baptism (and those ashes on our forehead) reminds us is that we live not with death looming ahead, but that death is behind us. The



grave has been conquered. Death has been swallowed up in Christ's victory over the cross and grave.

*Theological:* Sin is talked about an awful lot during Lent, isn't it? But often when we think of sin we tend to think of it as things we do or don't do, bad choices we make, things we've done or said that have hurt people. Sin is much bigger than that though. God has a problem with sin. He hates it. He hates how it has infected His good creation and His creatures so much so that absolutely no man, woman, or child can escape the power of sin. As Psalm 51:5 states, “Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.” But the tough thing about Lent though is that we admit this about ourselves too. That we are sinners in need of God's grace and mercy. That we are sinners, hostile to God and His will.

But there is good news in Lent too, we mustn't forget. As Jesus himself reminds us, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” This is very good news for all of us who are sick and in need of the great Physician – Jesus Christ and him alone.

Humbly yours in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Chris*

## New Member Classes

New Member classes will be held after the Lenten season. Classes will be every Thursday from April 12<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-6PM. New members will be formally welcomed during church on Pentecost weekend – May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Below is a list of the days and what the focus of those days will be. But something else to know is that *everyone is invited to these classes too!* And who couldn't use a refresher in the basics?

**Session I** – April 12<sup>th</sup> – Who is God and what kind of God do we believe in?

**Session II** – April 19<sup>th</sup> – The Bad News about Humanity and the Good News of God

**Session III** – April 26<sup>th</sup> – Bible: How did it come to be? Why should we believe it? Is it true?

**Session IV** – May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lutheran Emphases: Why are Lutherans, well, Lutheran?

**Session V** – May 10<sup>th</sup> – Vocation, Spiritual Gifts, and the purpose of God's church

**Session VI** – May 17<sup>th</sup> – Prayer, Worship, and Stewardship & Stewardship as Prayerful Worship

**Session VII** – May 24<sup>th</sup> – Open day for any and all questions or topic class wants to learn more about


\*Note: For new and inquiring members, if these days and times do not work out for you, please contact Pastor Chris to reschedule and set up another time/other times to meet.

## Custodial Vacancy

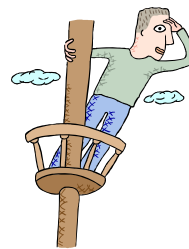


We are pleased to announce that our new custodian/sexton will be starting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Kim Thorsen brings to this congregation a number of years of experience serving as a custodian in a couple of places. If you see her around, be sure to say "hi" and introduce yourself and make her feel welcome!

## Confirmation Things

We've got two fundraisers planned this month for the youth that will be going to New Orleans this July. Super Bowl Sunday our students and Bethany's students will be making fresh sandwiches called  "Po'boys" (just think subs). Also, we will be having a Chili Challenge where the confirmation students will be serving and a portion of the money raised will be used to help offset costs for the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Also, keep posted for future fundraising opportunities. And if anyone would like to sponsor a portion of a confirmation students costs (i.e. train tickets, registration costs, or housing costs), please let us know!

### Important Upcoming Dates:



Ash Wednesday – Wednesday,  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Walk For Warmth – Saturday,  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM (meet at  
Elk Lodge)

Soup/Sandwiches and Lenten Worship –  
Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – Junior High Youth

Gathering at Fortune Lake – Cost: \$45

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – "Marked" Event at Marinette  
– 4-7PM CST – Need Drivers!

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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.

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## Offerings & Worship Attendance for January

<u>Date</u>	<u>5 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
January 7/ 8	49	79 (4 nursery)	132
January 14/15	62	64 (8 nursery)	134
January 21/22	56	68 (3 nursery)	127
January 28/29	51	74 (6 nursery)	131

Average attendance for January: 131

## Offerings For January

January 1	\$2,596.25
January 8	\$2,564.00
January 15	\$1,752.05
January 22	\$2,125.00
January 29	\$1,812.00

Total Offerings for January: \$10,849.30

Year-To-Date Income: \$10,849.30



## Lenten Coin Folders

The Lenten season is a time of preparation; it's also a time to examine our spiritual condition and to strive to improve our relationship with God. We have placed a number of Lenten coin folders on the table in the narthex for those who would like to use them on their Lenten journey. Each day, as you place a coin in this folder, make it a time for deciding how you may make the day one that reflects the spirit with which Jesus Christ lived His life and came through victoriously.

## Altar Flower Sponsors Needed

The 2012 Altar Flower chart is now hanging on the wall in the narthex. Individuals or families are needed to sponsor the flowers for the week at a cost of \$24. Sign up on the chart in the narthex or call the church office and we'll be happy to do it for you. Those giving the flowers on any given week are invited to take them home after the 10:30 worship service otherwise they will be delivered to someone who could use a lift.

## Those Who Serve

### Readers

February 4/ 5 —5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Patty Lindstrom  
 February 11/12— 5:00 Sam LaMarche 10:30 Fern Hedman  
 February 18/19—5:00 Lin VanEffen 10:30 Roland Jacobson  
 February 25/26—5:00 Dawn Martin 10:30 Donna Orzel



### Acolytes

February 4/ 5—5:00 Nathan Tufnell 10:30 T.J. Schlenvogt  
 February 11/12—5:00 Nathan Tufnell 10:30 Abby Runkel  
 February 18/19— 5:00 Carly DeVet 10:30 T.J. Schlenvogt  
 February 25/26—5:00 Rosalea Coyle 10:30 Dustin Heath

### Altar Guild

February 4/ 5 — Sandy Jacobson & Judy Anderson  
 February 11/12— Judy Anderson & Cathy Olson  
 February 18/19— Lin VanEffen & John & Ardis Anderson  
 February 22—Laverne Picard  
 February 25/26— Connie Schmidt & Tom & Marlene Raeder

### Head Usher

5:00—Thure Dahlgren  
 10:30— Jim Bonifas

### Assisting Minister

February 4/ 5—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lynn Chylek  
 February 11/12— 5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Connie Schmidt  
 February 18/19—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland Jacobson  
 February 25/26—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Lance Lindstrom

### Coffee Server

Feb. 5—Abby Runkel  
 Feb. 12—Alexis Dahlgren  
 Feb. 19—Abby Runkel  
 Feb. 26—Alexis Dahlgren

### Communion Assistants

Feb. 5—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Lynn Chylek & Fern H.  
 Feb. 12—5:00 Lynn Chylek 10:30 Leigh & Connie Schmidt  
 Feb. 19—5:00 Bob VanEffen 10:30 Roland & Sandy J.  
 Feb. 26—5:00 10:30 Lynn Chylek & Sandy Peterson

### Nursery

Feb. 5— Tammy Jensen  
 Feb. 12— Mandy Lindstrom  
 Feb. 19—Rosalea & Carol Coyle  
 Feb. 26—Chrissy Carlson

## "Voices For Youth" Sends Their Thanks

Dear Members of Christ the King,

Thank you so much for the donation of \$560 to our program. We are in need of items for our food pantry at this time and also paper products for the center. We also use any money donated for the clients' needs as they arise.

There have been some recent budget cuts to our programs and we greatly appreciate all the help you are able to provide for our clients.

We have our Life Skills classes each week and provide a meal for the youth which they help to prepare. They are grateful that anyone in the community is willing to help them. Please keep u and the young adults we serve in your thoughts and prayers.

Voices For Youth of Delta County  
Kay Pryal & Mary Busick

## Let Us Pray For those Celebrating Birthdays On:

- February 2:** Nancy Norberg, Tony Runkel
- February 3:** Rosalea Coyle, Anna Slade
- February 4:** Jeanne Tollefson
- February 5:** Logan Franklyn, Seth Rouse
- February 6:** Julie Irving
- February 9:** Nathan Tufnell
- February 10:** Camree Bonifas
- February 11:** Phyliss Eastman
- February 13:** Shirley Lewis
- February 14:** Fred Sundstrom
- February 16:** Mary Martinson
- February 17:** Dawn Martin
- February 18:** Sally Sedenquiast
- February 20:** Judy Anderson
- February 21:** Isaac Berthaume
- February 22:** Shirley Uecker
- February 24:** Heather Leisner, Matt Olson, Patty Picard
- February 25:** Ardy Ross
- February 26:** Ardis Anderson
- February 28:** Adam Larson
- February 29:** Jean Arkens



## Pioneer Club News

Pioneer Club started up with weekly sessions the week-end after the New Years holiday. The teachers and students have been busy with their weekly classes which include meeting with Pastor Chris, class work and music. It is hard to believe that the month of January has already passed by so quickly. Unfortunately, attendance remains a challenge and we continue to ask for everyone's prayers and commitment to assist in having all of the students attend class each week.

During the month, Carrie Boudreau and Roland Jacobson spent time going through all of the Sunday School supplies, and organizing them, so they are easier for all of the teachers and students to use. Items that were old, or no longer useable, were discarded and now the challenge will be to keep it all organized! The following items are in short supply and donations would be greatly appreciated. The items in short supply are crayons, markers, glue (bottle and stick), and construction paper. The students really enjoy doing crafts and it is a wonderful way to reinforce a lesson.

During the month the students have been learning many things about the Bible, Jesus and His church. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been studying about the creation and there has been some very interesting conversations regarding the story of creation. The creation story seemed an appropriate study for the month of January as January begins another year of God's creation. Psalm 8 was one of the scriptures studied during the study of creation and its words are so powerful that you are invited to read this Psalm with the creation story in mind. Just to quote a small part of the Psalm: "When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers – the moon and the stars you set in place – what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor." The students studied about the importance of protecting God's creation and how they could help in protecting God's creation.



As we move into February there is a plan for a tubing party at the Gladstone Sports Hill. The tubing had to be postponed in January because of a lack of snow. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for more information regarding the tubing party and other events that will be upcoming.

During this year a task force of teachers and Pastor Chris have led the Sunday School program. Beginning next Fall it is the hope and plan that a Superintendent can be found to lead the Sunday School program. Maybe that person is you or someone that you know. Please pray for someone to step forward and take the leadership of this vital program for Jesus and His church here at Christ the King.

## Monthly Question for Pastor

**Question:** Why ashes on Ash Wednesday? Why not just oil or something?

**Answer:** Here's an excerpt from the *Manual on the Liturgy: Lutheran Book of Worship* about the ashes: "Ashes are an extraordinarily rich symbol rooted in ancient customs and practices. Ashes in a Jewish and Christian context suggest judgment and God's condemnation of sin; frailty, our total dependence upon God for life; humiliation; and repentance....Moreover, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleansing agent in the absence of soap...[an] example of death and renewal shown by ashes is the ancient custom of burning the fields in the spring to destroy the old and to prepare for the new." There's more to Ash Wednesday than this of course, but it's a start. Below is a web address from the ELCA's website which provides a short synopsis to the importance and reason for ashes for further study. <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Learning-Center/FAQs/Imposition-of-Ashes.aspx>

## Worship Meeting

After worship on Saturday and Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a meeting after worship that will involve everyone who participates in worship (and who wants to!): Readers, assistant ministers, communion assistants, and those in the altar guild. Each group will receive special attention, so when your area of ministry in worship is addressed, feel free to leave. Please bring any questions or comments you have as well!

## February Seniors' Luncheon

Reservations are now being taken for the Seniors' Luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 12:00 noon.

Our menu includes Chicken Cor don Bleu over noodles, Peach Salad, Scalloped Corn, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Beverage. The cost is \$5.00. Sign the back of your worship response card or call the church office to make a reservation. Come; celebrate Valentine's Day with your friends at Christ the King.



## Facebook!

Christ the King is now on Facebook! Come and "Like" us, leave a message, a question, prayer concerns, whatever! Weekly updates are posted on our Facebook page, but if you can't find us you can go to our website and click on the "Facebook" button to check us out. Here is the rather lengthy website address for our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-the-King-Lutheran-Church-Escanaba/288620741190552>. As Jesus said once, **"Come and see!"**



## Looking For Soup Makers

Our Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Wednesday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. Confirmation students once again will be providing the sweets as well as serving and cleaning up. What we are in need of are soup makers. Contact the church office and you will be scheduled into one of the six weeks.

## Keep These Members In Your Prayers

No one will disagree that we have had a magnificent winter thus far but for several of our members the last snow fall was very unfortunate. Today I learned that Lin VanEffen, Ralph Oja and Vi Oja fell victim to the icy conditions. Lin fractured her wrist and had surgery on it in Appleton. Ralph fractured his hip and will undergo surgery tomorrow. On her way to be with her husband Vi also took a spill and dislocated her shoulder. Both were being treated in the ER at the same time.

We also received word today that Doris Gustafson was in the hospital because she too had suffered a fall which landed her in the hospital. She will be undergoing extensive physical therapy while staying for a short time at Bishop Noa Home. This was definitely a day that had its share of bad news.

Others we would like for you to keep in your prayers is Car-

ol Coyle as she will undergo knee replacement; Sandy Herlik as she has her knee cap repaired; and Ruth Possi as she now resides at Bishop Noa Home. We are happy to report that Phyliss Eastman has finished her physical therapy at Christian Park and is now back in the comforts of her own home. May God grant these fine people peace and comfort knowing that they are lifted up in prayer.



## Bay Campus Meal

Today we were given our date for the next time we serve the students at Bay College – it is Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. What we are looking for is someone to spearhead this next meal. Area churches share in providing these students with a home cooked meal every Monday. They commonly serve between 90-100 stu-

dents and these kids are very grateful for whatever is set before them. The last dinner we did for them in December was baked potatoes with all the fixins. That went over very well. If you would like to coordinate this next event or you would like to learn more about it we invite you to call the church office.

## Delta Conference Tubing Party

The annual family tubing party will be held on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Gladstone Ski Hill. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. All are asked to bring a



snack to share. Beverages will be provided. As for our members this is our scheduled "Family Fun Night" for February. We did have it scheduled for January but had to postpone it due to a lack of snow. We hope to see you on the slopes!

If you worry why  
pray—  
If you pray why worry

# FEBRUARY

## 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Confirmation	<b>2</b> 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 11:15 Weight Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00 Communion Service
<b>5</b> 9:00 S.S. 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion Service 11:45 Cong. Mtg.	<b>6</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>7</b> 1:00 Joy Book Club 7:00 Dartball	<b>8</b> 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Confirmation	<b>9</b> 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 11:15 Weight Group	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:00 Communion Service
<b>12</b> 9:00 S. School 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion Service/ Kutzera Baptism	<b>13</b> 9:30 Bible Study 3:00 Worship & Music Mtg. 4:15 Parish Life Mtg.	<b>14</b> 12:00 Senior's Luncheon 1:00 Joy Book Club 7:00 Dartball	<b>15</b> 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Confirmation	<b>16</b> 10:00 Coffee 6:30 Finance 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:00 Communion Service
<b>19</b> 9:00 S. School 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Communion Service	<b>20</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>21</b> 1:00 Joy Book Club 7:00 Dartball	<b>22</b> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	<b>23</b> 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 11:15 Weight Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:00 Communion Service
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