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Worship Services

Saturday 5:33 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

December 15, 2007 [NEWSLETTER](#)

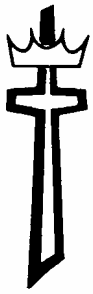
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Merry Christmas from
Christ the King Staff

Pr. Duane Hetland
Laura Patterson
Paulette Gieseke
Rita Beltz
Kim Volk
Helen Christenson
Connie Jacobs
Lori Nelson
Joan Jensen





King's Messenger

December 15, 2007

The Call Committee has now been elected! The members of this search team for our new pastor are;

**Gretchen Austinson,
Jayne Jensen,
Lee Johnson,
Greg Kjellberg,
Devin Nelson,
Sharie Novak, and
Lydia Spoor.**

They will have some very extraordinary months ahead of them and are taking on quite heavy time commitments. Thank you to each of you for your willingness to serve Christ the King congregation in this special way.

As members of the congregation we will remember you and your work in our prayers, and even though we really would like to know... we will respect the confidential nature of the task in which you are involved.

The first assignment of the Call Committee is to become a group themselves, and as they learn to know one another, to recognize the special differences that each individual brings to the group. They will need to become comfortable enough with each other so that they can ask embarrassing questions of each other, and so that they can explore personal worries and excitements about particular candidates. A large part of their work and deliberation we will never hear about, and this is the way it should be.

The first project of the Call Committee is to review and put the finishing touches on our Congregational Mission Profile. It is my hope that this document, which describes our congregation, our history and current programs, as well as the qualities of the leader we seek, will be ready to present to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 27, 2008. This part of the Call Committee's job does not require confidentiality - in fact just the opposite. We want as much conversation about the Mission Profile as possible!

As soon as the Southwestern Minnesota Synod office receives our Mission Profile, Pastor Jeff Engholm, Bishop Jon Anderson, and other Synod Ministers will review our profile along side the mobility profiles of pastors, seeking to identify candidates that would be a good match for us, and forwarding to the Call Committee a list of several candidates to interview. Interviewing prospective pastors and making visits to their current congregations will be the main task of the Call Committee.

Once the Call Committee has decided upon a pastor they wish to recommend for Call, they will present the information concerning this person to the Church Council. If the Church Council agrees, they will call a special meeting of the congregation, and present the candidate to the whole congregation for consideration and vote. Respecting the confidentiality of individual candidates, the congregation will be kept informed of the progress of the milestones along the way.

Although we have in the past months talk of some possible timelines, and are still hopeful that a new pastor could arrive at Christ the King this coming summer, it is best for us and the Call Committee not to commit to a final date. Deadlines have a way of slipping, and we do not want to get into the situation of having to make a rushed, impetuous choice at the last minute just to get in under the wire. The Call Committee needs the ability to move and get things done, but not be panicked by pressure from either the congregation or the Church Council.

May God's grace continue to guide us along this journey, and may God prepare us to receive the pastor who will lead us in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Duane G. Hetland
Interim Pastor

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

We pray for the family of Mary Garten as they grieve her death.



Thank you to everyone who brought cakes and salads, helped prepare the meal, helped serve and clean up for the funeral for Mary Garten. It was very much appreciated.

News & Events



Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve Services will be held at
4:00 PM – Barn Service at the Ken and Mary Beth Hauser Farm

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service at Christ the King Lutheran Church

Worship Services on Dec. 23 & 30

On Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30, there will be only one worship service at 9:00 a.m. There will not be a worship service at 10:30 a.m. There will not be any Sunday School on either of these Sunday's also.

Vision Meeting Minutes

The last Visioning meeting was held Nov. 27. The teams will work on carrying out the visions brought forth from all the meeting. A big Thank You to all of those who participated in these meetings. Below are the items discussed at this meeting.

Worship Team:

- Discussed Holden Evening Prayer Service
- Saturday Night Advent soup meal

Youth Program/Staffing:

- Purchase of costumes for Christmas program
- Staffing – Personnel will review youth position with call committee and decide on a time to post position again.

Evangelism/Outreach:

- Talked about sponsorship - finalizing list, levels of sponsorship, and communication.
- Sending out a survey to the people who were sponsors this last time - see what worked and what needed to be worked on.
- Prepare for next new membership.
- Lining up people to do Advent soup suppers.



Poinsettias

You are invited to bring poinsettias to worship and place them around the advent wreath. If you would like to donate in "Honor of" or "Memory of", please let the office know. You may take them home after the late Christmas Eve service.

January Volunteer Opportunities

The January calendar is up and ready to be filled. Please help to fill up the calendar. All family members are welcome to help.

In God's Name

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson is one of 12 "of the world's most influential religious leaders" featured in a Prime time two-hour television special event on CBS, December 23 -- "In God's Name." The diverse and powerful voices offer provocative, compelling and enlightening perspectives on myriad issues in our post-9/11 world, including the rise of terrorism, fanaticism, intolerance and war. If you would like to learn more check out this website - <http://www.elca.org/ingodsname/>



Year End Giving

Your monetary gifts of offering must be turned into the church office or postmarked no later than Dec. 31st to be credited to the year 2007.

Youth News

Operation Christmas Child

On Wednesday, December 5, twelve 8th-10 graders volunteered for Operation Christmas Child at their warehouse in Eden Prairie. Our first stop was to the drop-off site where we left the shoe boxes our Sunday School and Confirmation classes had packed. We were then showed a brief video on the history of OCC and video clips of children receiving gifts before we were sent to the warehouse where we were given our "jobs". The girls looked through the packed boxes to make sure all items were appropriate to be sent. Then the boxes were strapped shut and sent on a conveyer belt to the boys who packed the small boxes into larger boxes to be shipped overseas. The following students attended this event: Madi Sellner, Victoria Grack, Rachel Ryberg, Danielle Ogren, Micaella Weerts, Andy Beltz, Luke Guggisberg, Brady Schmidt, Zack Jensen, Cody Nelson, Melonie Becker, Gretchen Austinson. A big thanks to Brice Andree for chaperoning! A fun day was had by all!! Thanks also to everyone who helped with this project in any way to bring joy to many children who may have not had a Christmas this year.

Financial news

Giving in November - \$25,616.29
Budgeted for November - \$36,171.37

Giving year-to-date - \$361,605.52
Budgeted year-to-date - \$300,370.42

Attendance for

Weekend of December 8 & 9 219
Weekend of December 15 & 16 433

Coming Sat., December 22, 2007

5:33 pm – Holden Evening Prayer Service

Coming Sun., December 23, 2007

9:00 am – Worship
10:00 am – Coffee & Fellowship

Coming Mon., December 24, 2007

4:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve Barn Service
7:00 a.m. – Candlelight Service

Coming Sat., December 29, 2007

5:33 pm – Holden Evening Prayer Service

Coming Sun., December 30, 2007

9:00 am – Worship

Worship

Saturday – 5:33 p.m.
Sundays – 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ministers: All baptized members

Interim Pastor: Duane Hetland
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Finance & Office Manager: Laura Patterson
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Communications Secretary: Paulette Gieseke
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Visitation Ministry Coordinator: Helen Christenson
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Youth Ministry/Christian Ed.
Lori Nelson and Joan Jensen
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Volunteer Coordinator: Rita Beltz
sbeltz@newulmtel.net

Music Coordinator: Connie Jacobs
Custodian: Kim Volk

The heartfelt Christmas tree

There is a special Christmas tree
That lives within the heart.
It isn't pine, and can't be bought
At any store or mart.

Each branch holds some fond memory
Of joyful Christmas cheer,
Reminding us of those we love
And always will hold dear.

The gifts beneath this Christmas tree
Are stacked up very high
With kindly deeds of thoughtfulness
That one could never buy.

The Heartfelt Christmas tree expands
Through every passing year
With lovely gifts and blessings
Having come from far and near.

Atop this tree a star shines bright,
While angels sing God's praise;
Rejoice! The Christ-child's Love is
shared,
And blesses ALL our days.
—Peggy Ferrell





Christmas Eve Services

4:00 PM – Barn
Service
Ken and Mary
Beth Hauser
Farm

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service
at Christ the King
Lutheran Church

Directions to the Barn Service:

The Hauser farm is located north
of New Ulm on Hwy 15 and 561st
Ave.

From the intersection of
Hwy 14 & 15:

go north on Hwy 15
approximately 6.8 miles.

The farm is located on the right
hand side of Hwy 15

If you would like to caravan from
the church, please meet at the
church by 3:30 p.m.

