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# Mission Statement

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
New Ulm, MN

“A family of Christians welcoming all  
as we journey with God  
to teach, love and serve others.”

# King's Messenger

February 1, 2010

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## Pastor's Page

<sup>12</sup>Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. Deuteronomy 5:12-15

### Why Worship Matters for Children

The end of our 10:30 a.m. worship service did not do away with the real problem at Christ the King, that children are attending Sunday School, but not church. This is a problem that has great consequences for our congregation and for the faith of our children, because they have little or no exposure to the reason they go to Sunday School in the first place: to learn more about the God they are called to worship. This situation undercuts what Sunday School is all about and diminishes the value of the hour of time the kids are here.

Christ the King is the first congregation I have served that has found itself with this dilemma and it concerns me more than almost any other issue that faces us as a gathering of Christians. I understand that for some the time in church without the distractions of children is pleasant, but it is an empty and dangerous abandonment of the promises we make when we bring children to baptism. We give our children a false sense that Sunday School is more important than worship and they reward us for the gift later on by leaving it all behind when Sunday School is over. They have learned all too well by our teaching that it is not really all that important to go to church.

This is the promise of parents at baptism: *The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:* Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister continues:* As you bring ***name*** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *them* among God's faithful people, **bring them to the word of God and the holy supper**, teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *them* in faith and prayer, so that *your children* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

**Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?**

*Response:* I do.

Why would our children trust our word when it is so easily set aside for other, lesser goods. It is my hope that after a period of discussion we might find it wise to change our schedule, but before we do that I will say a few things about this in sermons during Lent and at least part of our adult education time in April will be devoted to forums on worship. I do not intend to fight with you about this or force this upon you, but it is my hope that you may be convinced into making this change for the sake of our children and their faith, as well as the health of our congregation. Watch for more in the next few newsletters and announcements.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25

In Christ, Pastor Tim



**Please pray for**

Ethan Alfred, as he is hospitalized in Ohio.  
Steve Christianson as he undergoes treatments.  
Terry Prange as he recovers from surgery.  
Deb Alsleben as she recovers from surgery.  
Adam Douglas, the new born son of Melissa & Eric Stoller. Adam was born early and is having respiratory problems. Adam is currently at St. Mary's in the Neonatal Unit in Duluth, MN. Melissa is the daughter of Karen & Stan Sheie and the late Pr. Douglas Larsen.



Thank you for the Douglas G. Larsen scholarship money! It helped me out a lot to pay for school expenses. I feel very blessed to have grown up in our church community. I have many happy memories of youth activities!  
Thanks again!  
Sincerely,  
Kelsi Langhoff

*News & Events*

**Check Out these Books in the Library**

**These new library books were donated in memory of Tim Brennan.**

Cancer and the Lord's Prayer; Hope & Healing through History's Greatest Prayer by Greg Anderson  
A Reason for Hope: Gaining Strength for your Fight against Cancer by Michael S. Barry  
Angels Among Us by Ron Rhodes  
Roll Away Your stone: Living in the Power of the Risen Christ by Dutch Sheets  
I Became a Christian and All I got was this Lousy T-shirt by Vince Anonucci  
A Man after God's Own Heart by Jim George  
Jesus Wept by Bruce Marchiano

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Please consider taking this opportunity to help serve the church during our worship services. The March Worship Calendar is located in the Fellowship Hall and In the Narthex. It is ready to be filled. Thanks!

**Ash Wednesday Services**

Christ the King will be hosting the Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 17. The United Church of Christ will join Christ the King for a meal and Worship services. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and Worship Services will be at 7:00 p.m. Please check the signup sheet in the Narthex if you are willing to help with the meal.

**The Way of Jesus: People who Live the Way of Jesus**

What is the way of Jesus? What might it mean to follow the way? We will look at some biblical figures who represent the life of Christ and help us see how it might take shape in our own lives. Come to our Lenten services and join in the discipline of the season. The weekly themes are below. Lenten services are at 7:00 p.m.

**Lent schedule**

**Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday with United Church of Christ**

<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>Abraham</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b>
<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>Moses</b>	<b>Words Matter</b>
<b>Mar. 17</b>	<b>Ruth</b>	<b>Faithful Love</b>
<b>Mar. 24</b>	<b>Mary</b>	<b>Obedience</b>
<b>Mar. 31</b>	<b>Paul</b>	<b>New Life</b>



**Ecumenical Lenten Services Begin February 24th at St. Mary's Catholic Church**

The theme for this year's Ecumenical Lenten services is "Words that Last Forever" based on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross.

- The weekly themes are:
- February 24 -- Paradise!
  - March 3 -- Behold!
  - March 10 -- Forsaken!
  - March 17 -- Thirst!
  - March 24 -- Finished!

The meal is at 5:15 p.m. and the service begins at 6:15 p.m. All meals and services take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Christ the King is responsible for the meal on February 24.



## Herberger's Community Day

Herberger's Community Day will be held Saturday February 27. Spend \$5 for the booklet...

- get a \$10 Coupon
- A 30% Early Bird Coupon
- 6 - 20% Off Coupons
- 6 Bonus Offers

Community Day is a fund-raising event for local schools and nonprofit organizations, with 100% of the booklet price benefiting participating organizations. If you are willing to help sell these booklets, please contact Jen Waloch or the church office.

## Boy Scout Breakfast

Sunday, February 7, 2010

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Leifeld Hall, Holy Trinity Church Basement  
605 North State Street

Adults: \$6.00 advance tickets (\$7.00 at the door)

Children under 11: \$3.00 at the door

Serving Pancake, Ham or sausage, Applesauce, Milk and Coffee.

Take out orders also available

Tor tickets or more information please call 359-4611 or 507-676-0901



## Thrivent Financial for Lutheran Aid to Haiti

In response to the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is announcing a \$1 million challenge to its members across the country. Thrivent Financial will match \$1 for every \$2 donated by Thrivent Financial members up to \$1 million for the potential of generating \$3 million. Funds will be directed to four Lutheran organizations to support their Haiti earthquake relief efforts: Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Disaster Response, LCMS World Relief and Human Care and WELS Committee on Relief.

Thrivent Financial members interested in making a financial gift to help earthquake victims in Haiti can make their donation online at [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti) or by phone at 1-800-236-3736 between 7AM and 6PM Central time, Monday through Friday. When prompted, please say "directory" then enter ext. 83003. Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member donation, and donations will be accepted through March 31, 2010.

## Adult Education

### Letters from Dad, Session Two Will Meet Sunday, February 20

We will work on letters to our children on February 20th at 11:30 a.m. Reminder to do your work ahead of time and to make sure you deliver your first letter. The event should last a little less than an hour and a half.

### Adult Studies

#### Men's Saturday Study Continues in February 6 at 8:00 a.m.

If you have interest in study and conversation, come and join the fellowship.

### Stewardship: Living a Life That Counts

Beginning February 7th at the 10:30 a.m. adult education time, we will have Bible study based on a series by Bryan Wilkerson we will examine Stewardship as a way of living and more than living, "living a life that counts" in a world that devalues life and living. This study will last through March 7th.

#### February 7: SPENDING TIME

Text: Psalm 90:1-17

Topic: The eternal value of numbering our days

#### February 14: FINDING FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Text: Matthew 6:24

Topic: How to make money a servant, not a master

#### February 21: TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND THIEVES

Text: Malachi 3:7-12

Topic: Are you robbing God?

#### February 28: LIVING IN THE ZONE

Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Topic: Three steps for Christians who want to use their talents for eternity

#### March 7: A SAD MAN WALKING

Text: Mark 10:17-31

Topic: The final ingredient of living a life that counts



A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

Matthew 7:18

### Stewardship Note

Pledge Drive will take place in April, Commitment Sunday on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Commentary on Psalm 23

by Nancy Anderson

Psalm 23 is one of the most beautiful passages in the Bible. It was written by David who was also a shepherd when he was young. "The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his mane's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and the staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

I am very thankful for my Bible. I love the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm because it is very easy reading. The green pastures are very lush and the waters are nice and calm so the sheep do not get scared. In Psalms 23:3 David talks about how the Lord restores his soul He helps me in lots of ways. I feel Him by bed when I am sick. I can feel His love in the hospital. I cannot see Him because He is in the spiritual realm, but I can feel Him in whatever I do. The part written on the rod and staff makes me feel; good also. The rod means David owns the sheep. He counts the sheep as they pass under it. The staff is used to fight off unwanted things like lions and bears and means protection. Knowing the Lord as my Savior, I know He owns me and protects me. I am very thankful for Psalm 23.

## Children's Program of Northern Ireland Host Families Needed!!!

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10 or 11-year old child from Northern Ireland. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities June 29, 2010 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 3, 2010. Call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at [www.cpmi.org](http://www.cpmi.org) to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

## Redwood Area Adult Grief Support Group

The Redwood area Adult Grief Support Group is a self help group for adults' grieving the death of a loved one. The 2010 Winter Schedule is as follows:  
Tuesday Evenings: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dates: February 2,9,16,23, & March 2,9, 2010  
Redwood Area Hospital – Caring connections Room  
The Adult Grief Support Group can offer support, friendship, information, and an opportunity to talk or listen with other people who are grieving.

### Worship

Saturday – 5:33 p.m.  
Sundays – 9:00 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.

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**Please let the church office know if you have moved changed your phone number or have a new e-mail address. Thank You!**



*The Next newsletter and calendar deadline will be February 19.*

### Financial News

Giving in December	\$46,995
Budgeted Expense for December	\$49,839
Giving Year to date	\$272,282



# Children, Youth, & Family News

## **4th - 6th Grade Youth Council**

On *Sunday, February 7* - the 4th - 6th grade SS Classes will elect at least 2 kids from their grade to serve on the 4th - 6th Grade CtK Youth Council.

The Council will help with deciding youth events geared towards those grades. Time commitment of kids is minimal but the impact on our youth program will be significant. Jen Waloch will visit classrooms and discuss the goals of the Youth Council in coming weeks.



## **3rd Graders...First Communion Dates**

Painting Chalices in SS Class on Sunday, February 21 - if your child cannot attend this class the SS teachers must be notified so an alternate time can be arranged to paint the chalice. Chalices can no longer be painted after the 21st to allow time for them to be fired prior to First Communion.

**First Communion Parent and Child Meeting on Sunday, February 28 @ 10:30 AM in the sanctuary.**

**First Communion Service on Sunday, March 7 @ 9:00 AM worship.**

## **Calling All Campers...**

It is not too late to attend Green Lake Bible Camp...Full week June 20th - 25th and Partial week July 18th - 21st Please notify the Church office if you want to attend. Details are located on the Bulletin Boards outside the church office.

February 7....Down payment for Camp is due to the church office.

## **Sunday School Classes Sing**

All Sunday School classes will be singing at 9:00 a.m. worship service on February 28, 2010. They will be singing "Only Boy Named David" and will be practicing it during the Sunday School hour in February. Thanks for your support and participation in helping our young people bring special music to our worship services.



## **Confirmation Students:**

Scavenger Hunt for the New Ulm Food Shelf  
Wednesday, February 10

*If you would like kids to stop by your home and pick up donations please contact Jen Waloch or the church office.*

## **4th - 6th Graders: Winter Blast with Our Saviors**

Friday, February 26

6:30 - 9:30 PM

@ Vogel Fieldhouse - Cost is \$3 per child

Many fun games are planned!!

Sign up outside the Church Office.

## **Timothy Project for Youth: Set Aside in Your Schedule**

The Timothy Project event for training and planning is set for March 6, youth leaders and interested parents are invited to participate in a training program for congregations that will help us examine more closely our expectations and the best ways of accomplishing them as a congregation.

## **Venture Program will Start for High School Youth**

We are in the process of signing up with the Boy Scouts of America to participate in their co-ed Sr. High youth program called Ventures. We will pay the fee to create what they call a "crew" and then each youth is required to pay \$15 for insurance and we can begin to participate in many different activities.



## **Lock-In for 7-9th grade youth, February 19-20**

Come spend the night at the church for fun, games and some conversation about faith. We will begin at 8:00 p.m. but you may arrive after basketball games if you are attending.

## Psalms a Bible Study for Lent

The Psalms are often the most revered and the most ignored words of Scripture at the same time. When we wish to hear words that express our faith and our deepest sense of who we are with God, we turn to the psalms. They are in hymns and even many who claim to be nonbelievers in any sort of God know at least Psalm 23. Since Lent is a time of prayer, it seems wise to turn to the Bible's prayer book and pray these prayers each day with our Lord, on whose lips, so many psalms were spoken at important moments in the gospel accounts. Join in a reading of selected psalms through Lent and seek to find Christ in them, that he may call you and open up to you the new life you are promised in his name. We begin in Ash Wednesday and read through Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday, Psalm 1	Mar 3, Psalm 23	Mar 17, Psalm 72
Feb 18, Psalm 2	Mar 4, Psalm 24	Mar 18, Psalm 84
Feb 19, Psalm 4	Mar 5, Psalm 25	Mar 19, Psalm 87
Feb 20, Psalm 7	Mar 6, Psalm 33	Mar 20, Psalm 90
Sunday, Feb 21, Psalm 91	Sunday, Mar 7, Psalm 63	Sunday, Mar 21, Psalm 126
Feb 22, Psalm 8	Mar 8, Psalm 34	Mar 22, Psalm 93
Feb 23, Psalm 9	Mar 9, Psalm 40	Mar 23, Psalm 95
Feb 24, Psalm 13	Mar 10, Psalm 42	Mar 24, Psalm 104
Feb 25, Psalm 14	Mar 11, Psalm 46	Mar 25, Psalm 111
Feb 26, Psalm 15	Mar 12, Psalm 51	Mar 26, Psalm 117
Feb 27, Psalm 16	Mar 13, Psalm 54	Mar 27, Psalm 119:1-8
Sunday, Feb 28, Psalm 27	Sunday, Mar 14, Psalm 32	
Mar 1, Psalm 19	Mar 15, Psalm 62	
Mar 2, Psalm 20	Mar 16, Psalm 66	

### Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Mar 28, Psalm 31  
Mar 29, Psalm 121  
Mar 30, Psalm 123  
Mar 31, Psalm 127  
Apr 1, Psalm 116  
Apr 2, Psalm 22  
Apr 3, Psalm 150  
Easter Sunday, Apr 4, Psalm 118

#### Questions to Ask

What is the person asking for or praising God for?

What does it say about God?

What things stick out in your mind about the psalm?

What does the psalm say to you?

What might the psalm call you to do or be?

How does the psalm speak about the world around you?

What images or symbols does the writer use that mean something to you?

What questions does the psalm raise in your mind and heart?



## CONCERT AND DESSERT

The Outreach Ministry will be sponsoring a Ladies Dessert Concert on Sunday February 28, at 2:00 p.m. for all the women of Christ the King and Our Savior's along with any women of the community.

Kinship Christian Radio program host and Christian singer Beth Crosby will share testimony of her faith and walk with Jesus Christ with blending a mix of worship, contemporary Christian music and original pieces.

Beth grew up in the Twin Cities but makes her home in Minnesota Lake, Minnesota. Beth's interest in the performing arts developed early in life, as well as her talents in music and acting. Throughout her schooling, Beth performed in numerous community and professional productions in the Midwest and ultimately earned her bachelor's degree in music at Minnesota State University in Mankato in 1994.

Beth accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in 1991 and since then has been active in music ministry throughout the Midwest. Beth currently hosts two daily radio programs for Kinship Christian Radio, a network of radio stations serving northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. She was lead vocalist in the Christian rock band free and Clear for two years and is a former member of the praise and worship band Spirit and truth based in Mankato, Minnesota and Iowa. Beth now performs regularly as a solo artist in both concert and ministry settings through the Midwest. Her first album, "Closer," was released in October of 2004 and continues to receive radio play in southern Minnesota and Iowa. She is currently working on her second CD recording.

Please join us for a relaxing afternoon of music, inspiration and good fellowship.

There will be a Free Will offering to go to the Disaster Relief Fund for Compassion International in Haiti.

There will also be an opportunity for you to sign up for providing a dessert and of kitchen assistance.

Thank you in advance.





