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Sunday 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

February 1, 2008 NEWSLETTER

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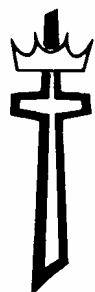
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# Mission Statement

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, 2008

I remember the Lenten seasons of my youth. It was most often a series of mid-week services with what seemed to me to be seven very long sermons almost always based on the Words of Jesus from the cross. It became so consistent that it was not Lent without the Seven Words! Even in my early days as a pastor at St. Olaf Church, we would do the three hour marathon Good Friday service with full choir, several solos, all the Bible readings, and of course, seven separate meditations, each based upon one of the Seven Words. A few people actually stayed for the whole thing, although most would come and go.

I am in a rut. It still is not really Lent for me unless at some point I take my time to reflect upon those seven statements of Jesus from the Cross. They seldom make their way into worship these days, at least not with the deliberateness and depth that I would like, and so I do the series on my own.

I will start on Ash Wednesday, February 6th, and each week I will begin with memorizing one of the Words, repeating it often through each day of that week, and thinking about what it means in each of the situations I find myself experiencing. I invite you to join me in doing the same. It will be my personal preparation, as I once again get ready to hear anew those wonderful words of our hope on Easter morning: "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" I am never really ready to hear those words again, unless I have taken the journey to the Cross that remembering these words of Jesus afford!

The Seven Words do not all appear in any one of the New Testament Gospels, and there is some discussion still about their order. But tradition has the following sequence.

Luke 23:34; **'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'**

Luke 23:43; **'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'**

John 19:26; **'Woman, here is your son.' and, 'Here is your mother.'**

Matt. 27:46, **'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani? that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'** (also Mark 15:34)

John 19:28; **'I am thirsty.'**

John 19:30; **'It is finished.'**

Luke 23:46. **'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'**

As we again experience this most holy season of Lent that speaks of the love of God for us, join with me in pondering the Cross of Christ, the Words that Jesus spoke, and what it means for us today. Also consider joining one of Christ the King's *Daily Discipleship* Bible Study groups during Lent. There are four offerings, both in homes and here at church. Evening Prayer is also offered at church each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7 PM. May this season be for all of us a time of renewed commitment and spiritual refreshment.

"Jesus chose the path that led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant the cross of Christ in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Duane G. Hetland,  
Interim Pastor

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

### Please pray for

Ron and Shelli Kahler, Patrice and Shaun Luker as they grieve the death of Matt Kahler, Ron's son, in Afghanistan.

Jim and Paulette Gieseke and family as they grieve the death of Paulette's mother, Collette Gulden.

Clint Hammer, Carol Asleson's brother-in-law, who surgery.

Helen Christenson as she recovers from surgery.

Synova Nelson's mom, Shirley, as she recovers from a mild stroke.

### We rejoice on the birth of

Owen Roger Swenson to Kris and Rachel Swenson, on January 23.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone at Christ the King church for their thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy extended to our family at the death of Jim's mother. They were greatly appreciated.

Jim and Kathy Wittenberg

Dear Christ the King Family,  
Thank you all for the prayers, cards, memorials, plant, and kind expressions of sympathy given to our family at the time of my mother's death.

Your loving support was greatly appreciated.

Paulette and Jim Gieseke and family

## News & Events

## It's CTK's Turn To Serve the Lenten Mid-Week Ecumenical Meal

We need some help with the meal Christ the King will be serving at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wed. February 13 at 5:15 p.m. Each congregation takes a turn providing the food and getting workers to set up, serve, and clean up. A community worship service follows at 6:15, also at St. Mary's. Would you be willing to help this year? We will need to have help with food items that are needed for the meal, serving, and clean up. If you are interested in helping in any way, please sign up on the sheet on the Kiosk located in the narthex.



Hello! My name is Laura Karels and I have recently come on board to the Christ the King team! I will be working with Joan and Lori planning fun and exciting activities for the youth at CTK. I am a New Ulm native and I was actively involved in the youth program here at CTK. Throughout the years, I have been involved with outdoor ministry. I have spent four summers working at NeSoDak bible camp and Shetek Lutheran ministries as a youth counselor. My most recent adventure was working with at risk youth in North Carolina at an outdoor therapeutic wilderness school. I am very excited for my new journey with Christ the King and I look forward to being part of the family here!  
Your Sister in Christ,  
Laura Karels

## New Church Council Members

Congratulations to the Representatives as they begin their service.

Three year terms

- ✘ Alison Miller
- ✘ Herm Louters
- ✘ Kara Jorve

One year term

- ✘ Diane Eid

Scholarship Committee:

- ✘ Jim Johnson
- ✘ Anna Fleischman
- ✘ Anne-Lise Johnson

We also want to express our appreciation to our leaders leaving church council.

- ✘ Mike Oetken
- ✘ Peg Drugan
- ✘ Mark Ullery

## March Volunteer Opportunities

As a member of Christ the King, Please consider taking this opportunity to help serve the church during our worship service. The March Worship Calendar is on the bulletin board in narthex and is ready to be filled.  
Thanks!

## New Member Orientation

New member orientation will be held on March 4 with a light meal at 5:30. The reception of new members will take place on March 15 & 16. If you are interested in joining Christ the King, please call the church office at 354- 4672.

## Address and e-mail changes

If you have a new address, new e-mail address, or a new telephone number, please let the church office know.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

About a year ago a group of women joined together to form a Prayer Shawl Ministry. On the first and third Monday evenings of each month we get together to knit/crochet prayer shawls as we pray for the people who will receive them. We also have several people that prefer to knit/crochet at home and bring the shawls to church when they are completed. The completed shawls are blessed at our healing services. We give these shawls for a variety of different circumstances, people undergoing medical procedures, for a comfort after a loss or in times of stress, during bereavement or illness and recovery, and other times of need and encouragement. The shawls are intended to be a reminder of God's ever-present love. Some recipients have said when they wrap the shawl around themselves, it is like receiving a hug from God and they can feel the warmth and prayers that have been passed along with it. We invite you to join this ministry so you can share your gift of knitting/crocheting. Even if you don't knit or crochet, there are individuals who will teach you these skills. Financial donations are another way to share in this ongoing ministry. The loose change offering on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays go to Prayer Shawl Ministry. For more information, contact the Church Office or join us on a Monday evening.

## Douglas G. Larsen Scholarships

Application letters for the Douglas G. Larsen scholarship have been sent to high school seniors who are members of Christ the King. If you did not receive an application, please contact Anne-Lise Johnson. The application deadline is Tuesday, February 12.

## Worship Opportunities During the Lenten Season

**February 13** - Ecumenical Lenten Meal at St. Mary's – 5:00 p.m.  
Lenten Worship at Christ the King – 7:00 p.m.

**February 20** - Ecumenical Lenten Meal at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist – 5:00 p.m.  
Lenten Worship at Christ the King – 7:00 p.m.

**February 27** - Ecumenical Lenten Meal at St. Mary's – 5:00 p.m.  
Lenten Worship at Christ the King – 7:00 p.m.

**March 5** - Ecumenical Lenten Meal at United Church of Christ – 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Worship at Christ the King – 7:00 p.m.

**March 12** - Ecumenical Lenten Meal at St. Mary's – 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Worship at Christ the King – 7:00 p.m.



Please join us on Wednesday Evenings during Lent for Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 PM

### 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 [hkson@comcast.net](mailto:hkson@comcast.net)

**Youth Ministry/Christian Ed.**

Lori Nelson and Joan Jensen

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**Volunteer Coordinator:** Rita Beltz

[sbeltz@newulmtel.net](mailto:sbeltz@newulmtel.net)

**Music Coordinator:** Connie Jacobs

**Custodian:** Kim Volk

### Attendance for

Weekend of January 26 & 27 252

Weekend of February 2 & 3 190

### Coming Sat., February 9, 2008

5:33 pm – Worship Service

### Coming Sun., February 10, 2008

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

## Lent Begins

On Ash Wednesday, February 6, Lent begins. During this 40-day period, Christians reevaluate

their spiritual lives. It's a time for us to have a spiritual check-up and to strive to live the Christian life more faithfully and more intentionally.

One might go on a spiritual retreat, for example, spending time with a prayer warrior, Bible expert or theologian. During Lent, attending the various church services and study opportunities can help people grow spiritually and become more informed about the Christian faith.

Our pilgrimage through Lent should inspire us to serve God more faithfully in our daily lives.

## **Lenten Season Bible Study planned by the Outreach ministry committee**

We are planning to have a series of Bible Study opportunities for all adult members of Christ the King during our Lenten season. Here is how it is going to work.

We will use a free, online and downloadable lectionary series called **Daily Discipleship**. This Bible study is based on the gospel lesson used at Sunday worships and they are put together in a very simple 2 page format. We plan to start after Ash Wednesday and will have the following sessions.

---Sunday morning during the 9:00 worship hour with Scott Waldner leading.

...Tuesday at 7:00 PM at Denny and JoAnn Schmidt  
1832 Willow Rd. 354-5045 Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

---Wednesday night at Christ the King after our service 7:45 – 8:30 PM with Herm Louters leading.

Thursday at 7:00 PM at Roger and Joan Lindholm;  
1727 Oakwood Ave. 359-1669 Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

We will plan to begin using the February 10<sup>th</sup> Study which is not on the website yet but you can go and take a look at study material for the next several weeks if you want to see what it is like. This is available on our ELCA website and here is the information to get you there.

<http://www.elca.org/evangelizingchurch/dailydiscipleship/index.html>

**Copies of the study are available on the table in the narthex.**

We encourage everyone to get involved and hope that one of these times will work for you. This time will help us grow in our faith and also serve as an opportunity to have some fellowship with members of our church body. Please watch the bulletin boards, bulletins and newsletter for further information. If you have questions you can contact Helen Christenson or Denny Schmidt. The church office can put you in touch with us also.

## **SW MN Synod “Lutheran Men in Mission” Retreat**

March 14-15, 2008  
Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer  
Retreat begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and  
ends at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Call the Synod Office for more information

507-637-3908  
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