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March 1, 2010 [NEWSLETTER](#)

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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

March 1, 2010

Pastor's Page

¹⁸You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. ¹⁹Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ²⁰Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

Deuteronomy 11

The issue of worship for our children cannot be divorced from the relationships we are called to form with them in Christ. On March 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we will participate in something called the Timothy Project. In November and January we heard impassioned pleas for doing what we need to do with our youth and I agree that this should be an important priority. The invitation to the Timothy Project even is for all of you who think this is important as well. We can hire all the youth directors that we want, but we will not have a youth ministry at Christ the King unless it is owned first by us, as leaders, volunteers, guides, and just by creating relationships with our young people for the sake of doing so -- because they are important in and of themselves -- not to "keep them in church."

What most of us as adults should remember about being young is how hard it is. What we should also remember is the desire to be taken seriously as people, even when we are young and learning and maybe not getting everything right. We should remember this, because as adults, it really isn't all that different. We have a tendency to think of youth based on what we want them to be or do, both in the church, at home and in school. What would be the difference if we related to young people because they are God's children, just like us.

We have much to share and learn. Adults have experience and hopefully some wisdom, but young people may help us see what we have come to accept and compromise with as adults in ways that are not healthy. Youth ministry is not a one way street, nor is it a one person job. As it was for Israel, so it is for us, teach your children, invite them into a relationship that isn't necessarily going anywhere in particular. It is risky, it can be frustrating for us and for them. But it is a risk worth taking.

Come to the Timothy Project on March 6th and see what we might do in ministry "with" our youth.

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10

In Christ,
Pastor Tim



Please pray for

Ethan Alfred, as he is hospitalized in Ohio.
The family of Steve Christensen as they grieve his death.
Barb and John Olson as they grieve the death of Barb's mother, Peg Crowl

We rejoice on the Baptism of

Porter Max Jensen, son of Amanda Andrews and Ben Jensen, on January 30.



Thank you also to everyone who brought cakes, salads, helped prepare, serve and clean up for the funeral of Steve Christensen. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare food, donated food, helped serve and clean up for the Ash Wednesday Meal, the Ecumenical Meal and Camp Sunday.

News & Events



The Outreach Ministry would like to invite all families of Christ the King to a movie night on Sunday March 14th at 5:30 p.m. There will be a light meal and a movie for the children and a separate movie for the adults. All the members who have joined in the last year and prospect members are especially invited for an opportunity of fellowship with other members of the church.

There will also be a sign up for anyone who would like to help donate food for this event. We hope to see you at the movies!

Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry needs your help...we have a strong Hearthstone Ministry that provides a meal for families that have a newborn baby or a health situation when a meal would be brought into their home. If you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry or would like to be on a team to provide a meal please call Helen Christenson 354-2755. Thanks for your continued support.



You may donate blooming plants or lilies for our Easter Services. You may deliver them to the church during Holy Week. Please drop them off in the old narthex by the church offices. If

you are giving a plant in honor or memory of someone, dedications received by Monday, March 29 will be printed in the bulletin

Easter Egg Hunt ..Need your Help!

Last year the Christ the King Easter Egg Hunt was a big success but we were lacking one thing...eggs! Due to attendance we had to limit eggs to 2 per child...this year we want our lawn covered!!

Help us by donating plastic eggs, treats for filling the eggs (small wrapped candy, small trinkets), and small prizes (color books, crayons, small toys) we can give away for Golden Egg finds! The "Project Group" is assisting with filling the eggs.

We would like all donations by **March 14** to allow time to fill the eggs. There will be a collection box in the Narthex.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Church Council Committee Representatives

- Alison Miller – President
- Herm Louters – Vice-President, Stewardship Committee
- Jayne Jensen - Secretary, Scholarship Committee
- Jay Seiler - Spiritual Formation Committee
- Shari Novak - Personnel Committee
- Kara Jorve - Worship Committee
- Bob Wise – Finance & Endowment Committee
- Bill Steinke - Property Committee
- Denny Waloch – Outreach/Social Ministry

ELCA Informational Meeting

In response to questions which have followed the actions of last year's ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Synod Minister Rev. Linda Pedersen will lead an informational meeting at Augustana Lutheran Church in St. James, MN. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by devotions and the Forum presentation at 7:00 p.m. concluding at 8:30 p.m. In her presentation, Pr. Pedersen will focus on the decisions that were made at the churchwide assembly in August 2009, the mission and ministry of the ELCA at all levels of our church body, as well as address a number of specific concerns that have been shared with her and our Synod leaders during these past months. There will also be ample time for questions by those attending.

Adult Education

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Letters from Dad, Session Three Will Meet Sunday, April 11

We will work on letters to our children on April 11 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.

Lenten Bible Studies

We will have opportunities for people to attend Bible studies during Lent beginning in March. There will be a sign up for times and places to meet on the Kiosk. If you would be interested in leading a Bible study, please call the church office.

Adult Studies

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

The Dynamics of Spiritual Growth

Discovering eight biblical principles. This study helps students discover the principles of spiritual growth and commit themselves to utilize the resources that God has provided for their growth. Growth happens when we diligently respond to God's grace. If you have interest in study and conversation, come and join the fellowship.

Stewardship: Living a Life That Counts

During 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.

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 25th.

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

Mar. 3	Joseph	Forgiveness
Mar. 10	Moses	Words Matter
Mar. 17	Ruth	Faithful Love
Mar. 24	Mary	Obedience
Mar. 31	Paul	New Life



Ecumenical Lenten Services continue 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:

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.

Financial News

Giving in January	\$30,103
Budgeted Expense for January	\$23,398

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

Thank You!



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks!

Community Events

ICE SKATING



New Ulm Figure Skating Club Presents Dancing with the Stars on Ice

The New Ulm Figure Skating Club presents Dancing with the Stars on Ice as the Club's Annual Ice Show at the New Ulm Civic Center on

Friday, March 5 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 6 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
Sunday, March 7 at 1:00 PM.

Skaters participating in the show that are members of Christ the King are:

Kjerstin Drugan
Jessica Herzog & Jake Blake
Madeline Gag
Kaiya Gieseke & Jim Gieseke (and Kassidi Gomez)
Josie Groebner & Jayme Groebner
Sara Guymon
Alexis Klingler
Sydney & Olivia Owens
Hannah Volk & Jon Volk

New Ulm Hockey Association Benefit

The New Ulm Hockey Association will be having a Sauerkraut and Landjaeger Dinner on March 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Turner Hall.

Cost is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under.

Take-out orders available

Bridging the Gap

A program for Children and teens Grieving the Death of someone Special, will hold a Spring Retreat on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Caring Connections Room at the Redwood Area Hospital in Redwood Falls, MN. There is no cost to attend this retreat.

If you are interested, please call to register by Thursday, March 25. For more information regarding "Bridging the Gap" or to register, call Amy Boettger, Licensed Social Worker at the Redwood Area Hospital 507-637-4617.



World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5, is World Day of Prayer 2010. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of

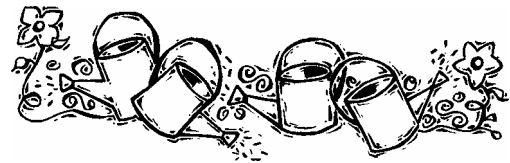
informed prayer. Join in the prayer service written by the women of Cameroon for families in need worldwide. Their theme is *Let everything that has breath praise God.*

This prayer service is sponsored by Oakwood United Methodist Church, 1630 Oakwood Ave. Coffee is at 9:30. The Service is at 10:00 AM.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

A Lutheran Marriage Encounter shows couples how to be straightforward and honest in their communication, thus building a foundation for the kind of trust and love every marriage deserves. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are March 19-21 in Brooklyn Center, April 16-18 in Duluth or April 30-May 2 in Alexandria.

For more information, contact Dick and Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org



Plant a Lenten Garden

First, plant 5 rows of peas:

Preparedness; Promptness; Perseverance; Politeness Prayer.

Next plant 3 rows of squash:

Squash gossip; Squash criticism; Squash indifference.

Next plant 4 rows of lettuce:

Let Us be loyal; Let Us be unselfish; Let Us be truthful; Let Us be faithful.

Finally, no garden is complete without turnips. So plant 4 rows of turnips;

Turn Up for Sunday Service; Turn Up with a smile; Turn Up with a new idea; Turn up with determination!

What a fruitful garden this will be!



The Next newsletter and calendar deadline will be March 19.

Timothy Project

The Timothy Project training event will be taking place on March 6th, from 9:00 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m. Tonya Tomasek, Youth Director at First Lutheran in Marshall and Steve Olcott, Youth Minister at Christ the King in Hutchinson will be our trainers. Both have vast experience in youth and family ministry and are dynamic.

As there was a significant interest around what would be happening with youth ministry at Christ the King in the future, both in November and at our annual meeting, I encourage you to help us transfer some of that uncertainty into action. This program has a good track record for success in training congregations for youth ministry and if we are serious about youth ministry, the first place to start is with ourselves.

I ask you to consider participation in this event if you are interested or concerned about what is or could be done. It will not help to hire another person unless we first begin to train ourselves and find out what might be required. Basically what it requires is adults committed to young people, period. Relationships with the young people of our congregation that are not just there for the purpose of getting them into church, but to show them that they are important in and of themselves.

Come and see what can be done.

Pastor Tim Anderson



Douglas G. Larsen Scholarship Breakfast

This breakfast benefits the Douglas G. Larsen Scholarship Fund that offers scholarships to CTK members beginning post high school education. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. on March 28.

Please make plans to assist with the success of this fundraiser.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk for items needed for the breakfast.

“Additional support will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.”

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday

March 28

Douglas G. Larsen Scholarship Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 1

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 10 – 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

(Joint Service with Our Savior's at Our Savior's Church)

Easter Vigil

April 3

5:33 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 4

9:00 a.m.

Children, Youth, & Family News

Congratulations to these young people who will be making their First Communion on March 7.

Elle Cooper
Kaden Gilb
Brett Hazelton
Peter Jensen
Sierra Lindemann
Kiey Pankey
Grace Swenson
Braiden Zimmerman

Jacqueline Cowing
Ashton Hames
Matthew Janke
Bradley Jorgenson
Greg Miller
Jayson Seiler
Gunner Volk

Madeline Gag
Caden Hames
Dylan Jennings
Roman Leske
Mitch Moellenhoff
Jenessa Seiler
Hunter Volk



Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to those children and their families' with Perfect Sunday School Attendance for November 7- January 17.
Laura and Jacob Bertrang, children of Jeff and Wendy Bertrang
Keenan and Isaac Davis, children of Amy Johnson and Chris Davis
Alex and Brandon Wyffels, children of Conrad and Camille Wyffels
Kaden Wilson, son of Chad and Amy Wilson
Sierra Lindemann, daughter of Carli Lindemann and Jeff Lindemann



**3rd & 4th Grade
Bible
Presentation**

The 3rd and 4th Graders will receive Bibles on March 14th at the 9:00 AM Service

Sunday School Classes Sing

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

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 Volunteer Meeting March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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. Meeting of the Venture Crew Volunteers will take place on March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Christ the King's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3 at 11:00 AM. Ages 0 – 3rd Grade.

Need by March 14: Plastic Easter Eggs, Small prizes for inside the eggs, larger prizes for Golden egg finds – the "Project Group" will be filling the eggs. There are boxes in the narthex and Sunday School Area for donation collection. We also need some Easter Egg Hunt helpers to hide eggs and help at the prize stations on the morning of April 3, around 9:30 AM. Call Jen Waloch if you can help: 276-5964.

Thinking about Summer...

Vacation Bible School and Day Camp with Green Lake will be held August 2-5 at Christ the King. In order to be a success we need volunteers to help! The committee will meet on Wednesday, April 7 @7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the needs we have for camp and reviewing some curriculum options so materials can be ordered. This will not be a high time commitment committee – we just want some extra hands and extra ideas so please consider taking part!

Fundraisers...

Parents seeking to raise funds for their children's youth ministry activities - there are opportunities here for you! Please see Jen Waloch to hear what options are available to you in the community!

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 began on Ash Wednesday and read through Easter Sunday.

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

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?
you?

How does the psalm speak about the world around

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

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

