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**Worship Services**

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

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## **Thanksgiving Worship Services**

The congregations of Christ the King and Our Savior's will once again be joining together for Thanksgiving Eve worship services.

This year, the services will be held at Christ the King. We will worship together on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at noon and 7PM. Please sign up on the kiosk to bring a pie or 2. We will enjoy the pies during our fellowship time and share some pies for the Community Thanksgiving dinner to be served at St. Mary's on Thanksgiving Day.

If you are able to help serve the pies and clean up after, please sign up also.

# King's Messenger

November 1, 2009

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## Pastor's Page

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

One year ended last week as I was preparing newsletter items. I have noticed that one year seems to appear smaller as one goes through life and have heard others say the same. We all know that a year doesn't change in length, but of course the amount of time one has to compare that year to makes it appear so. In other words, if you have lived a day, a year will seem long, but if you have lived to be 100, then a year seems smaller. I don't really know if such anniversaries matter, but they give us a measure or marker by which to measure a movement or activity. So I suppose that the realization made me think about where things were and where they are. Not a deep and powerful philosophical thought, but a chance to take stock.

Was it time well spent? Do you ever ask yourself that question? By what measure do you determine that time has been well used? Is it the amount of work accomplished, the quality, the enjoyment? The words from Ecclesiastes imply that one thing that makes time "worthwhile" is that the time is proper, we don't sow when we should reap or mourn when we should dance. That seems obvious, but more and more we seem to want to avoid certain times precisely because they ask us to do something we don't like or want to do something. Why did this happen right now? I am too busy. I don't have time for this right now. What it often means was that the thing we see forced upon us we were hiding from all along. It is a bit like when we find ourselves wasting time in order to avoid a more important task. The pinch comes from knowing what we should be doing at that time and our attempt to do something else to fill the time.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

We use time to hide and excuse ourselves from our obligations and opportunities to serve others. I don't have time to do it doesn't really mean we don't, but that we will not allow time for what is being asked. Time well spent is hard to figure out until we remember as someone else once said that time is a "mask for eternity." Time helps us hide from the one who is from the one who is eternal life. We can often ignore the face behind until time squeezes us a bit too much and we realize that time is moving us forward to an ultimate purpose. It is when we find God's time, time that is often directed to purposes of which we are unaware or trying to avoid that we recognize that God alone redeems the time in which we live so that it becomes possible to use time well.

You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."  
<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.  
<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

Psalm 90

We are reconciled not only to the eternal one behind the mask of time, but we are reconciled to time itself. It cannot push and pull and twist us, because we are never out of time as long as we are caught up in the eternal life of God in Christ. The ending of the church's year at Christ the King reminds us all that time will be caught up into eternity. That time which is well spent becomes a part of our life with God and that which was waste will be gone. May we learn to see and know when the right times are in our lives and do what is fitting, to learn the right time as God's time. Doing the work to which we have been called in Christ, work that the LORD will indeed prosper.

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.**  
<sup>13</sup>Turn, O LORD! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!  
<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
<sup>17</sup>**Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands —  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Psalm 90

Pr. Tim Anderson



## Stewardship Note

### Calendar for Stewardship 2010

At the last meeting of the committee we put together a preliminary calendar of events to improve Stewardship at Christ the King for the coming year. They are based on a list of areas the committee thought we could improve as part of our congregation life and stewardship of that life together. Here is the calendar as it sits right now, though there will be some smaller activities done at other times not yet on the calendar.

Month/Season	Event
January	<b>Committee Night:</b> will bring together committees and leaders of our congregation to discuss a vision for how we might better work together and toward a more comprehensive view of being stewards of the good news and gifts of Christ the King.
February	<b>Stewardship: Living a Life That Counts:</b> This will be an education and worship event during the month of February that emphasizes stewardship as a way of living that makes a difference. We will offer a Bible study and series of sermons and presentations.
Spring	<b>Pledge drive: Using the theme "Make it Simple"</b> we will do our pledge drive late in April. You will notice that we are separating pledging from the budget season. The main reason is to get all of us to begin thinking about our giving, not as what we do to make the "business of the church" go, but instead to think of our giving as a spiritual act of worship and obedience given to further the ministry of the gospel. We hope that this change will help us change our hearts and minds.
Fall	<b>Spiritual Inventory of Congregation:</b> We will not do a traditional time and talent sheet for stewardship right now, but we will do an inventory that will ask the members of this congregation to examine the stewardship of their life. You will be encouraged to think about your worship attendance, your prayer and devotional life, the ways in which you live out your faith day in and day out. It will be an opportunity to ask how your life is serving God and following Jesus Christ.



**Please pray for**

Pam Gostonczi, as she grieves the death of her daughter , Amy Gostonczi.  
The family of Quidelle Melzer as they grieve her death.  
Bill and Cathy Koob as they grieve the death of Bill's father.  
Jim and Nancy Erickson as they grieve the death of Jim's father.  
Ethan Alfred, as he is hospitalized in Ohio.  
Steve Christianson as he undergoes treatments.

**We rejoice on the Birth of**

Lyla Paulson, born to John and Debra Paulson on October 13  
Tyla Jo Kamrath, born to Josh and Tami on October 16

**We rejoice on the Baptism of**

Boston David Sticha, son of Jolene Band Jessiah Sticha.  
Annika Maria Haroldson, daughter of Brian and Kim Haroldson.



Thank you to everyone who helped in way for the funerals of Amy Gostonczi and Quidelle Melzer. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to the Project Group for completing 40 school kits, by sewing the school bags and compiling all the items to be sent to the Lutheran World Relief.

A special thank you to everyone for donating all the items for the school kits. The extra items were donated to Jefferson Elementary School. We also appreciate the items donated for the Health Kits. God bless all of you!

Thank you to all those who provided the delicious food for our new member orientation. It was greatly appreciated.

*News & Events*

**Adult Studies**

**Men's Saturday Bible Study Continues on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.**

During the month of November, we will finish up a discussion of our Christian calling in the world. Next, we will begin a study and discussion about being people of integrity in our lives.



**Men of Christ the King are Invited to the Letters from Dad Kick-off Event on November 8 at 12:00 noon**

Men of Christ the King are invited to participate in a national men's ministry.

It's called "Letters from Dad." It is helping fathers to learn to leave a legacy by saying the things they've always wanted to say but just didn't know how. "I love you," "You're the treasure of my life," and, "I'll always be there for you," are things every child wants and needs to hear from their dad. We also hope that it will be a way of expanding and improving the connection of faith with the homes of our members.

We will share a meal and introduction to the program on November 8th following the 10:30 a.m. service. All men are encouraged to attend, since the letter writing includes not only children, but wives and parents as well. If there are special people in your lives, come and see if this may be worthwhile for you.

**Anyone is welcome. BRING A FRIEND!  
Volunteers to help are encouraged and needed!  
Food is provided, but a free will donation will be taken.**

**Small Catechism Preaching Series Ends November 22**

The series on Luther's Small Catechism will finish in November. We will return to using the lectionary readings on Saturday and at the 9:00 service on Sundays. Beginning in Advent November 29th, the 10:30 service will be a series of sermons on the life of Jesus that will come to an end at Easter.


Here is the schedule for November.

- Nov. 1 -- Lord's Prayer: Petitions 6, 7, Doxology
- Nov. 7/8 -- Baptism
- Nov. 14/15 -- Lord's Supper
- Nov. 21/22 -- Keys/Confession
- Nov. 28/29 -- First Sunday in Advent (Pastor Mary Gaebler)

**Schedule for 10:30 service beginning in December**

Dec 6	Zecariah and Elizabeth	Luke 1
Dec 13	Annunciation	Luke 1
Dec 20	Magnificat	Luke 1
Dec 25	Nativity (Well we do that every year of course.) Luke 2:1-20	
Dec 27	Holy Innocents	Matthew 2:1-11

**Snow Removal**

 Christ the King is looking for a person or persons who are interested in donating their time to do parking lot snow removal this winter. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 354-4672.



## Calling All Norwegians... or “Norwegian-Wannabes”

Christ the King’s Annual Lefse Making  
Day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21

starting at 8:00 a.m. ‘til done!!

Come and have fun and learn to make lefse!

On Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:00 p.m. we will be peeling  
potatoes and mixing the lefse. We will need lots of help.

Lefse will be for Sale on Sat. Nov. 21 & Sun. Nov. 22.

Funds will be used for campership.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex to donate items  
needed for the lefse.

Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial for  
Lutherans.

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a program that  
delivers gift-filled shoe boxes to children around the  
world who are in need. This month our church will be  
one of the hundreds of churches participating in this  
program. Our Sunday school youth will be collecting  
gifts and shoe boxes for OCC. And our confirmation  
youth will be volunteering in the regional collection  
center in Minneapolis.

Please pack a shoe box for either a **boy or girl ages 2-  
4, 5-9, or 10-14.** (Packing slips are available on one of  
the tables by the sanctuary.) Accepted gifts include  
such items as School Supplies, pens, pencil and  
sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad  
sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring  
and picture books, etc. More info on packing slips.  
Items will be accepted through November 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, October 25, these youth  
affirmed their baptism ...

Rachel Ayer  
Karl Farasyn  
Courtney Johnson  
Nicholas Larson  
Megan Palmer  
Amanda Thiesse

Connor Bourgault  
Tori Grack  
Brittany Klingler  
Ana Lindholm  
Madi Sellner  
Henry Thoreson

## Advent Wreath Lighting

If you would be willing to light the Advent wreath during  
our worship services during Advent, please sign up on  
the sheet in the narthex. All are welcome to help.

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

## Soundboard Help

We need some help with running the soundboard at our  
worship services. If this is something that you would be  
interested in doing, please call the church office at  
354-4672.

## Needed

Christ the King is looking for a used conference table  
(aprox. 9ft. X 5ft.). If anyone has one to donate, please  
contact Christ the King at 354-4672.

## Worship Tapes

Christ the King has been saving Worship tapes since  
1985. If anyone is interested in having some of these  
tapes, please contact the church office at 354-4672.

## Wanted to Buy

If anyone has a used piano that they are willing to sell or  
give away, please contact the church office at 354-4672.

## Health Kits

Donations are needed for postage to mail off the School  
kits and the Health kits to Lutheran World Relief. If you  
are interested in donating to this project, please contact  
the church office at 354-4672.

## St. Peter Regional Treatment Center

The St. Peter Regional Treatment Center has for 143  
years provided mental health services for those in need.  
SPRTC staff help by providing the support necessary to  
help them stay healthy and led productive lives while in  
the hospital and after they leave.

The Treatment Center is looking for donations of the  
following:

- Toiletries: Personal grooming supplies for men  
and women
- Clothing: Men and women – Large – XXXXlarge
- Household: Bedding and bath accessories
- Personal fun items: candy, games, electronics  
and stationary.

Please check out the Kiosk for a detailed list of items  
needed. Items may be dropped off at church.

## Financial News

Giving in September	\$28,034
Budgeted Expense for September	\$31,838
Giving Year-to-date	\$259,948
Budgeted Expense Year-to-date	\$272,684



*The Next newsletter and calendar deadline  
will be November 20.*



# Children, Youth, & Family News

## Sunday School Singers Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9 AM

Our youth are singing on November 22<sup>nd</sup> during the 9 AM service. Come support them. Remember to invite other friends and family to watch.

## SS Christmas Program Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM

The Christmas season is almost around the corner. The Sunday School has sent notes home to all the families asking you to confirm your youth's participation in the program. If you have not returned this note to church, please do so. Our Christmas program will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Practice times and parent volunteer opportunities are listed on the note. Please contact the church if you have not received a note.



## 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade OCC Scavenger Hunt Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2-4 PM

Join our youth group for a scavenger hunt. Youth will be divided into different teams that will compete to fill the most OCC shoeboxes. Youth may get donations from their homes, friends' homes, or buy them at stores. Drivers will be needed. Please check the insert in the newsletter.

## Other upcoming 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade youth events... Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Pool Party @ Vogel

## Youth Fundraising

This fall you can support youth in our church through buying Kwik Trip gas cards and Herberger's Community Day Sale coupons. Both of these items can be purchased in the church office.



You purchase gift cards at face value. The church is able to buy these cards at a cheaper price so that the youth can keep the profit made from the sales.



Herberger's coupon books can be purchased for \$5. All money received will be kept by the church youth. There are coupons in the booklet, including a coupon worth \$10 off of a purchase of \$10 or more. The sale is on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8	9:00 AM	New Member Reception
November 8	12:00 PM	Letters from Dad Kick-Off
November 20 & 21		Jr. High Youth Gathering in Willmar
November 20	6:00 PM	Lefse Preparation
November 21	8:00 AM	Lefse Making
November 25	Noon	Joint Thanksgiving Service with Our Savior's
	7:00 PM	Joint Thanksgiving Service with Our Savior's
December 20	10:30 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program
December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
	8:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service



## Advent Saturday evening services with Soup supper and Fellowship

Soup Suppers are planned for December 5, December 12, and December 19 after the Saturday Evening Worship Services.

We are need of volunteers to prepare the suppers.

We will need 2 crock pots of soup and bread or crackers, and bars for each week.

If you would be willing to help out, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office. The Holden Evening Prayer Service will be used during the Saturday Services during Advent.

All are encouraged to attend.



## Advent Family Celebration

Please mark your calendars and join our Christ the King family in celebrating the coming of Christmas, at our traditional Advent Potluck and Tree Decorating.

**When:** Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4:00 PM

**What:** Potluck and tree decoration, and Christmas Carol singing.

Please bring one of your traditional Christmas dishes or a family favorite to share.

Our tradition is to decorate our tree with ornaments given by each of our Christ the King families/members. Please bring an ornament – if you are new to our church family, or have not brought one before, or you would like to bring a new ornament for your changing family. Everyone will help decorate the tree!

Please join us to begin the time of waiting for our Savior's Birth with a time of wonderful food and fellowship.

**All Are Welcome!**



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Please call or e-mail the church office to let us know if you would be willing to help in these areas:

- Having items that can be picked up at your home.
- Drivers to drive youth to pick up items from homes.
- You may also drop off items at church.

### Gift Suggestions

#### TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

#### OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

### DO NOT Include these items

These items are NOT allowed for various reasons.

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Once your box is filled they request a \$7 donation for each shoe box to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can make a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box.



We are looking for high school age students who would like to sing or play with the youth group at the 9:00 worship service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. If you like to sing or you play an instrument and would like to perform, please contact Jon Thoreson at 228-8033 or the church office at 354-4672.







