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

October 1, 2009 **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

October 1, 2009

Pastor's Page

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1-5

Those Words of John are a reminder of why I like this time of year. In the movement into darker season and the dying of another summer, I always remember that in the midst of death we are surrounded by life, by light. I return every year to read an essay by a famous scientist of many years ago named Loren Eiseley who spoke of his love to walk in the fields and woods during autumn's dying of things in hope that he might see more clearly the secret of life. He marveled at the dead rabbit, decaying, but still showing the perfection of its form and the perfect harmony of its parts. He was fascinated by the burrs and seed pods that hung on his coat to be transported to their new home to plant themselves and bring new life. He wasn't, as a scientist, quite willing to say it, but it did make him begin to think that science couldn't quite penetrate the secret of life. At the end of the essay he wrote:

I do not think, if someone finally twists the key successfully in the tiniest and most humble house of life, that many of these questions will be answered, or that the dark forces which create lights in the deeps sea and living batteries in the waters of the tropical swamps, or the dread cycles of parasites, or the most noble workings of the human brain, will be much if at all revealed. Rather, I would say that if "dead" matter has reared up this curious landscape of fiddling crickets, song sparrows, and wondering men, it must be plain even to the most devoted materialist that the matter of which he speaks contains amazing, if not dreadful powers, and may not impossibly be... "but one mask of many worn by the Great Face behind." Loren Eiseley, *"The Secret of Life", The Immense Journey*

The Word of God is found in both Scripture and the book of nature according to another famous reformer, John Calvin. It is what sent many Christians to search the realm of nature for signs of God's glorious love and power through scientific endeavors and observations. I like to go out, just because even in its dying season, the world shows forth the power of life, the power of God's Word and purpose. For us, Jesus is the key, the Word that makes sense even of the world around us. Enjoy a walk as the seasons change this year and ponder the Word that gives life to all things and to you. As it is written also in Psalm 19:

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²*Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.*

³*There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;*

⁴*yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,*

⁵*which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy*

⁶*Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.*

⁷*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;*

⁸*the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous
altogether.

Pr. Tim Anderson



Stewardship Note

The Stewardship Committee is working to create a plan for the whole year, that is not just a "pledge drive." We are hoping to begin some activities in the near future that will help all of us to see

stewardship as a way of caring for the whole life God has entrusted to us as individuals and a community. The new atmosphere we hope to create must include a different way of thinking and acting as God's stewards. This is true for leadership on council and committees and all of us in this fellowship.

Prayers for Members

We continue praying for several of our members each week during the prayers of intercession. Prior to the Sunday, the Church office will be sending out letters to those for whom we will be praying. You will be encouraged to call with any specific prayer requests and we will also attempt to check in with you during the week. Please be watch for your letter as we go through the directory through the year.

Small Catechism Preaching Series in Continues

We continue to hear God's Word through Luther's Small Catechism. During October we will hear about what God has done through the words of the Apostles' Creed and The Lord's Prayer.

Come to worship this autumn season with a childlike faith and hear again these words of faith come to life for you.

- October 4: I Believe in Jesus Christ...
- October 11: I Believe in the Holy Spirit
- October 18: Our Father, In Heaven, My your Name be Holy
- October 25: God's Will, Our Daily Bread and Forgiveness

Adult Studies

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

What is God calling you to be in your life at work, at home, as a citizen of New Ulm and our country? We will begin with a study of what God is calling you to be as a Christian in the world as well as a good time for fellowship. Men from 16 up are invited to come and participate.



Men of Christ the King are Invited to the Letters from Dad Kick-off Event on November 1 at 12:00 noon (Why? It's the Vikings "bye" weekend)

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.

The kick-off will include a meal and introduction to what *Letters from Dad* is about and then invited to sign up for four sessions of thinking about and sharing with those they love the things that are most important to them. Come find out what the program is and maybe be inspired to share faith in a new way with your family.

Greg Vaughn, author of the best selling book, *Letters from Dad*, recalls "I was in my garage, cleaning up about after the death of my father when I found his rusty tackle box. I realized that he died without leaving me a note or a signature, only this rusty tackle box. Then it dawned on me. What if I were to die today, what would I leave for my wife and children? I concluded that I would be leaving nothing but a rusty tackle box too! That's how *Letters from Dad* was born. From there I called 14 other fathers and we started on a journey to leave a legacy to our family. That group birthed a group of 130 men, that birthed a group of 350 men and then a group of 700 men. It has now grown to over 700 churches and thousands of men across the globe.

**Anyone is welcome. BRING A FRIEND!
Volunteers to help are encouraged and needed!**

Pet and Animal Blessing on October 4th at 2:00 p.m.

In Genesis 1 and 2, God blesses the creatures he has made and given human beings a special relationship with some of those animals. On October 4th we will have an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy this gift with a special service for those who have animals and who find that companionship to be important in their lives. The service is short, but there will be fellowship time following. Bring your animal(s), a means to restrain them and a treat for them as part of the service. It is a time to rejoice in the lighter side of human life and the joys God grants us.





News & Events

Please pray for

Louie and Laurie Austvold, as they grieve the death of Laurie's mom.
 Jim and Kathy Wittenberg, as they grieve the death of Kathy's mom.
 Steve Christensen as he undergoes treatments.
 Ethan Alfred as he is being treated in Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Jill Berglund as she undergoes treatment.
 Ruby Meade as she is ill.
 Quidelle Mwlzer as she is at Divine Providence
 Jeff Howk as he is hospitalized at Abbott Northwestern.
 Carol Melick as she recovers from hip surgery.
 Dennis Harder as he recovers from a stroke in his right eye.

We rejoice on the Baptism of

Brady Michael Melzer, son of Jason and Julie Melzer.

Thank You!

Dear Christ the King Church,
 Thank you dearly for all the support you have given me – throughout my youth and now as I head off to Mali to work for the Mali Health Organizing Project. Your generosity has been astounding, and very humbling. Without your support I could not make this project happen. With the free will donations, and the silent auction, we raised over \$2,200! These gifts will allow us to enroll nearly 260 children in our mobile health program for an entire year. Thank you again and again. I look forward to sharing more with you soon!

God's blessings,
 Alex Harsha

Volunteer Opportunities

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

My Favorite Verses by Nancy Anderson

My favorite verses in the Bible are John 3:16-17:
 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."
 I love these verses. I love to write. I like to go keep busy. My Father says this is good. He is upstairs. I want to go join my dad and brother. I hear that it's very beautiful up there. I look forward to seeing it. I am so thankful that Jesus died for my sins and that I can have forgiveness and a home in heaven because of the faith that I have in Him. He is my personal Savior.



New Member Orientation

New member orientation will be held on October 22, with a light meal at 5:30. The reception of new members will take place the weekend of November 7 & 8. If you are interested in joining Christ the King, please call the church office at 354-4672.

Volunteers Needed to Help With New Member Orientation

In order to help the 2009 budget, the Outreach Ministry is requesting donations of food for the New Member Orientation on October 22. Please sign up on the Kiosk in the Narthex if you would like to provide a slow cooker of soup or chili. Also bread, milk, or a pan of bars is needed. Thank you for your contributions in advance,



Health Kits

Lutheran World Relief needs help replenishing its health kit supply. People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

During the month of October Christ the King members are encouraged to contribute various kit items and leave them in the plastic blue tub in the narthex. Each kit includes the following:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
- Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band

Christ the King Family Project

In October we would like to help out our local schools with school supplies that families may not be able to purchase for their children. Some of the supplies needed are pink erasers, box of markers, hi-lighters, child scissors, crayons, box of tissues, glue sticks and pencils for Jefferson School.

We will continue to collect items through October.

Kwik Trip Cards

Kwik Trip Cards continue to be available. You buy the card at face value and can use it at any Kwik Trip in the country. Cards are available in the church office or talk to Shawn.



These Seventh Graders Received their Bibles on September 27.

Devan Andree	Dylan Bendix
Michelle Byro	Jonah Cooper
Alexandra Gaylord	Karley Gilb
Alexandra Grejtak	Tanner Ogren
Marley Pietz	Tyler Sassenberg
Elissa Schmiel	Brooklyn Wendler



7th-12th Grade YouthEvent in Mankato

Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Milwaukee Bucks
Sunday, October 4th

Meet at church at 3:45 PM Leaving at 4:00 PM
\$20 Cost

Group picture with Timberwolves at center court after the game(need a group of 15 for picture)

Register with Shawn.
We need adult chaperones.

Sunday School Kids Sing on October 11

The Sunday School students (Preschool through 6th grade) will be singing "Father Abraham" in worship on Sunday, October 11 at the 9:00 service. They will sing during the Not Just For Kids time (children's sermon). Also, the three year olds will be receiving their Bibles at that time, too, so it will be a special day.

We appreciate your support and participation in having the Sunday School children bring special music to worship.

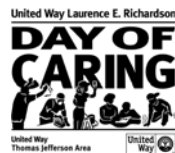
Operation Christmas Child

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 start being collected on October 18. Any items donated by October 27 will be packed by MOPS. Items will be accepted through November 30th.

Free Health Screenings

There will be free health screenings from the Heart of New Ulm at Christ the King on Wednesday, October 28th from 7:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. The screening takes about 20 to 30 minutes and includes a health history, health behaviors, blood pressure, weight, cholesterol and other blood markers. For best results you will need to fast 12 hours prior to screening. Wear loose clothing. If you use tobacco, do not use it 30 minutes prior to screening. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Check out the website at www.heartofnewulm.org or call 233-1945 with questions.



Saturday, October 10, 2009

Volunteers help people throughout our county with raking, cleaning windows, painting, and other tasks. . . If you are interested in helping, please contact Joan Lindholm at 359-1669 or

email rjindholm@earthlink.net.

Volunteer Opportunity for MOPS

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is an Christian organization providing mothers a chance to discuss issues and enjoy each others company while in a friendly loving Christian environment. volunteers are needed to work in a team to help nurture and mentor the preschool children while the mom's meet. MOPS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Christ the King Church. Please call Deanne at 354-4168.



Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, October 25, at 10:30 a.m., there will be 12 youth being affirmed in their baptism. Please join

us at this special event.

The youth affirming their baptism are...

Rachel Ayer	Connor Bourgault
Karl Farasyn	Tori Grack
Courtney Johnson	Brittany Klingler
Nicholas Larson	Ana Lindholm
Megan Palmer	Madi Sellner
Amanda Thiesse	Henry Thoreson

Financial News

Giving in August	\$30,011
Budgeted Expense for August	\$24,336
Giving Year-to-date	\$217,591
Budgeted Expense Year-to-date	\$240,846



The Next newsletter and calendar deadline will be October 20.

Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, October 26
@ 6:45 PM (following service)



Come One, Come All!

Join us in the church parking lot on Oct. 26 to provide a Halloween celebration for our youth. (Yes, it is the week before Halloween.) We will need volunteers to fill up their trunks with candy and other halloween items to hand out to young trick-or-treaters. There will also be a few games and activities. This event is geared towards our 3 year old through 6th grade youth, although all are welcome. Youth and adults are encouraged to dress up in a costume, but please keep the costumes appropriate. And as always, invite a friend.

Our 2009-2010 Volunteers

Sunday School Teachers

Thank you for everyone who is helping out with Sunday School this year. Here is a list of volunteers. Please thank them.

Preschool 3: Kari Schroeder & Lauren Farasyn

Preschool 4: Shiela Brownfield & Jen Waloch

Kindergarten: Gretchen Austinson & Rachael Zimmerman

1st Grade: Michelle Gag & Catherine Asmus

2nd Grade: Wendy Bertrang & Brenda Hoffman

3rd Grade: Lisa Seiler & Sherri Leske

4th Grade: Mona Widmer & Julie Pederson

5th-6th Grade: GayLynn Cowing & Chris Iles

7th-12th Grade: Ron & Anna Fleischmann

Confirmation Guides

Thank you for everyone who is helping out with Confirmation this year. Here is a list of volunteers. Please thank them.

7th Grade Boys: Steve Schmiel & Brice Andree

7th Grade Girls: Laura Gaylord

8th Grade Boys: Kurt Johnson & Jay Seiler

8th Grade Girls: Rhonda Lehman & Kara Menzel

9th Grade Boys: Alison Miller & Brian Johnson

9th Grade Girls: Michele Gag



Please join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Even if you have not filled out a registration form, please feel free to join us.

Help Wanted – Help Wanted

Contact Shawn at stwetn@christtheking-nu.org

Sunday School Substitutes

Our Sunday School is trying to form a list of parent substitute teachers. Each grade already has two co-teachers who usually alternate Sundays. However, we would like to get a list of 2-3 parents for each grade level that would be willing to be a substitute for their child's class if needed.

Nursery Team

We are trying to recruit a team of people who would be willing to consistently volunteer in the nursery during the 9 AM service. This would require about a once per month commitment. We already have four families, but would like to recruit a few more.

What is *Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour*?



You are invited to a special event as a follow-up to the 2009 [ELCA Youth Gathering](#). **You don't have to have gone to New Orleans to attend *Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour* at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN on November 7, 2009.** All are welcome to experience a powerful time of music, storytelling, and service designed to inspire young people to be the hands and feet of Jesus in their communities and beyond. Youth will be challenged to identify how they can live their baptismal call as beloved children of God and how they can live a life of Jesus-centered justice.

Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour features music by ELCA Youth Gathering artists [Agape](#), [LOST AND FOUND](#), and [Rachel Kurtz](#), and powerful youth testimonies. This event promises to be an effective way to re-ignite the hearts of Gathering participants and others that need encouragement on their faith journey.

- **Cost:** \$10 per person (includes lunch and full-day event).
- **Meet** at Christ the King at 10:00 AM. We will return around 5:00 PM. Will include reflection, group project and concert.

Please contact Shawn or call the church office at 354-4672.

For more info : www.j3tour.com

