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Sunday 9:30 AM

August 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

August 1, 2009

Pastor's Page

⁷The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹I am a Hebrew, he replied. "I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows. *Jonah 1:7-16*

I have been reading a great deal from a friend's book and in articles as we have been going through the book of 1 Peter. This reading seemed to say something helpful for all of us in difficult and troubling times. When times are difficult, people often ask: "What should we do?" The assumption being that we have to solve the problem. We are, by nature, activists, we believe that our worth is determined by what we do and that nothing can be done without us. The problem with this is that there are some times and some places in which we might cause as much trouble as we resolve. What is required by Christians as we ask ourselves "what should we do?" is to do so with some measure of humility and love.

Sometimes the most faithful action is just to live confidently in difficult times, trusting that much of what happens in life is out of our control. In other words, we should live in hope. When we live out of fear or anger, we have a tendency to find a scapegoat for our troubles and in our rush to settle things down, we cast them overboard. The problem with this way of living is that the victim is often innocent and it keeps us from facing our own failures in life as well. Even if the victim is in some sense guilty, as is the case with Jonah, it seems less than Christian to destroy one for the sake of all. Maybe that is why Jesus says that all he will offer the world is the "sign of Jonah," three days in the belly of the beast of death and new life on the shores of resurrection. Creating a happens in the world when we assume that politicians, or high paid executives or some other group is responsible for all our troubles; but the motives of hatred, anger, envy, self-protection or hiding from our own lack of self-control stay hidden in our hearts and minds. We all assume that we can hide as long as we don't need or aren't forced to confess, but as Jonah found out, confession cannot be avoided, for the light of God sees through us.

Difficult times are not found in just our present economic circumstances, but in our relationships with family, friends, co-workers and often with people we don't even know -- like Jonah and his sailing companions. Christians should remain calm in the midst of storms, not because we are in control, but because we know that someone else is and we also recognize our own participation in the world and its ways. We should always be aware of our own fear in such stormy times, because it is often easier to run away from facing the things we can take care of, which Jonah had done out of hatred of the people of Ninevah, or fly into a fury of action that seems not to worry about the consequences for others, which is what the sailors did to Jonah. when they threw him overboard.

Sometimes doing nothing is a sign of faith and trust, like Jesus sitting in the back of another boat on the Sea of Galilee. Maybe that is why faith is so rare, because we are by nature led to believe that if we don't do something about the problem it will never go away. More often than not, our very solutions may also have disastrous consequences that may be worse than the trouble we are trying to relieve. Be people of hope, humility and love, not so that you might be saved, but because in Christ you have received the victory. That is what faith clings to in this life and that is the source of love and hope for those who follow Jesus Christ, the sleeping sailor in the back of the boat.

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who

then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:35-41

Pr. Tim Anderson

News & Events

ELCA Presiding Bishop's Call to 50 Days of Prayer

God's work. Our hands.

Week of August 2

Word: Acts 2:42-47; Luke 20:45—21:4

• How is your congregation similar and dissimilar from the congregation described in Acts? What might being there for each other in-season and out-of-season look and feel like for you?

• Who has unexpectedly shown you the grace of God that brings life? In what unexpected places have you found a great wealth of faith, generosity and service?

Prayer

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Week of August 9

Word: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

• What are the gods that compete for your life and the lives of our communities? What are some of the ways that "you and your household" serve the Lord? How has God supported, sustained and nourished you in this service?

• What are some of the spiritual battles or struggles in your life? What do you need from God to stand against these things?

• What unique or shared tools has God given you, your congregation and this church for declaring that Jesus is the "Holy One of God"? What impedes that proclamation? What frees it?

Prayer

Holy God, your Word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



What is this? Exploring the Faith With a Childlike Wonder Small Catechism Preaching Series in Fall

Many of you have children or grandchildren who have asked the questions "What is this?" or "Why?" It is a natural teaching moment. Some have said that if you can't teach the faith to a child you don't know the content of faith yourself. It is also true that when you teach you often learn as much, if not more than the students.

Luther created the Small Catechism to help parents to teach the faith to their children and to help even the least educated to understand what they believed and how to live that life. Some things never change, passing on the faith is not about making people feel a certain way, but passing on what was first handed on to us. The Small Catechism can help us to return to the basics, a foundation on which we can be brought to the fullness of Christian living.

This series will serve not only as an introduction to some of the changes at our 10:30 a.m. service, but as an invitation and encouragement to adult learning at Christ the King. To paraphrase one Bible scholar: Jesus played with children and taught adults. Why is the church intent on doing the opposite when it is so obviously not working?



Stewardship Note

Stewardship begins with worship. The most important thing in the life of God's faithful people is that in the once for all sacrifice of

Jesus Christ, we are freed to offer only the sacrifice and praise of our worship of God. Tending to this gift and this work is the foundation of all that we are as a community. It often takes time, even as a pastor, to figure this out. Pastors often complain that they never get to worship, assuming that only the people in the pews get to do that; they assume that what they do is their job. In reality, what pastors do on Sunday morning is their way of worship.

The reverse is often true of the people of God, who think that it would be wonderful if everything they did was ministry, like what the pastor gets paid to do. In reality, you are called each day to ministry, to serve others in your calling. As Paul wrote in Romans 12: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Stewards are people of worship and praise. Commit yourselves to this joyous task, to offer praise to God for all that God has done for you.



Letters from Dad Kick-off Event in September

A national men's ministry is expanding to Christ the King. 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.

Endorsed by the likes of Ken Canfield, National Center for Fathering, Steve Farrar, best selling author, Dr. H. Norman Wright, renowned author of Marriage and Counseling books and videos, Dave Dravecky, Former San Francisco Giants pitcher and others, *Letters from Dad* has helped to restore family communication, produced healed marriages and reconciled parent child relationships, all through the lost art of letter writing.

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.

Letters from Dad teaches men to open up their hearts and put into words their love for their wives, children and parents. It not only teaches men "Why" to write letters, the men also learn the mechanics of letter writing and how to keep them safe for posterity. Christ the King will be hosting a Kickoff BBQ Event to introduce *Letters from Dad* to our community

Anyone is welcome. BRING A FRIEND!

Watch for more in the September newsletter and announcements!

Hints of What is Coming for Adult Education for 2009-2010

Classes for Parents (maybe even grandparents)
How do we teach our children?

Making a home for faith
Faith Walks

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Book discussions

Bible Basics Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Exodus: Deliverance and New Life for Israel

Jonah: Reluctant Witness

Luke: This is Jesus

Acts: Witnesses to the World

Children's Bible Stories for Adults: What you may not have learned in Sunday School

Prayer Group and Study

Tour de Revs---100 Days for Hunger and Wellness

May 13-August 20, 2009

Revelation-Revolution-Revenue

June, 2009

Dear Pastors and Congregational Leaders of the SW MN Synod,

Have you heard about the Tour de Revs? Briefly, three ELCA pastors are going to ride a custom-made bamboo bicycle built for three (triplet) for 100 days. They are riding to raise awareness of "Hunger & Wellness" issues and funds for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. They will stop at each of the 65 Synods. **Their stop in our synod in Redwood Falls will be Monday, August 17 and they will leave the next morning, August 18 for the St. Paul synod. I am working with others on the hunger team and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls to coordinate this event.**

There are three main things individuals and congregations can do:

1. Pray for the Revs on their journey.
2. Prior to their visit to our synod, hold a fund-raising event and possibly a health and wellness initiative in your congregation.
3. Attend an event in Redwood Falls on August 17. Details are tentative at this point but bicyclists from all over the region are invited to meet and escort the Revs the last several miles into town. (about 3-4 PM). There will be a Whopper Feed at Gloria Dei from (about 5-7 PM) as a fund raiser for ELCA World Hunger Appeal. We will also be collecting offerings for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and food for the local food shelf in Redwood Falls. The Revs will be on hand during the Whopper Feed with their bike for informal visiting. There will be a presentation by the Revs in the early evening. More details later, please watch the Southwestern Minnesota Synod E-Newsletter.

Our hope is that all 269 congregations will participate in this wonderful initiative. The Revs hope to raise 5 million dollars, above and beyond what is already given. Based on current giving, this would get us to the \$25 million goal of ELCA World Hunger Appeal. I pray that each congregation will host an event or set aside an offering to help support the Tour de Rev's mission.

Each congregation is welcome to create their own event but I know that you are very busy...[ideas for congregations followed in this section.]

Thank you for considering this and also for your follow-through. If you have any questions, ideas, concerns please contact me by phone: 507-734-3052 or by email: coorain@nobleswildblue.com

Get your bike ready to ride or just join us in Redwood Falls on August 17 and 18! Please watch for more information on the Tour de Revs coming soon. Check it out: www.tourderevs.org

God's blessings,
Connie Schwartau
SW MN Synod Hunger Coordinator



Concertina Music by Harry Wojahn, Heidi Wojahn, and Deb Nelson at the August 16 Worship Service.

Harry Wojahn, Heidi Wojahn, and Deb Nelson will accompany the worship service with the concertina, violin and singing on August 16.

They have been doing special music at worship service since 2005. Many of the songs and music that they perform have been written by Harry Wojahn.

Christ the King Family Project for August and September

When you are shopping for school supplies, please consider purchasing extra items and bring any of the following to place in the designated box in the narthex. If anyone would like to complete a school kit, just place the items in a separate bag.

School Kits

A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in a refuge camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

The following items are needed for each school kit:

- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- One eraser approx. 2 1/2" long
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors; may be folded in half to fit into the bag
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

Thank you so much for your generosity in providing items for these kits to those in need.

4X4 Fellowship Groups

By popular demand the 4X4 fellowship groups which are 4 couples or 8 people getting together 4 times to get better acquainted in the fellowship of Christ the King. They will be starting again this fall...watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

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

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. If you buy coffee, gas, milk, bananas or anything at Kwik Trip, be sure to stock up on these cards. Cards are available in the church office or talk to Shawn.

Lost and Found

Please check out the Lost and Found Table in the Fellowship Hall. There are many items ranging from cake pans and bowls to mittens and umbrellas. You may find something that belongs to you!

Pictorial Directory's are Here

Please stop by the table in the Narthex or the church office and pick up your Pictorial Directory.

Lifeway Women Events

Crossview Covenant Church invites you to attend Beth Moore's Living Proof Live Simulcast. The simulcast event will be broadcast on Friday, August 28 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 29 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$25

Living Proof Live is a life changing weekend with Biblically sound messages from Beth Moore. It's a chance to be spiritually renewed as you worship with Travis Cottrel and the Praise team, along with thousands of other women. It is a chance to connect with other women and experience a fresh encounter with God. You can get more information by going to www.lifeway.com/women and clicking events.



Thanks to the following members who presented the program for the Oak Hills Nursing Home Birthday Party on July 15th; Connie Jacobs and piano students Allison Becker and Alexandra Grejtak. To the following who helped the residents and served the cake and ice cream; Emily & Kay Anderson, Helen Christenson, Connie Hopp, Delores Johnson, Linda Kehn, Margaret Lund, LuVerne & Irene Piotter, JoAnn Schmidt, Amanda Thiesse, Mary Ann Thorn and Verone Wylee. The party was appreciated by all those in attendance. Thanks for giving of your time for this event. God's blessings to you.

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship. It will be very helpful to me while I work to earn my biology degree and become a Physical Therapist at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse.

Sincerely,
Katie Larson

Thank you so much for the ongoing support from Christ the King. It is truly appreciated. The cards are always beautiful. Thank you for thinking of us.

Love,
Dean and Kathy Alfred and family

We want to thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. Keeping Shelby in your thoughts and prayers has been wonderful. Shelby is doing great now and is growing a lot!

Thank you so much,
Jeremy, Nicole, Cody and Shelby Serbus



Youth paintball on Saturday, August 15th. \$35 per youth (youth have to buy any additional paintballs.)

Please pray for

Lowell Wolf, cousin of Bonnie Hubert, as he is in hospice care.
 Bill Dugstad, Sharon Brennan's father.
 Kay Hargan, sister-in-law of Maxine Sabatka.
 Maxine Rider, mother of Dar Lacher.
 Helen Meyer, Kathy Wittenberg's mother
 Kyle Becker as he is in Basic Training for the Air Force in San Antonio, TX.

We rejoice on the birth of

Fiona Grace Untiedt Welle, born on June 5 to Bryn Untiedt and Ryan Welle.

We will be teaming up with the Hanska/LaSalle parish and youth.

Lutheran Night @ Twins
Wednesday, August 26th @ 7:10 PM

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans presents the 16th annual Lutheran Night with the Minnesota Twins vs. the Baltimore Orioles. Ticket information is posted on the kiosk at church in the narthex. A bus has been reserved for the event. Suggested donation for the bus is \$10 per person.



Youth News



3rd thru 6th Grade Youth

This summer the 3rd – 6th grade youth will start meeting twice a month. They will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 1-4 PM. For all youth groups, we will always start and end at the church. In case of rain,

we will just meet in the church. During the summer, all of this year's 3rd to 6th grade youth are welcomed to attend.

Tentative Summer Schedule

August 9th – Fishing

August 23rd – Youth Group @ CTK



Summer Family Basketball

Wednesdays 7 PM @ Vogel thru August 19th
 Bring the entire family and join us every Wednesday night at 7 PM. You do not need to be member of Vogel to participate because our church has reserved the basketball court. Just take a right and head to the far court.

Financial News	
Giving in June	\$24,799
Budgeted Expense for June	\$30,806
Giving Year-to-date	\$165,185
Budgeted Expense Year-to-date	\$184,764

Watch for a special mailing of upcoming education and youth programming for the fall.



The Next newsletter and calendar deadline will be August 20.

Facing Tough Times

Tough Economic Times: It's a Matter of Faith

by Rev. Josef Aalbue, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Wash.

Too often we find ourselves in the unsettling place of financial crisis. Unfortunately, the current crisis is not our nation's first, and it certainly will not be the last. Given our economic system and human nature, people will always find ways to exploit the system to the detriment of everyone else.

While the roots of this problem are deep, the issue at hand for us now is how to live through tough economic times when fear surrounds us. I offer these five steps:

Refocus. Fear is the enemy. It can distract and paralyze. We still have work to do and needs to meet—the needs don't go away. In fact, the needs are even greater in this economy and the sources of charitable giving are drying up. God's work needs to be done right here, right now. We are not exempt from the ministry to which God calls us simply because we are frightened or times are tough. We need to do God's business with confidence and hope.

Risk. This might sound irresponsible or unrealistic, but it's not. Stop playing it safe and hoarding your resources. The suffering world needs you and the resources God has placed in your hands. Generosity in hard times is a statement of faith and confidence in the promised provisions of God. God has promised to provide. All we need to do is trust.

Recruit. In fearful times it is more difficult to go at it alone. If you isolate yourself, the "fear-mongers of the airwaves" will have their way with you. Surround yourself with those who will encourage and support you. Be encouraged and supported by them. You and those you trust can remind each other that there is a ministry to do; and fear cannot distract from or destroy it.

Remind. We all need to find ways to be reminded that life isn't about stock portfolios or raising our standards of living. Life is about finding creative and powerful ways to love God and others; we need to take the focus off of our fear and remember the importance of God's love. We may do so by participating in a free musical evening, a stone soup social, a game night or a clothing drive. There are many things we can do together to weather this economic storm. We still have many resources and the power to use them if we are reminded of our abilities, not our poverty.

Resist. Say "no" to fear and selfishness. Don't join the pity party. It can be tempting to get swept up in the latest figures and fears, but it does neither you, nor society, any good. Commit to looking for and speaking words of hope. We will not avoid the economic pain, but will rise above it and use what God has given us to alleviate the suffering and calm those who worry. Make Romans 8:31-39 your daily word of strength during these hard times:

"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him for us—all how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

'For your sake we face death all day long;
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demon, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Scholars have studied why the early Christian church grew so rapidly in the first few centuries. One of the most important reasons can be tied to the epidemics that swept the Roman empire at this time. All who were healthy, including doctors, headed for the hills. The Christians, however, stayed behind to nurse the sick, which often meant sacrificing their own health for the sake of their neighbors.

The fear of our financial crisis is similar to the epidemics that swept the Roman empire. The financial crisis is our opportunity to take care of our neighbors. Instead of heading for the hills, let us double our efforts and become an extraordinary people for an extraordinary time. With God's help, we can be the blessing that God created and called us to be.

Saturday Evening 5:33 Service - August

	Greeter	Hospitality	Communion	Reader	Ushers	
Aug. 1	Fleishmann	Fleishmann	No Communion	Georgia Leif	2	<u>All the spots with numbers still need volunteers !</u>
Aug. 8	1	1	1	1	2	PLEASE See where you can help out
Aug. 15	Rachel Grack	Peg Sundell	1	1	2	
Aug. 22	1	1	1	1	2	
Aug. 29	1	1	1	1	2	

Sunday Morning 9:30 Service - August

	Greeter	Coffee	Communion	Reader	Ushers	Nursery
Aug. 2	1	1	No Communion	Bonnie Hubert	Kim Schmiel Steve Schmeil Bonnie Hubert 1	<u>THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY A ATTENDANT IN THE</u>
Aug. 9		Bertrang	Jim & Paulette Gieseke, Bertrang	Peg Drugan	Dan, Peggy & Kjerstin Drugan 1	<u>MONTH OF AUGUST</u> Please feel free to stay in the Nursery
Aug. 16	1	1	No Communion	Beth Zambino	Kim & Dylan Volk 1 2	with your child or if you'd like to volunteer to stay with others.
Aug. 23	_Paul Huseby	1	No Communion	1	Paul Huseby 1 2 3	

Aug. 30	1	1	No Communion	1	1 2 3	4	
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