

The King's Call

Mercy That Brings Us Back Together

In the Gospels, but specifically in Luke chapter eight, we have the account of Jesus healing the woman with the “issue of blood” and his subsequent pointing her out to the crowd, and dismissing her in peace. What strikes me about this account is two things. First, that she would attempt to anonymously seek healing from Jesus by touching the “corner” or “hem” of his robe and the second is why did Jesus “perceive that power had gone out from him” and then drag this poor woman out in front of everybody and make an issue out of it. To the first point: What is so significant about the hem of Jesus' garment? It seems like an oddly specific place to seek a healing. The word translated, hem, is actually referring to the fringes, or tassels (called *tzitziyot*, in Hebrew), required to be on the four corners of all clothing of Jewish men, in accordance with God's instruction from Numbers 15:37-41. In ancient Israel, men wore four-cornered outer tunics with these tassels, or *tzitziyot*, tied to each corner. This outer garment became known as a *tallit*. (*Bear with me, this is actually going somewhere.*) Eventually this evolved into the prayer shawl that you see Jewish persons wearing today. But, why tassels? These tassels were to remind each Jewish man of his responsibility to fulfill God's commandments. When the woman from our gospel reading pressed through the crowd, she was not content to just pat Jesus on the back. She was a desperate woman, who had spent all of her money on cures that did not work. It was a bold step for her to push through that crowd of people, for according to Levitical law, it was forbidden for her to be out in public with her condition, for she was considered unclean (Lev. 15:25) and wasn't even allowed at church. However, she was at the end of her rope. She had nothing to lose. She was in need of MERCY and she had heard of the Messiah who could heal and she anxiously sought Him out. But why did she want to touch the hem of His garment; what did it represent in her mind? In Malachi 4:2 he spoke of the Messiah of Israel and said of Him, "*But for you who revere My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in His wings*" (Mal. 4:2). The Hebrew word for "wings" used in this passage in Hebrew is *kanaf*, which is a word that specifically means the fringe-like feathers or edges of a bird's wing, not the whole wing. This word, therefore, had two meanings and could be translated as wings, or fringes. The woman had heard Jesus was the Messiah. Perhaps she remembered this messianic promise from Malachi and thought, if I am to be healed, then will it be found in His wings... His *tallit*? By faith, she reached out and touched the fringes, and was healed not by the *tallit*... but by Jesus. You see the clothes of Jesus were not some magical talisman that could convey the power of God. It was the person of Jesus who could and would bring this healing. This is why Jesus said: “For I perceive that power has gone out FROM ME.” He wanted the woman to know that he was not a magician. And he wanted her to know the genuine source of healing. This leads to the second part of our consideration. Why did he point her out? Because the Mercy that Jesus was giving to her was a public act of giving her back to her community of faith. She was excluded from being a part of the community of believers because of her infirmity and Jesus was publically saying, “You see this woman you all know. I make known to you that she is whole and well and loved by me and I give her back to you to love her and give her Mercy as I have done.” What a wonderful thing the mercy of God is. It gives us back those who have been cast out or cut off from the community of faith. Do you know of anyone who has not been to church because there is something that is preventing them? The Mercy Jesus has given us is a bridge back into their lives. Through this mercy bridge we can receive people back to our community who have been away a long time. Christ's Peace as we begin our Lenten journey... a mercy journey to the cross.

Pastor Bob Sundquist

Multi-Media Worship

People talk about “Worship Wars.” I don’t care for the phrase though. One the one hand, it makes light of real wars in which people give their lives. And on the other hand, it unnecessarily (and unhealthily) heightens a tension that is already at a fever pitch for some. But whatever we end of calling it, there’s an ongoing *discussion* (that sounds more civil than *war*) about what worship should look and sound (and smell?) like.

Some people call out for more multi-media in worship. Others take their stand on the worship style of their youth. Both sides make points. Some points are thought out. Some are biblical. Sometimes, a point is even heard and considered by someone who thinks differently.

We’ll begin our Lenten journey later this month. And Lent is a great time to talk about worship. One reason is that we’ll have bonus worship services (Wednesdays throughout Lent and then our special schedule on Holy Week). Another reason to talk about worship during Lent is that Lent is multi-sensory.

Think back to Ash Wednesday service. If you imagine, can you feel the gritty ashes on your forehead (and maybe in your hair)? Do you remember trying to wash it off, or inadvertently rubbing it when you felt an itch? Think of Maundy Thursday. Jesus takes a cloth and washes his disciples’ feet with cool refreshing water. He then takes bread and wine and serves a sacred meal. Can you smell a nice red wine, or the freshly baked bread? On Good Friday, you can hear the cross being dragged in the dirt. You hear the hammer nail the charge above His head. You hear the clang as the nails go through his hands. You feel the prickly crown being twisted together. Lent touches all our senses. And that’s part of the message.

This newsletter article uses one particular medium: words. But with those words, I’ve tried to appeal to your various senses. A medium is a means by which something is communicated (think of an art-show that identifies the artist’s tool for communicating). The plural of medium is media. So, “multi-media” is a way of saying that a message is communicated through various tools, multiple messengers, more than one means.

This isn’t good or bad; it’s simply the way it is. For example, when I think of Lent, I think of the hymn *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*. Here are the words to the first verse.

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
‘Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, ‘tis He, ‘tis He!
‘Tis the long-expected Prophet, David’s Son, yet David’s Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: ‘Tis the true and faithful Word. (LSB 451)*

Can you sing it? Can you hum it? Do you know the tune? Now, I want you to sing or hum those same words to the tune of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. (Go ahead and try it, nobody’s listening.) Does that change anything about the song? You see, the hymn comes to us as multi-media. We have both the *words* and the *melody*. And both communicate to us. The hymn is an example of multi-media worship.

And yet, what happens when you sing *Stricken, Smitten* to the tune of *What a Friend*? (For the record, I can’t do it without a smile on my face.) For me, something doesn’t feel right. It doesn’t work. The words and the music aren’t complementary; they’re competing.

So what does any of this mean? First of all, there’s no sense in arguing about *whether or not* we should have multi-media worship. We do. We always have. We always will. Words are always printed, spoken, sung, chanted, painted, enacted, felt or smelled. All of our worship simply *is* multi-media. And the second thing this means for us is that *because* worship *is* multi-media, we ought to be intentional about it. We need to make sure that the media support Scripture’s message. Does this medium (organ, guitar, choir, soloist, spoken, chanted, still image, video clip, fragrance, texture) complement both the message and the other media? (You can say *mediums* if you want, but I can’t get my grammar teacher’s voice out of my head.)

Media are means for communicating a message. And as we saw with *Stricken, Smitten* and *What a Friend*, the media ends up being part of the message. No medium is neutral. All media impact the message. But we need not fear multi-media. “Multiple means” isn’t a bad thing. Consider God’s gifts to us. We Lutherans refer to the *means* of Grace. God forgives us in Baptism. God forgives us as we hear the Gospel. God forgives us in the Lord’s Supper. God is a multi-media kind of God. And in response to Him, we worship with a multi-media kind of worship, not to please ourselves, not as a marketing strategy, but for the sake of the message that He has entrusted us with sharing. May we ever strive to communicate God’s grace through our many God-given media.

~Pastor Dan

Church Council / President's Report

Dear CTKn's,

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

"I thank my God every time I remember you." "In all my prayers for all for you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

As I write this we are about to get our first significant snow storm of winter. Pastor Bob, it's finally coming! Just a few things to follow-up on this month. Our Policy Based Governance Task Force continues its work on developing a more effective governance structure for CTK. We have now divided into sub-groups to work on specific governance policies and again our focus and purpose is to emphasize the importance of fulfilling our mission statement *"CTK exists to bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and nurture them in discipleship."* Significant dates to remember regarding this is the weekend of February 24th-26th. We have engaged the consultation services of Ted Kober and his organization, Ambassadors of Reconciliation, to assist us in this process and he is going to spend that weekend here consulting with the leadership of the congregation and addressing the membership. I encourage you to visit their web-site (www.hisaor.org) to get a better feel for what Ted's organization has to offer. Search under the menu section and click on "articles" then find "Policy Based Board Governance." Once we have our weekend schedule finalized we will get that detail out to all of you.

Our Communications Task Force continues its work researching more effective ways to connect with you and our community. We need your help. At our January 29th fifth Sunday community service celebration meal time, we will have a survey for you to fill out helping us determine what your preferences are and what are the most efficient ways to get information to you, both regular communication and urgent messages. Your input is critical and greatly appreciated.

Our lighting project is well underway! The sanctuary lights have been replaced with the new energy efficient LED's and the replacement of the tubes in the hallways and gymnasium is next. This will have a very positive impact on reducing our energy consumption and lowering our monthly electric bill. Many, many thanks to Dale W. who has with great determination made this a reality for us, not to mention the hundreds of hours he has devoted to this project. Thank you Dale! Well done thou good and faithful servant!

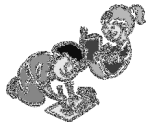
Blessings to all of you and thank you for all you do for CTK and your Lord!

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord". "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah 29:11

Michael H.
Congregational President

* See pages 6 & 8 for a new table update and how you can help.





Child Development Center News

Greetings from the Children,

February is celebrated as the month of love. We are so thankful that at Christ the King our children get to learn the *real* messages of the holidays. Christmas is about the birth of Christ, not Santa; Easter is about the death and resurrection of Christ, not a bunny; and Valentine's Day is about the *real* Saint Valentine, not Cupid. We are so grateful to our pastors who bring to life these teachings. Chapel is always rated number one with our kids. It's because of the animation and the presentation of the stories. Pastor Bob and Pastor Dan do an awesome job of capturing the children's attention and opening up their heart to the teachings of the Bible. For some children, this may be their only exposure. I had a parent recently ask me about baptizing their child who attends here, as well as their older child who graduated a couple of years back. He said that although they attend a non-denominational church, Christ the King was home to them, their children were raised here and this is where they feel that they should be welcomed into the kingdom of God. We even talked about coming to our services and Graceland. So when we least expect it, POW!, we are making an impact. We are setting in these children the foundation for the love of Christ and prayer. This mission is so important to us because we want them to know that God will always be there for them, especially as they grow up. So in truth, we are giving them a great gift, the *love* for Christ. How's that for a Valentine!?

In His Service,
Ms. Barbi

Update: I just thought everyone would like to know how Jaykob Morse is doing. I recently visited Janine, Jaykob and new baby, Colby. Everyone is doing well. Jaykob is slowly being weaned off his medications to insure his immune system kicks in. If that doesn't work, they were able to save Colby's umbilical cord blood and marrow as back up for Jaykob's treatment. He is attending school and is looking much healthier. His trips to Sacred Heart have been limited to check ups, not emergencies! Praise God for all the prayers and miracles. The Morse family sends their greetings, thanks and love.

Know Your Elders

Hello, my name is Shaun W. and I am one of the Elders here at Christ the King. Members assigned to me have last names beginning with the letters BS thru DI. I am humbled to be able to serve on the Board of Elders and I strive to do the very best that I can while at the same time trying to focus on that it is not about me, but God's will.

My family and I started attending Christ the King when we moved here from Moscow, Idaho in 1996. I became a member (after being raised Catholic) in November 2001. I was born and raised in Emmett, Idaho, which is approx 30 miles northwest of Boise. My parents and one sister and her family still live in Emmett and I have another sister and her family who live in Boise. In 1980 I left Emmett to attend college at the University of Idaho and graduated in 1984 with a degree in Business Marketing. While at the U of I, I met my wife Nancy. We were married in 1984. After graduation we moved to Twin Falls, Idaho to go to work. I have worked for Wells Fargo Bank for 27 years. In 1993 we moved back to Moscow, this time to work and were there until 1996, when my job transferred us to Coeur d'Alene. Nancy and I have three children, Joe, 24, who graduated from college a couple of years ago and lives and works in Seattle, Layne, who is with our Lord and Savior, and Ben who is 18 and a senior in high school and getting ready to head off for college in the fall. Nancy and I are not looking forward to empty nesting when Ben leaves, and Nancy keeps reminding me I should find a hobby and , "no, increased hours on the couch watching the ESPN sports channel does not count as a hobby."

I have been thinking about how our Lord has brought me to this point in my life. It has been a difficult road with the loss of our son Layne four years ago but I have come to believe that although I may not always understand God's will, I firmly believe He never lets us walk alone and brings us through each day, even when we don't realize it. He provides help in many ways, one of those being the great blessing we have of Christ the King. The support we received from our Pastors and congregation during Layne's illness and after his passing was incredible and I know that was God at work. It emphasized to me how important it is to be an active member of our Church, to not only receive support but also to provide it.

Please let me know of any assistance I can provide you whether it be praying, providing communion, information, visits, etc., or if you would just like to talk. If I pass you at church please don't hesitate to stop me, even if it's just to say hi. It is my goal to try and contact the members in my Elder group periodically so you should hear from me shortly.

I am very excited about the future at Christ the King. We have been blessed with two incredible Pastors to lead us. I am glad you are a part of it.

Shaun W.



GRACELAND
WITNESS * MERCY * LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday mornings @ 9:45am!

Kids from 3 year olds to 5th grade please join us for Graceland. We will meet for large group in the gym and then separate into our small groups for a fun and active time of Bible learning.

Here is a look at our Graceland lessons for the month of February. Pre-K & K begin their unit, "Jesus is with us."

Their lessons include: Jesus is with us all the time, when we're lonely, afraid or sad.

First, second & third graders begin a unit about Jesus' ministry. Their lessons are: Jesus wants us to share, Jesus wants us to be kind to others, and Jesus wants us to say thank-you!



The fourth & fifth grader's join us for Superstart, a class just for pre-teens that's just for you and will connect you to God in amazing ways!

We'll begin Unit 2: The New Testament: A study of Life Lessons. The big question for this unit is "What do Bible people have to do with me?" Their lessons include: "It's okay to doubt," "Act on your faith," and "Age isn't important." This unit of lessons, focusing on five different people from the New Testament, will help your students discover that the Bible is as relevant today as it was over 2,000 years ago.

Palm Sunday & Easter Service

It's time to start thinking about Palm Sunday and Easter. The kids will be involved at both services. On Palm Sunday they will wave palms and process around the sanctuary at the beginning of both services.

Then on Easter they will be singing a song at N.I.C. We will be rehearsing our Easter song during Graceland starting the 3rd week of February until Easter. Please bring your children to Graceland so that they can be a part of this fun and meaningful event.

Lent Services begin February 22nd

There will not be separate programming for Children on Wednesday nights during Lent, as we have done in the past. This year, instead, we would like to encourage you to come and share dinner and worship together as a whole family. (Dinners begin February 29th.)

(Nursery will be available for children up to age 5.)

Youth Ministries

Middle School Confirmation Retreat

February 3-5, 2012

This year's theme

Top 10

A walk though the Ten Commandments

We are all signed-up and ready to attend this awesome retreat put on by the staff at Lutherhaven. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm on Friday the 3rd (eat dinner before you come) and be back by noon on Sunday.

Items to bring are:

Sleeping bag/pillow, warm clothes, toiletries, Bible, flashlight, boots/hiking shoes, towel, and \$\$\$ for trading post.

Limited space is available at this point. Contact Martha H. @ 664-9231 if you would like to sign up your youth and she will let you know if there is still room. Cost to attend is \$40.00. Please make your checks out to Christ the King.

All registrations and money need to be to Martha by **February 1st!**

High School Youth Waffle Party

@ Martha's house

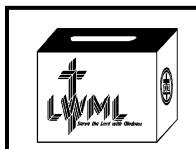
February 18th @ 10:00am

**"Engage" Middle & High School Youth
Sunday from 9:45-10:45am
(meets in the Youth Room)**

**Confirmation &
Justified-Middle School Youth Group
Wednesday, 6:00-6:50pm & 6:50-8:00pm
(Both meet in the Fellowship Hall)
No Confirmation or Youth group on
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd**

**"S.P.U.D.S." ~ High School Youth Group
Wednesday from 6-8:00pm
(meets in the Youth Room)
No Youth group on Ash Wed., Feb. 22nd**

1st Sunday of
month is Mite
Box Sunday at
CTK.



Women in Mission

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) – WOMEN'S MINISTRY

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES & NOTES

FEB. COFFEE SERVERS: Patience Circle

FEB. FUNERAL CHAIR: Love Circle

FEB. KITCHEN & COFFEE POT CLEANING: Mary T. & Loretta D.

LWML QUARTERLY POTLUCK: Love Circle-setup, Hope Circle-cleanup

Sunday Coffee Service – This duty will be transferred from the Circles to the congregation at the end of our LWML Year in May 2012.

LWML QUARTERLY GATHERING

All Women Welcome!

Thurs., Feb. 9th at 11:30am
with Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall

PROGRAM:
Bob Ritchie will speak about the Dirne Clinic

CIRCLE NEWS

FAITH CIRCLE: We appreciate continued **donations of Bibles** (new or used) for sending to missions. Also, keep a **watch for sales on socks and mittens**. We collect them for children at Bryan Elementary school.

HOPE EVENING CIRCLE: **Lorna W.** is gathering information for us about **donating meals** to an **emergency warming center** in a building loaned by Ground Force in Post Falls. They are serving meals to between 25-50 people each night and will be open through March.

LOVE CIRCLE: We continue to collect items for Hygiene Kits for the Women's Center and appreciate your donations. We are in particular need of **hand towels and washcloths**.

PATIENCE CIRCLE: **Marcia S.** is the temporary Chairperson for Patience Circle. We are continuing to gather items for the Open Arms Pregnancy Center. This month our Circle is touring Hospice House followed by lunch at the Caddy Shack.

Witness, Mercy, and Life Together!

New Tables for CTK!

Will you partner with me?

As I have mentioned in my previous newsletter articles we need to replace our old round and rectangular tables that are extremely heavy and very difficult to setup, move and store.

The new tables we have identified are 40% lighter, made of extremely durable high density composite material that will resist heat and last for decades. We need to replace 24 **round** and 40 **rectangular** tables!

This is a non-budgeted item and I am asking all of you to partner with me and sponsor the purchase of a table or tables.

Cost of the tables are:

\$242 for the 60 inch round

\$203 for the 30x96 rectangular

See page 8 for a sponsor form or use the forms and envelopes available in the West Entrance.

Mike H., CTK President

CHRIST THE KING 2011/2012 BUDGET

As of December 31, 2011

50.0% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Year to Date	Actual % of Annual Bgt. to Date
CHURCH REVENUE				
Tithes & Offerings	481,590	240,795	229,918	47.7%
Seasonal Worship Services	27,000	13,500	12,581	46.6%
Rental Income	21,000	10,500	9,485	45.2%
Other Income	<u>14,900</u>	<u>7,450</u>	<u>7,895</u>	<u>53.0%</u>
Total CTK Church Income	544,490	272,245	259,879	47.7%
CHURCH EXPENSES				
Administration Expense	382,345	191,173	185,447	48.5%
Elder Expense	13,100	6,550	5,416	41.3%
Outreach	1,000	500	0	0.0%
Child Discipleship	3,325	1,663	1,765	53.1%
Youth	2,050	1,025	159	7.8%
Stewardship	51,220	25,610	22,184	43.3%
Property Mgmt.	71,700	35,850	33,212	46.3%
Fellowship	1,300	650	1,532	117.8%
Fisher Property	5,400	2,700	2,441	45.2%
Communications	4,050	2,025	2,051	61.8%
Human Care	<u>9,000</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>26.7%</u>
Total CTK Church Expenditures	544,490	272,245	257,062	47.2%
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CHURCH NET REVENUE	0	0	2,817	

Offerings to God:			
	Budget	Special	Total
12/4/11	19,584.18	5,643.50	25,227.68
12/7/11	473.50	-	473.50
12/11/11	8,050.56	327.00	8,377.56
12/14/11	629.06	-	629.06
12/18/11	13,321.32	2,359.00	15,680.32
12/24/11	6,299.39	-	6,299.39
12/25/11	5,236.56	2,891.00	8,127.56
12/31/11	2,024.00	1,372.00	3,396.00



Welcome
Our New
Members

Pat B.

Karen C.

Mark & Tami C.

Jerry H.

John & Roberta J.

Brandie L.

Chris M.

Lee & Barb R.

Josh & Angie S.

Steve & Carol S.

Lorna W.

Paul & Ginny W.

CTK CHILDCARE & SCHOOL 2011/2012 BUDGET

As of December 31, 2011

50.0% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Year to Date	Actual % of Annual Bgt. to Date
CTK CDC Income	494,350	247,175	236,481	47.8%
CTK CDC Expenditures	<u>494,350</u>	<u>247,175</u>	<u>236,333</u>	47.8%
NET REVENUE	0	0	148	100.00%



On Fri., Feb. 24th, join us at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in the Spokane Valley for the 28th Annual Chocolate & Champagne Gala, one of Spokane's most popular fundraising events. The festivities start at 6:00pm.

Enjoy an evening of delicious chocolates and a glass of champagne as you join in the fun and excitement of "bidding in the spirit of giving" at the live and silent auctions as you support our services to bring health, justice and hope to victims of some of life's most unspeakable trauma.



The King's Campana has returned! I am pleased to be working with a youth choir, and these children are all becoming exceptional musicians. We are currently working with 2 octaves of bells and if you have a child in 2nd through 7th grade who is interested we would love to have her/him join us. We rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00-6:00pm in the Chapel. If your child is interested but doesn't already read music I will need some additional time to instruct them individually, preferably at 4:00 on Wednesdays, before the full choir rehearsal. For those students who do read music a position is waiting for you! Contact Jane O. at 771-2403 or jorto@ctkcda.org.

CTK Men's Ministry
All the King's Men
Big Breakfast on Sat., Feb. 4th

The next big breakfast for **All the King's Men** will be on Sat., Feb. 4th at CTK, from 8:00 to 10:00am (Coffee's on at 7:30).

We will have a presentation on opportunities for the men of CTK to be involved with service projects (**MERCY**) in our community in the coming year. Phil Altemeyer, the Executive Director of the Union Gospel Mission, will update us on the new Union Gospel Mission facility being built here in CDA on Haycraft Avenue.

Men, come and join us for good food and good fellowship.

Larry C. (661-0244)



LENT 2012
A Time of Repentance, Reflection
and Renewal
 begins February 22nd

NEW TABLES FOR CTK

I will partner with you and sponsor the purchase of a new table!

Name _____

60 inch round table(s) _____ @ \$242 ea. Total _____

30 x 96 Rectangular table(s) _____ @ \$203 ea. Total _____

In memory of: _____

To the Glory of God! _____

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Total round purchased to date **21**

Still needed **4**

Total rectangular purchased to date **15**

Still needed **25**

