

The King's Call

A New Year by God's Grace

With each new year comes new opportunities; new ways to handle old challenges and new ways to move past former trials. Many folks, in order to start the new year out right will turn to the latest self-help sensations on the television or bookstore bestseller shelf. Taking tid-bit advice and trying to turn themselves around. Many of us will plan to make well meant pledges and resolutions that promise that this year will not be like the last. That it will be better than the last. But truth be told, whether we like to admit it or not, this coming year will not be like we planned it to be despite any or many of the self-made promises and new-year resolutions we make. When I think of how many new-year resolutions I myself have not kept it embarrasses me. I could honestly recycle some from years past and I wouldn't even have to retrace any former ground.

When I think of promises and resolutions I give thanks to God that He has given us His Son Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior. Because He is the one person who made a promise for me and for you that He actually and most certainly kept. He made a resolution to go to the cross and save us from ourselves. He is the one who has truly made our lives better and in this new year we live in His promises... our lives are blessed because of His resolution to be our Savior and loving Lord. So the resolution for the new year has already been made. Made by God, brought to pass by God and kept by God for you. So now that the new-years resolution regrets have already been done away with we can now get on with the business of living in that promise of God. That promise of God enables us to be the people he has made us to be. To be the people whose lives are truly changed and blessed not because of something we do but instead by something He has done for and in us.

St. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:22-24: "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." Indeed this year and its trials and tests and discomforts are cast off like an old husk and the new self, that is, the righteousness of Christ gives us a new start to a new year. Happy New Year from Christ the King. God Bless your new year.

In Christ,
Pastor Bob Sundquist



"Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy." This *kyrie*, this cry for mercy has been part of the Christian liturgy for centuries. Ordinarily, we think of "mercy" as God withholding judgment and punishment from us. Or, as I learned it as a youth: Grace is getting what you don't deserve; Mercy is not getting what you do deserve. But "mercy" has more depth than that. Mercy also means compassion and loving service. As part of CTK's emphasis on Mercy Ministries, we're beginning a new Bible study on January 8th entitled, "Lord Have Mercy." We'll search the Scriptures and discover a theology of mercy. Also, each study will highlight a different opportunity for works of mercy for you to consider being a part of. Come discover God's plan for mercy: Loving and serving our local and global communities.

Christmas Was Confusing

We Christians say some crazy-sounding things every Christmas. We talk about God taking on flesh. But not God the Father, just God the Son. And God does this through God the Spirit and a virgin girl named Mary. And then there's baby Jesus lying in the manger. Who is he? *What* is he? These are questions that the early Christians really had to wrestle with.

We use the word "heresy" to describe a wrong (Scripturally untrue) belief. However, every heresy comes from Scripture. Heresies came from within the Church as certain Scriptural truths were overemphasized at the expense of other Scriptural truths. Below is a quick summary of how the early Church wrestled with the reality inaugurated at Christmas. (Don't let the strange names scare you, there won't be a test.)

Heresies Regarding Christ's Two Natures

Ebionism—Denial of Christ's Deity—The Ebionites wanted to keep Christianity very close to Judaism. Therefore, they were very protective of the teaching that there is one God. In order to protect their monotheism, they ended up denying the deity of Christ. Basically, they said: *Jesus was the natural son of Mary and Joseph. At his baptism, Jesus became the Christ* (This is another heresy known as "Adoptionism"). *Jesus had supernatural gifts as God's adopted son. But the Spirit left him, so the man Jesus died. Therefore, God did not die for our sins.* However, if Jesus is not God, then we are robbed of God's saving work on the cross.

Arianism—Christ is not fully God—This view comes from a fourth-century bishop named Arius. Arius wanted to protect the teaching that God is absolutely unique and that He does not change. So for Arius: *only the Father was God. The Son, although very similar to the Father, was less than, and subordinate to the Father. The Son was part of creation.* Orthodox Christianity responded to Arianism at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325: "...the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father..." Arianism is alive and well today among the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons who teach that Jesus is *a* God, but not *the* God.

Docetism—Denial of Christ's Humanity—This view comes from the Greek word *dokeo*, which means "to seem" or "to appear." They say that Christ only *seemed* and *appeared* to be human, but really he was only God. They were influenced by Gnosticism, which said that flesh and matter were bad, and only spiritual things were good. If that is true, God would never actually have real flesh. In their view, Jesus did not really suffer and die, he just *appeared* to. But by taking away Jesus' actual death, they remove his atoning sacrifice.

Apollinarianism—Christ is not fully Human—Apollinarius (4th cent.) taught that the Son of God assumed genuine humanity, but not a complete human nature. "The Word became flesh" (John 1:14) was interpreted to mean that Jesus only took on the external elements of humanity. According to him, Jesus did not have a human mind, or human feelings, or experiences. In the end, all forms Docetism makes Jesus less like us and less connected to us.

Ebionism	Arianism	Docetism	Apollinarianism	Orthodox Christianity
100% Human	100% Human	0% Human	Partly Human	100% Human
0% Divine	Partly Divine	100% Divine	100% Divine	100% Divine

The Orthodox View Regarding Christ's Two Natures

Simply put, Jesus is fully God and fully human. Our 3 creeds summarize this teaching. But even if you believe that Jesus is fully God and fully human, we're still left with questions about how those two natures relate to one another within one person. Our creeds simply state the facts presented in Scripture. But if those are too familiar and you're looking for a fresh perspective, I'll leave you with the orthodox statement from the Creed of Chalcedon in 451 A.D. regarding Christ's two natures. But you'll need both feet on the ground, a dictionary, a good chunk of time to chew, and in the end you'll probably be content to recite our standard Sunday morning creedal statements. And if it's all a little confusing (or perhaps much more than a little confusing), may that give you some perspective on what it must sound like to a non-Christian when we "*simply*" confess that Jesus is both God and man.

"We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us."

1Corinthians 13:12

~Pastor Dan



From the President and Church Council

"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

Happy New Year!

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be January 2012!

It's hard to believe that 2011 has come and gone so fast, but when you think of all that has happened at Christ the King this past year it really should not be that surprising, all that has happened that is, as a result of the blessings bestowed on this congregation by Almighty God and the working of the Holy Spirit who is alive and very active among us!

There are so many things to be thankful for at CTK as we begin a new year with our emphasis on Witness, Mercy and Life Together. The gift of Pastor Bob and Pastor Dan and their families is a blessing not to be taken lightly. It simply doesn't get any better than those two! Grateful and thankful for our church and Child Development Center staff that is unequalled in our community and who are so dedicated to the mission and ministry at CTK. So thankful for such a beautiful facility and all those hands that helped make it possible. So thankful for the sounds of children and babies crying out loud in worship, and so thankful for all of you who joyfully and tirelessly serve the Lord with gladness!

I believe with all my heart that God has great plans for CTK and that he has brought us all together at this time, in this place for fulfilling His will in this community as with great intent and purpose we focus on our mission statement of *"bringing people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and nurturing them in discipleship"*.

"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

Blessing and Peace to all!

Michael H., Congregational President

Upcoming events and happenings at CTK

- Our Policy Based Governance Task Force continues its work on the reorganizing of our governance structure.
- Please mark your calendars for the weekend of February 24th-26th as we will have Ted Kober and his organization, Ambassadors of Reconciliation coming to CTK to work with us on our governance restructuring and will spend time with both the leadership and congregation.
- Our Communications Task Force has been organized and has begun its work on how we can better connect with our membership and community and take advantage of technology available to assist us.
- A detailed mid-year financial update for both the church and CDC coming in January.
- New and expanded web-site that now includes church council minutes.



To all you generous people who donated money and snacks, crackers, toothbrushes, baby wipes, etc. for the Military Ministry boxes.

We mailed 20 boxes to deployed military personnel. Each box was packed with all the goodies CTK members contributed. They were sent to Qatar, Spain, Kryrgyzstan, Alaska, Germany, Afghanistan. We have received one email of thanks back from a Major in Afghanistan:

Rev. Sundquist and everyone at Christ the King Lutheran Church and School:

I'm writing to express my gratitude for the packages I received from your church today, or as one of my captains said "Thanks Idaho!" As I was opening the boxes and passing them out for everyone to go through SFC O'S. was stuffing his mouth with a random goody he had pulled out of one of the boxes and said how nice it would be if there was some dental floss included as he was out and as luck would have it I was opening another box my mom's coal mine had sent us and it was chock full of dental care stuff so he got to sate his sugar craving and clean his teeth too. "Ask and ye shall receive" I told him as I tossed them his way. Needless to say you put smiles on a lot of faces which is always good to see around here. All the prayers are appreciated; a lot of our guys in Panjwa'i tread the thin line every day. I would ask for some specific prayers for one of our wounded, LT Nick V. from B Co 1-5 INF, and his family. He recently lost both of his legs to an IED and had to be resuscitated 3 times at the trauma center before they could stabilize him. He just came out of his induced coma but still can't speak. I would ask that you pray for him to have limited brain damage and no infections and to give his parents and family strength and hope in the struggle ahead for him.

*Thanks again for your support, thoughts and prayers.
Rich*

Start Clipping to help our Troops

From the *Military Ministries*

How often have we stopped and thought about our military families, especially those living overseas who are looking for ways to stretch their dollar? One thing we can do for our country, is to show support for our troops and their families by sending them our current and expired coupons.

Expired coupons are accepted until they are two months old. Only manufacturer coupons can be used—no in-store coupons.



Put food coupons in one envelope and non-food coupons in another envelope. (Do not use rubber bands or paper clips.)

Support Our Troops is a non-profit organization that will send the donated coupons overseas to the bases in need. Please mail your current and expired coupons to Support Our Troops, PO Box 70, Dayton Beach, FL 32115-0070.

Thank you

to Christ the King: I want to thank everyone at Christ the King for the Christmas packages I received from you. The goodies were very much appreciated by all in my dorm. Receiving "things" from home is always meaningful and during the holiday season makes it extra special. God be with all the people at CTK. Thanks again for everything .

A1C Jordan T.
Elmendorff AFB
Anchorage, Alaska

CTK Men's Ministry- *All the King's Men* Big Breakfast Sat. Feb. 4th, 2012

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

Jesus himself told us that he did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. We love because HE first loved us.

Contact me anytime,
Larry C. (661-0244)



Child Development Center News

Greetings from the Children,

Oopsy....Did anyone notice you didn't hear from us the last couple of months? We all make mistakes...but did you miss us? Imagine if CTK CDC wasn't a part of our church? Would we still be a high quality center? I believe so. The main difference is the gift you give. It's not the use of the facility and classrooms. It's not all the materialistic things that people measure in money. It is the most important gift of all. It's the gift of Christ and what a very Merry Christmas we had because of that truth. As we enter the New Year let's remember that even during Jesus' time, many of his disciples rebuked the children. They believed their purpose was to spread the Word of the Lord and children were just merely children. But as it was written in Matthew 19:14, Jesus said "Let the Children come to me for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to them." It's not so different now. Many people measure the success of our mission by how many new families we bring into our congregation but the truth is it should be measured by how many children bring Christ into their home! We do this every day, and it's the reason we're successful in the community, not only as a high quality childcare center but as disciples of God. Many of our families were so overjoyed by our Christmas program because it brought the birth of Christ into focus. We are bringing children into a loving relationship with our Lord Jesus with the guidance of our Pastors, through the teachings of the Bible and especially through modeling God's Word and actions. Isn't this Christ the King's mission? What a wonderful gift it is!

So as we enter this wondrous New Year, may we continue to give the gift that keeps on giving...
Faith in Christ!

In His Service,
Ms. Barbi

Know Your Elders

Hello, my name is Dale Heimbigner, and I am one of your elders. My wife Lori and I met while I was in the Army, and stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. We were married in October of 1984 when I returned to the United States after a tour in the Republic of Korea. Our sons Nathan and Jonathan were born in Tacoma. After moving to Southern California, our daughter Erika was born. We moved to North Idaho in 1996 in order to assist with care for my aging grandparents. I had always loved this area growing up and spent many long summer vacations in Sandpoint with my grandparents on their family farm. Our kids grew up here in the Coeur d'Alene area and in this church. Our granddaughter Heather was born in July of 2010, and is growing and changing rapidly.

As many of you know, I have had some major struggles over the last year concerning my health. I was admitted to Kootenai Medical Center in the summer of 2010 for an intestinal infection. While I was being treated, a tumor was found on my pancreas. I underwent surgery to remove the tumor at Sacred Heart Medical Center in October of 2010. There were complications that nearly cost me my life. I was transferred to North Idaho Advanced Care Hospital in Post Falls in December of 2010. I was discharged in June of 2011, and I have been recuperating at home since then. I am deeply grateful for all the help and support that I have received from all of you, especially for the prayers that have been lifted on my behalf. It is only by God's great grace and mercy that my life was spared. I have been truly amazed by the display of God's love that has been manifest by this congregation. My struggles with health are still not over, but I am hopeful that the worst is behind me. Thank you for your continued prayers.

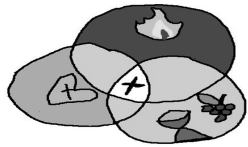
Dale H.

CTK PRAYER GARDEN TASK FORCE

A CTK Prayer Garden Task Force has been established to develop the concept of a prayer garden in the open space between the sanctuary and the church offices. The purpose of the prayer garden will be to provide a peaceful place of prayer and remembrance for deceased immediate family members of the CTK church family, utilizing niches for ashes as well as possibly a memory wall.

The first meeting has been held but there is much yet to do. Pastor Bill H. has agreed to chair the Task Force with other members including Jerry B. and Roger O. Dick B. has agreed to serve as a non-voting advisor to the Task Force as he led St. Pius Catholic Church in their development of a similar area at that church.

Anyone interested in serving on the Task Force should contact any of the above three members. The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 10:00 AM at CTK.



GRACELAND
WITNESS * MERCY * LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday mornings @ 9:45am!

Happy New Year! We just experienced an amazing Christmas and already plans are being made for activities and events that lie ahead for us at Graceland in 2012!

Two different family nights are in the works. One where kids have a movie night while parents attend a Bible study related to parenting. The other a fun family board game night. Watch for information to come out about both of these events soon!

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 January! Pre-K & K begin their unit about Jesus growing up. Their lessons include: Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple and later finding him in the temple and also, Jesus being baptized and tempted.

First, second & third graders also begin a unit about Jesus growing up. Their lessons are: Jesus learns in the temple, John the Baptist tells about Jesus, Jesus begins His public ministry, and Jesus is tempted.



The fourth & fifth grade group will begin a new session of Superstart. Their first unit is "Peter and John: A study in sharing my faith (Acts 3, 4)." The big question for this unit is "Do I have what it takes to share my faith?" They'll learn to Give what you have, Talk about what you know, Be courageous and Share your stuff! This unit of lessons will help preteens understand that sharing their faith doesn't mean standing on a street corner and preaching or carrying a Bible where ever they go. They will discover that they can share their faith in many of the same ways Peter and John did, such as giving what they have and talking about what they know.

There's no Graceland New Year's Day!

See you on January 8th!

"The Christmas Present"

the Christmas present



We had a great time presenting "The Christmas Present" to the congregation as well as the residents at Life Care Center. The kids did a wonderful job! A big thanks to all the parents who got their kids involved, from getting their kids to rehearsals and performances to helping out with what ever was needed.

Your efforts were very much appreciated!

Youth Ministries



Ski & Skid 2012
January 13th-15th
Youth 6th - 12th grade

We will meet at CTK @ 5:30 Friday night and get vans loaded and head to Mullan. We arrive at Emmanuel Lutheran Church where we will meet up with youth from other churches. On Saturday we will ski at Lookout (activities are provided for non- skiers.) Saturday night we have access to the Pavilion where we will swim in the Olympic size pool and use the gym for dodge ball, basketball and kick ball. We will also go bowling. Sunday we will attend church and then engage in a huge all town scavenger hunt. Other activities for the weekend include: Bible study, singing, playing board games, worshipping and maybe even sleeping a little. All meals are provided which include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday and snacks.

Bring your overnight gear (sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, toiletries) ski gear, Bibles, and snacks to share, plus any money you might want for extra food/drinks at Lookout.

Registration and price information has been sent out to all youth. If your youth is interested, registration and payment needs to be given to Martha by January 8th. Please contact Martha @ 661-6775 if you did not receive forms or have any questions.

Lutherhaven Middle School

Confirmation Retreat

February 3-5, 2012

Because we want to get an early bird discount for this retreat, we need to have all the youth who are interested in attending have their registrations to Martha by January 1st. Cost for this event is \$40.00 and is not due until January 29th. Information packets have been sent. If you have any questions please contact Martha @ 661-6775

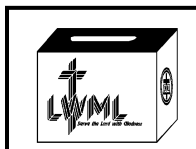
"Engage" Middle & High School Youth Sunday from 9:45-10:45am

(meets in the Youth Room)

**Confirmation &
Justified-Middle School Youth Group
Wednesday from 6:00-6:50 & 6:50-8:00**
(Both meet in the Fellowship Hall)

**"S.P.U.D.S." ~ High School Youth Group
Wednesday from 6-8:00pm**
(meets in the Youth Room)

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



Women in Mission

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

JANUARY ACTIVITIES & NOTES

JAN. COFFEE SERVERS: Hope Circle

JAN. FUNERAL CHAIR: Faith Circle

JAN. CLEANING: Marie S., Bernie J.

LWML ADVENT SOUP SUPPER raised \$161 to go towards the cost of the new sound system in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

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 & CIRCLE NEWS

PATIENCE CIRCLE: met at **Joan O.'s** for their annual Christmas Party/Baby Shower for Open Arms Pregnancy Center and gathered nearly 20 outfits and numerous other items for the Center.

CIRCLE NEWS CONTINUED....

FAITH CIRCLE: met at **Bernie J.'s** home for a Bible Study and Christmas luncheon. They collected 11 blankets and over 60 stuffed animals to be given to the Police for gifts to children in need and in emergency situations. Caps, mittens, and socks were purchased and donated to Bryan Elementary school for children in need of warm clothing.

HOPE EVENING CIRCLE: met at **Janene R.'s** home for a Christmas party/dinner and gift exchange. They assembled 4 large gift baskets for residents at Coeur d'Alene Homes. Special thanks to **Janene, Sherrill A., and Lorna W.** for their generous donations.

LOVE CIRCLE: No meeting in Dec. They will put together their Christmas Basket for CDA Homes and continue collecting items for Hygiene Kits for the Women's Center.

King's Campana is coming back!

On January 4th, the King's Campana Chime/Bell Choir will be starting up. This ensemble is open to youth in grades 2 through 7. Previous members are welcome to play again (and be ready for playing different bells!) and new ringers are encouraged to join in. We need 8 children to ring in 2 octaves and 11 to ring 3 octaves. Parents are requested to stay for the first rehearsal so they can fill out the registration forms and we can talk about expectations for the youth choir and parents.

We will have a 5:00-6:00pm rehearsal time, a bit later than before, and this will allow children to have a snack or meal before coming and any youth in Confirmation classes will be able to transition from bells to their class without any down time in between. **Please call me or email me if your child is interested or you have any questions.** I hope to see you and your children on January 4th!

Jane O.
771-2403 (cell) or
email: jorto@ctkcda.org or orto.jane10@gmail.com



CHRIST THE KING 2011/2012 BUDGET

As of November 30, 2011

41.67% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Year to Date	Actual % of Annual Bgt. to Date
<u>CHURCH REVENUE</u>				
Tithes & Offerings	481,590	200,679	184,990	38.4%
Seasonal Worship Services	27,000	11,251	3,041	0.0%
Rental Income	21,000	8,751	6,773	32.3%
Other Income	<u>14,900</u>	<u>6,209</u>	<u>6,042</u>	<u>40.6%</u>
Total CTK Church Income	544,490	226,889	200,846	36.9%
<u>CHURCH EXPENSES</u>				
Administration Expense	382,345	159,323	154,944	40.5%
Elder Expense	13,100	5,459	5,061	38.6%
Outreach	1,000	417	0	0.0%
Child Discipleship	3,325	1,386	1,110	33.4%
Youth	2,050	854	159	7.8%
Stewardship	51,220	21,343	18,357	35.8%
Property Mgmt.	71,700	29,877	28,788	40.2%
Fellowship	1,300	542	1,224	94.2%
Fisher Property	5,400	2,250	1,217	22.5%
Communications	4,050	1,688	2,190	54.1%
Human Care	<u>9,000</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>26.7%</u>
Total CTK Church Expenditures	544,490	226,889	215,455	39.6%
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CHURCH NET REVENUE	0	0	-14,609	

CTK CHILDCARE & SCHOOL 2011/2012 BUDGET

As of November 30, 2011

41.67% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Year to Date	Actual % of Annual Bgt. to Date
CTK CDC Income	494,350	205,996	193,259	39.1%
CTK CDC Expenditures	<u>494,350</u>	<u>205,996</u>	<u>197,806</u>	40.0%
NET REVENUE	0	0	-4,547	100.00%

From the treasurer.....

Thank you for your generous support of your church and ministry here at Christ the King. Your dollars are helping us to reach out to the entire community to teach the Word of God. May God bless all of you this coming new year.

*Ralph N.***Offerings to God:**

	Budget	Special	Total
11/6/11	11,685.60	2,750.55	14,436.15
11/13/11	13,159.87	4,376.50	17,536.37
11/20/11	9,429.89	2,205.25	11,635.14
11/24/11	2,448.13	-	2,448.13
11/27/11	4,756.42	12.50	4,768.92
11/30/11	573.00	81.60	654.60