

# The King's Call

## Thanks Dad

Rod Rosenblatt, one of my college professors, has written, "Every good father on earth is an analogy to God. Every single one. I grew up with a father like that, and I found out just how much need there is in our day and in our culture for fathers. The father's presence is not one primarily of power, it's one primarily of grace."

Fatherhood is a high calling. It's a godly calling. To be a father is to be called by God to *mirror* Him. Dr. Rosenblatt goes on to say, "For every son who has that, when the gospel story is told, he says, 'I recognize that. That's familiar.'" Even if a child grows up in a non-Christian home without ever hearing the Gospel, if his dad fathers according to the Creator's plan, that child will hear the Gospel and recognize something deeply true. The first time he hears about a powerful and good Creator who brought life into being, who fought to preserve and restore well-being against any and every evil force, that child will have already had analogous experiences.

The Good News has to be revealed by God's Spirit; we could never naturally know it. And yet, God has hardwired creation in such a way that He reveals a glimpse of Himself. A starry night or a majestic sunset can inspire awe at the power and artistry of God. Similarly, a good dad will reveal glimpses of the *character* of God.

Dads fight for their families. Not necessarily with their words or fists, but with their very character. If the family needs something, dad's going to make sure it happens, even if he's got to pick up another job or start taking night classes. He's going to fight and he's going to provide. Not for the glory, not for the thanks and praise, but because he's the dad and that's what dad's do.

In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther unpacks the First Article of the Creed by saying, "I believe that God has made me and all creatures." Luther goes on to say that God the Father works

through earthly means to provide all that is needful for our earthly lives. And in the final paragraph of the explanation, he says that the Father "defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me."

God the Father doesn't provide for us because we've been good boys and girls and have somehow *earned* His gifts as if they were rewards or payments. Quite the contrary. Despite our daily rebellion against His perfect will, He chooses to love. Despite our rejection of Him as our Lord, our God, and our Heavenly Father, He nevertheless shows us mercy and goodness. Despite our faithlessness, He remains faithful. Because that's what dads do.

Dads don't wait for their kids to *deserve* their love. They love their children simply because they're their children. Dads don't love their kids because they get good grades or because they're athletic or because they're pretty. They love their children simply because they're their children.

"Every good father on earth is an analogy to God. Every single one." June gives us several opportunities to celebrate the men and fathers in our lives. On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>, *All the Kings Men* (AKM) will be hosting another Saturday morning breakfast for the guys here at Christ the King. This is a great opportunity to converse with godly men from several generations to see how God has been and is at work in their lives. A couple weeks later, on June 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate Father's Day and Larry Comer, the lead man for AKM, will bring us God's Word.

This will be my first Father's Day as a dad. I think it'll be a powerfully humbling day. I'm not perfect. Not as a man, a pastor, a husband, or a father. And yet, by God's grace, these are my callings. If in any of them I am able to point others to our Heavenly Father, it is by His grace.

This month, thank your dad. He's not perfect, but he's your dad. Thank your grandpa. Thank your

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neighbor or coworker or teammate or any other man in your life who has mentored and shaped you. And thank God for that man and those men in your life. God has high callings for every one of us; may He strengthen us as we bear His image and reflect His grace.

~ Pastor Dan

**All the King's Men Big Breakfast**  
**Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 to 10:00am**  
 (Coffee's on at 7:30)  
**at CTK**

- Focus on Fatherhood

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers, the visits, the cards and most of all your prayers for me during my recuperation. I appreciate all you have done. God bless you all.

*Sharon Johnson*

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- **Heritage Place and Coeur d'Alene Homes**
- currently have apartments available for qualifying seniors. Our congregation sponsors this
- ministry and if you would like more information,
- please call 664-8119 or visit their website at
- [www.cdaseniorliving.org](http://www.cdaseniorliving.org)
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**A Little more Handbell History:**

Did you know that the doorbell we use to announce our arrival at a home is based in Handbell History? Read on!

In medieval times bells were steeped in superstition. This was probably because of their long association with religion. They were baptized, and once baptized had the power to ward off evil spells and spirits. Bells were hung in doorways to protect visitors and the visited from the evil spirits which always wait around the door awaiting the chance to slip inside. A visitor would ring the bell to drive the spirits away then pass inside - which is the likely origin of the present day doorbell!

(source: <http://www.handbells.org.au/genhist.htm>)



**To My Father**

Take of the first fruits Father of thy care,  
 Wrapped in the fresh leaves of my gratitude.  
 Late waked for early gifts ill understood,  
 Claiming in all my harvests rightful share,  
 Whether with song that mounts the joyful air,  
 I praise my God or in yet deeper mood,  
 Sit dumb because I know a speechless good.  
 Needing no voice but all the soul for prayer,  
 Thou hast been faithful to my highest need.  
 And I thy debtor ever, evermore,  
 Shall never feel the burden sore.  
 Yet most I thank thee not for any deed,  
 But for the sense thy living self did breed.  
 That fatherhood is at the great world's core.

- George MacDonald

**Know Your Elders**

Hi, my name is Arnold Pearson. I have been a member of Christ the King for a number of years. I went to Sunday School at Bethany Lutheran Church in Wallace, ID when I was growing up. My mother was one of the church organists. I was baptized and confirmed at the little Missouri Synod Lutheran church before it was rebuilt in Osburn. I had met your first pastor, Nathan Loesch, when he came up to the Wallace area getting the youth of Christ the King involved with Bethany's youth.

I graduated from Wallace High School in 1963 and went on to the University of Idaho at Moscow until I enlisted in the Navy in 1967. There I went into Naval Air as a jet mechanic with the A6-A Intruder aircraft and served aboard the Aircraft Carrier Enterprise during the last years of Vietnam.

I have been a carpenter most of the years since my military service and retired from the profession in August of 2008. I have been involved in Square and Round dancing since the early 1970's and that's where I met my gorgeous wife, Nancy. We still belong to the Coeurly Q square dance club here in Coeur d'Alene. I have held a couple of different church board offices in another church. Serving the Lord as an Elder here at Christ the King has been a rewarding and learning experience.

My elder care group is Sb through Sp. May our Father in Heaven watch over us and lead us into a rich new chapter unfolding here at Christ the King. Thank you, and see you in church.

*Arnold Pearson*

## Choir Notes from the Director!

Greetings church family! This is *Michael Barnes*, your choir's director. I have had the pleasure of being Christ-the-King's choral director now for one and a half years. It has been an honor and an educational experience for me. I probably should have written this article long ago. So for that, please accept my apology. But now that I AM getting around to it, let me properly introduce myself to you if we have not met in person beforehand.

Here's the big news: I had never before attended a Lutheran Church prior to my invitation to fill the choir director vacancy nearly two years ago. As a 32-year Christian since the age of 16 (do the math), I have attended and been a member of Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Assembly of God, and other "Non-Denominational" churches – none of which ever conducted worship services like our Lutheran "Traditional" service. So, needless to say, I had some learning hurdles and maybe even a couple theological issues to wrestle with. Now, after 18 months, I am happy to say that my wife, Patrice, and I have committed to becoming full-time members and to confidently and proudly identify ourselves as .... Lutherans. Wow, that's the first time I have even written that down.

Certainly, though, I most humbly and primarily call myself a Christian - a poor wretched sinner like you, daily in need of Christ's grace and mercy. As for my full testimony, I'll save that for another time. For now, the primary reason for this article is to tell you about the choir and our ambitions for the summer and the future.

I am blessed to direct 12 to 16 very committed singers and musicians who faithfully attend Thursday evening rehearsals and two Sunday morning services each month. This is the time of year, however, that the choir traditionally takes a summer break until Fall. I am going to break that tradition and continue with the choir year-round. My desire is to see the choir grow to at least 25 voices – 40 would be ideal for our congregation's size. So this is my first of many pleas for you to consider joining us. If you have EVER sung in a choir or as a soloist or even ever WISHED to – PLEASE prayerfully consider lending your love of music and the gift God gave you to help us enhance and augment the worship experience for all of your church family. Music reading is NOT a prerequisite. I teach by rote and often provide rehearsal CD's for independent learning.



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad**  
**You Did!**

I appeal especially to our younger generations, from teens, college-age, singles and even you who are married-with-children. (We have committed to providing child care

for those who need it). Choral singing is truly a very rewarding experience and even more so when you know that your sacrifice of praise in song blesses the entire congregation as we endeavor to lead them into deep and meaningful worship. But more than that, we are blessed by God himself as we grow closer to Him in our own personal worship and praise. The choir has become a small family within the church too. We often spend rehearsal time just sharing our praises and prayer requests and praying for each other. We also do other things together, like having potluck dinners at our house in Athol. I want to invite



you to join us for our summer potluck to meet us all and get to know us, even if you are only remotely interested in joining us. The date is Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Contact my wife, Patrice to RSVP ([patrice@equidancemeadows.com](mailto:patrice@equidancemeadows.com) or 208-651-9639).

So! What are we doing this summer? Well, I'll tell you! We are going to develop a couple of small groups, like a trio or quartet of women - the same for the men - to do some special pieces. The choir will sing together at least once a month instead of twice. I will be providing informal music reading instruction and vocal coaching for those who desire it. We will also be working closely with our gifted pastors to enhance and improve our facilitation of the traditional services. We are also planning a Saturday evening "Service of Music" featuring the choirs' favorite anthems of the past year – we also plan to have the bell choirs and the contemporary band participate. Please keep an eye out for that event date.

Finally, depending on how the choir grows, we will be selecting music for the upcoming Christmas season and begin rehearsal in September for a "Christmas Advent Service of Praise" – or something to that effect.

Please, please, PLEASE!!! If you sense at all that God is calling you to use your gifts in vocal music, call me to discuss it. If you KNOW that God has not called you to this, I only ask that you keep your ear open and encourage those you know who might be. Above all, pray for this choir, the bell choirs, and the contemporary band – that God would bless our numbers and our efforts to effectively serve Him in this body of believers. We do this all for His Glory and for your blessings – praying that you will hear His voice through ours.

Blessings to each of you! I look forward to getting to know all of you better in the years to come!

*Michael*  
[askahorse@equidancemeadows.com](mailto:askahorse@equidancemeadows.com)

~ Family Ministries ~



**Starting June 5th**

All kids from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the gym @ 9:45am for KidMo! We'll stay in this large, mixed age group for the whole hour. We'll sing and have Bible memory verses as well as meet Johnny Rodgers who will teach us a super fun, super cool Bible story on video. Prizes will be awarded each week to those who participate the most! So be ready to **get loud** and **get crazy** this summer at Summer Graceland!

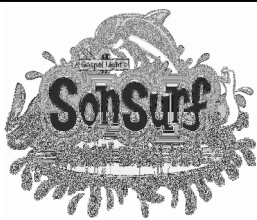


**"ENGAGE"**

All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited, Sundays at 9:45am, to the youth room for "Engage." We will watch a short video each week then join in discussing what it means to us and how relevant it is in our lives. We are asking parents to lead "Engage" this summer for a week or 2. If you have not signed up already and would like to volunteer please talk to Pastor Dan or Martha and we'll get you signed up!

*Congratulations to the following  
Graduating Seniors:*

- Sydney Butler*
- Darcy Gross*
- Colton Robertson*
- Haley Serdahl*
- Jerusha Thompson*



**VBS Volunteer Meeting  
June 6th @ 6:30pm**

We need lots of people to step up and help with VBS, June 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>. There are lots of different positions to serve in at this fun and super rewarding outreach to the community. I need coordinators and helpers in games and crafts, as well as helpers in snacks and registration. Plus adults and youth to work directly with the kids as their group leaders who take them from station to station. If you would like to help please attend this very informative meeting. We will take a look at each station and what's involved. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Martha Hatch @ 661-6775.

**VBS Paint & Prep times continue on  
Sundays @ 1 pm & Mondays @ 6 pm**

Beach Decorations are needed!!! I need beach towels, beach balls, beach toys, beach chairs, surf boards and/or big beach umbrellas. If you have any of these things to share for the week please let Martha know. Thanks!



**Child Development Center  
News**

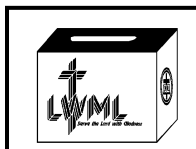
Greetings from the Children,

The sun is shining, the children are smiling, and God's hand is at work. We are so thankful for all our blessings, especially our new friends and families. This school year we will welcome 20 new, returning and or "extensions to the family" children. We are looking forward to getting to know them, in and outside of school, but most importantly to help them build a relationship between themselves and our Lord, Jesus. For many of our students, Christ the King is their only daily connection to God, His Word and purpose as Christians. Here they sing Bible songs, read Bible stories, learn the Lord's Prayer and how to be kind to one another. In fact, the children tell their parents that going to Chapel is their favorite thing to do! What a wondrous blessing to be that life line to faith and God. So as our doors open June 1<sup>st</sup>, may we help open the hearts and minds of our children and have them welcome Jesus in their lives and in their homes.

In His Service,  
Ms. Barbi

**Children's Corner:** Jayson and Brady informed their dad that at school it's "OK to hug your friends, you just can't punch them!"

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



# Women in Mission

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

## JUNE ACTIVITIES

**JUNE COFFEE SERVERS:** Patience Circle

**JUNE FUNERAL CHAIR:** Love Circle

**JUNE KITCHEN CLEANING:** Carol Saathoff and  
Penny Urbatsch

**PYRAMID OF PRAYER:** A reminder to those on the Phone

List to be sure the message you receive is passed on – call down the list till you get someone and go back again to those who didn't answer the first call.

## NEWS & UPDATES

**PATIENCE CIRCLE** asks your continued support with an ingathering for the Open Arms PCC and Real Choices Clinic at our May Quarterly Gathering.

**LOVE CIRCLE** requests that any used lotions and cosmetic items be clean, nearly full, and appear in good shape when donating them to the North Idaho Violence Intervention (NIVI) Center (formerly the Women's Center).

**FRIENDSHIP TEA** with Apple of His Eye Mission, had an attendance of 47 who learned much about our LCMS ministry to the Jewish people as well as how Jewish people view Christians. We also saw how perfectly Jesus completes their beliefs when they accept His fulfillment of their Old Testament prophecies, stories and celebrations.

**MAY QUARTERLY GATHERING** was called to order by **Jodie Mitchell of Patience Circle** with Opening Devotions on the Good Shepherd led by **Eleanor Ehrlich**. Our speaker, Nancy Tefft, Director of Open Arms PCC and Real Choices Clinic, gave us an overview of their organization and the services offered, as well as the many fun fundraisers they hold throughout the year. 1,300 clients visited the Clinic in 2010. **One way we can help** is by purchasing a Bible, especially designed for the clients of their Clinic, at Sower's Christian Book Store (\$6-7), writing your name in it and leaving it there for pick up by the Clinic. They present it to a client who adds their name.

**NEW LWML OFFICERS** for 2011-12 elected and installed at the May Quarterly Gathering are:

President: **Joan Ortmann**  
Secretary: **Gloria Keen**  
Treasurer: **Janet Launhardt**  
Christian Growth: **Esther Christensen**  
Historian: **Sandy Elkins**

We are in need of a Vice President and Assistant Christian Growth Chair. If interested, please contact Joan Ortmann.

## FROM THE QUILTERS

The **CTK Quilters** shipped 96 Quilts, 2 blankets, and 6 layettes to **Lutheran World Relief** in late April. We ship every 6 months and the weight was 419# at a cost of \$0.21 a lb. **Any donation to the cost of shipping** can be made to LWML (Janet Launhardt-Treasurer). Thanks!

At their request we also donated 4 quilts to **Habitat for Humanity** as their new house dedication was May 21<sup>st</sup> here in Coeur d'Alene. The second house should be completed sometime in October.

**Thank you very much to Thrivent** for donating 90 yards of batting and over 20 yards of fabric to the Quilters for the quilts. It is very much appreciated. This is a huge savings for us as batting is \$3.00 a yard.

**Have you ever wondered how a small group of women (10-13) can make 100 quilts every 6 months?** Thanks to all the donations from people we do not know, we have the fabric. But one very dedicated lady, **Margaret Jenichen**, sews 10-15 quilt tops, from scraps of fabric, for us every 2 weeks at her home. These quilt tops are beautiful and without them we could never put together 8-12 quilts every 2 weeks, when we meet. She also babysits her 12 month old great-grandchild full time. By the way, we celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1, a number of years ago. **Margaret, thank you** – we appreciate you very much!

Quilters meet on the first and third Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9-11:30am. We have fun—come, join us.

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE FUNDRAISER

A big THANK YOU to all you contributed to our White Elephant Sale for another successful fundraiser. Thank you to the many who donated items, the helping hands of those who sorted, priced and set up items for display, and those who baked and made goodies to sell. Thank you to our chairpersons, **Lois Johnson, Barb Plahn, Donna Bresemann, and Gloria Anderson, and to Treva and Gene Anson** for garage storage. And, of course, all the husbands who pitched in and helped sort, set up and clean up - where would we be without them?! THANK YOU ALL.

A big THANK YOU also goes to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, CDA Basin Chapter #30503 for matching funds on this project which will go to our Mission Projects for the coming year.

**Your LWML - Women in Mission**

**CHRIST THE KING 2010/2011 BUDGET**

As of April 30, 2011  
83.3% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2011	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
<b>CHURCH REVENUE</b>			
Tithes & Offerings	459,000	370,550	80.7%
Seasonal Worship Services	21,000	26,593	126.6%
Rental Income	19,900	21,034	105.7%
Other Income	<u>12,450</u>	<u>10,421</u>	<u>83.7%</u>
Total CTK Church Income	512,350	428,598	83.7%
<b>CHURCH EXPENSE</b>			
Administration Expense	354,849	287,804	81.1%
Elder Expense	12,650	11,540	91.2%
Outreach	1,000	100	10.0%
Parish Education	3,760	2,655	70.6%
Youth	2,671	1,910	71.5%
Stewardship	49,220	38,070	77.3%
Property Management	68,700	57,196	83.3%
Fellowship	1,200	1,141	95.1%
Fisher Property	5,000	4,961	99.2%
Communications	4,300	2,964	68.9%
Human Care	<u>9,000</u>	<u>7,414</u>	<u>82.4%</u>
Total CTK Church Expenditures	512,350	415,755	81.1%
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CHURCH NET REVENUE	0	12,843	

The Easter season brought increased giving for our church budget. Now we are going into the last two months in a good position. We are working on next year's budget at this time. We can expect to be greatly challenged fiscally in the new year. The CDC/School's budget balance is also in good shape as they come to the end of another school year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tom Saathoff, Treasurer*

**Offerings to God:**

	Budget	Special	Total
4/3/11	9,178.50	1,688.47	<b>10,866.97</b>
4/6/11	1,125.00	-	<b>1,125.00</b>
4/10/11	9,304.85	109.57	<b>9,414.42</b>
4/13/11	503.00	-	<b>503.00</b>
4/17/11	12,434.83	2328.07	<b>14,762.90</b>
4/21/11	923.00	-	<b>923.00</b>
4/22/11	676.00	-	<b>676.00</b>
4/24/11	12,987.90	40.00	<b>13,027.90</b>

**CTK CHILDCARE & SCHOOL 2010/2011 BUDGET**

As of April 30, 2011  
83.3% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2010	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
CTK Childcare & School Income	470,830	371,795	79.0%
CTK Childcare & School Expenditures	<u>470,830</u>	<u>361,422</u>	76.8%
NET REVENUE	0	10,373	



**Like father, like child**

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!