

The King's Call

Priests and Pastors

By my count, this is the fortieth newsletter article I've written for *The King's Call*. You could probably count on one hand the number of those articles that have been specifically newsy. Instead, I usually write about a religious or theological topic and how it affects our lives. My goal for this issue of *The King's Call* was to write about the news, the happenings, the current events at CTK.

The news right now is all about our process of calling a Senior Pastor. However, that process is making so much progress each day, any *news* I could give you here would almost immediately be yesterday's news. The current news on the call process is that we're making great progress, and the situation is changing every day. So instead of giving you news about our call that will be at least two weeks out of date, I want to offer some timeless reflections about "the call" and the office of pastor.

One of the most important emphases of the Reformers of the 1600s was rediscovering the biblical teaching about the "priesthood of all believers." Writing to the saints, the people of God, St. Peter says, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may declare the excellencies of Him who call you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). By means of your baptism into Christ, *you* are a priest. All believers are priests. You are a royal priesthood. And as a priests (or priestess), you have been commissioned by God to speak God's Word within your various callings: as a child, a parent, a neighbor, an employee, a citizen, etc.

All Christians are priests, but not all priests are pastors. Pastors perform publically what all Christians do privately as individuals. In other

words, pastors are called to do publically the duties that Christ has given to His Church. While all Christians should speak words of forgiveness to one another, God has ordained that particular people should have the public responsibility to oversee the public teaching and preaching of His Word in particular locations among particular groups of believers.

A pastor is in no way *more* Christian, he simply carries out the duties that God has commanded him to perform, on behalf of the congregation. The Pastoral Epistles (First and Second Timothy and Titus) outline some of the specific duties and responsibilities of the pastoral office, as well as the requirements for one aspiring to that office. To summarize those letters, the primary functions of pastors are to preach God's Word and administer the Sacraments.

We use the word "call" or "calling" in several ways. All Christians are called by God. We are called to faith, we are called out of darkness into light, we are called to His royal priesthood. Similarly, all Christians have *callings*. Christians are called into professions: lawyer, teacher, painter, professional elk hunter, etc. We have callings within our families, society, and congregation.

When it comes to *calling* a pastor, there are a couple more distinctions to make. There is both an *internal* and an *external* call. The internal call is a feeling, an awareness, an aptitude, a desire that a man may have that God is calling him to the pastoral office. This is good and necessary. However, feelings are often fleeting; they come and go. Also, a man may have the desire to serve God as a pastor, but he may not be qualified.

So in addition to an internal call, it is necessary that there also be an external call. Paul asks in Romans 10:15, "How are they to preach unless they are sent?" You see, the pastoral office is not something that a man takes on himself, it is a calling *from* God that happens *through* His Church. As we're using the word "call"

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around CTK right now, we're primarily talking about this external call, by which God works through His Church to call a man to serve as Pastor in a particular place.

"The Call" serves to remind both pastor and congregation that this man has been appointed by God to perform His work among and for His people. It is divinely comforting, that when a pastor has doubts about his calling or purpose, he can know that this "call" isn't just based on an internal feeling he had once, but God has called him externally through the people of God. Rather than basing his calling on an internal and subjective feeling, he can look to that objective framed call document hanging on his wall and see something external to himself confirming his calling.

Similarly, the fact that the pastor is called *by God* is amazingly comforting for the congregation. When he stands up on Sunday morning to publicly pronounce the forgiveness of sins, he does so as God's authorized spokesman. The words of forgiveness that he speaks are as valid as if God Himself were speaking them.

If you'd like even further information about the call into the pastoral office, I commend to you the following resource from the LC—MS website: <http://www.lcms.org/graphics/assets/media/CTCR/divinecall.pdf>

And finally, here is a prayer taken from page 306 of our hymnal. Before our Special Voters' Meeting at noon on Sunday, May 15th to call our Senior Pastor, I would encourage you to make this your fervent prayer. Consider praying it verbatim a few times, then offer similar prayers in your own words according to your own heart.

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~Pastor Dan



Lutheranism 101

Why bother with a *Denomination*?

Beginning Sunday, May 8th at 9:45am, you are invited to join us for *Lutheranism 101*. This course will double as our Sunday morning adult Bible study *and* our Spring new member class. We'll explore what it means to be a Lutheran Christian in our contemporary culture. We'll engage God's Word in order to be shaped as a community of faith (a community that extends well beyond Coeur d'Alene). This Bible-based teaching series will center on who Jesus is, what he has done, and what that means for us today.

Handbell History

The first tuned handbells were developed by brothers Robert and William Cor in Aldbourne, Wiltshire, England, between 1696 and 1724. The Cor brothers originally made latten (metal alloys like bronze) bells for hame boxes, (an attachment to the traces on horses halters for pulling carriages) but for reasons unknown, they began tuning their bells more finely to have an accurate fundamental tone, and fitted them with hinged clappers that moved only in one plane.

Originally, tuned sets of handbells, such as the ones made by the Cor brothers, were used by change ringers to rehearse outside their towers. Tower bell ringers' enthusiasm for practicing the complicated algorithms of change ringing can easily exceed the neighbours' patience, so in the days before modern sound control handbells offered them a way to continue ringing without the aural assault. The handbell sets used by change ringers had the same number of bells as in the towers — generally six or 12.

Handbells were first brought to the United States from England by Margaret Shurcliff in 1902. She was presented with a set of 10 handbells in London by Arthur Hughes, the general manager of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry after completing two separate two-and-a-half-hour change ringing peals in one day.

Source: Wikipedia



CTK Men's Ministry: "All the King's Men"

Men's ministry at CTK is active this Spring, with the following events scheduled:

"Iron Sharpens Iron" Christian Men's Conference in Post Falls

- Sat., April 30th, Post Falls (Sponsored by Men's Ministry Catalyst)

More Info: http://mensministrycatalyst.org/isi/isi_postfalls.asp

Honoring Mothers on May 8th

- All the King's Men will honor Mothers with a special dessert treat in the Fellowship Hall between Sunday Worship services on May 8th, Mother's Day.

"Men in the Mountains" Weekend Retreat

- May 13-15 at Shoshone Camp (Sponsored by Lutherhaven Ministries)
- More Info: <http://www.lutherhaven.com/events.php?sid=43>

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

- Focus on Fatherhood

Also, we will be firing up our men's small groups including golf, hunting/shooting, fishing, hiking, and Bible Study groups. More about these this Spring.

Men, if you are not receiving email notifications of these men's events, please contact Larry C. at larry@Meet-Christ-the-King.org (661-0244)

The Mission of All the King's men is to:
Connect, Change, and Celebrate Men in Christ



Child Development Center News

Greetings from the Children,

May is finally here and this brings us hope for warm weather and spring flowers. The children are eager to get outside and play and so are we. We have many great plans to improve our facility in the upcoming months beginning with our Spring Clean-up Day set for May 14th. We will be working primarily on the playgrounds and landscaping. Feel free to pitch in and join us if you're free!

May is also a bitter sweet time for us as we say goodbye to some of our children. Most are graduating from kindergarten (hurray!) and others may just not be returning. The good news is that we are already full as registration was again very successful. So we will be diligently working in getting our facility ready to welcome our new families starting June 1st.

Thank you again for helping us in another successful school year.

We are proud to be Christ the King!

In His Service,
Ms. Barbi

Children's Corner: Jace, one of our 2 year olds whose class just started attending Chapel told his parents that "The chapel bosses were Passenger Dan and Passenger Karl." When Mom tried to correct him by saying "You mean Pastor Dan and Pastor Karl?" he replied "That's what I said!"

Congratulations to the 2011 Confirmands

Noah Ethan W. F.
Jacob Reinhold F.
Saskia Moraine G.
Christopher Chad K.
Caitlin Christine K.
Kaysha Rahnell P.
Connor Gene R.
Jonathan Lee R.

Coeur d'Alene Homes



Join the residents of Coeur d'Alene Homes for a Garden Party on Sat., May 14th at 10am. Work hands-on with residents planting flowers in the Serenity Garden while enjoying refreshments and the beautiful outdoors! For a gift of \$30, you can pay tribute to someone special and help purchase flowers for the event. For more information, call Ann at 664-8119.

~ Family Ministries ~



It's hard to believe that we are heading into the final month of the regular school year! For the next 5 weeks the PreK—1st grade class

will have their last lesson in Unit 2 which focuses on the Bible point 'Jesus is Lord' and teaches how Jesus forgave Peter. They will then have 4 lessons on 'How Jesus helps us to follow Him.' These lessons include 'Jesus helps us follow Him when we don't understand,' 'Jesus helps us follow Him when we have questions,' 'Jesus helps us follow Him,' and 'Jesus helps us follow Him by giving us the Holy Spirit.' These lessons will help children understand that Jesus helps us follow Him all the time!

The 2nd-4th grade class will have 1 more lesson on Jesus' resurrection and beyond, which teaches that Jesus has power to give eternal life. Their last unit is on the Christian life and teaches that Jesus wants us to encourage each others' faith, we can train every day to be God's servants, and we can show God's love by helping others. In these lessons, kids will discover some basic practices of the Christian life that will help them remain faithful to the choice they have made.



We are in the midst of our 3rd and final unit. The theme of this unit is; Proverbs: A Study in How to Understand My Bible. We are looking at the big question 'How does the Bible relate to my life?'

These 4 lessons include: The Bible tells us how to do what's right, The Bible tells us how to choose good friends, The Bible tells us how to be wise, and The Bible tells us how to avoid mistakes. This unit of lessons will give your students practical tools to better understand the Bible. and they will discover that the Bible does relate to their lives.

Coming this Summer to Graceland!
Starting June 5th



~ YOUTH GROUPS ~

Middle School Youth Picnic/Frisbee Golf Sat., May 14th @ 11:30 am

Middle School youth and friends are invited to bring a sack lunch and a frisbee to Bluegrass Park at 11:30am.

There is a nice course there and we will play and then have lunch. Pick up @ 1:30 pm.

If you're interested please sign up on the bulletin board by the youth room so I can know who's coming. If there are less than 5 we will do it another time.

Questions? Call Martha @ 661-6775.

High School Youth Hiking on Canfield Mountain Sat., May 21st @ 1:00 pm

Meet at the Church at 1:00 pm. We'll head to Canfield Mountain. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring a water bottle. Get ready to enjoy the view and some quiet time together in God's creation. If you're interested please sign up on the bulletin board by the youth room so I can know who's coming.

Questions? Call Martha @ 661-6775.

"ENGAGE"

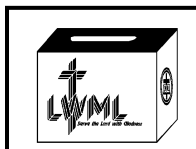
All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join Ron Neumann on Sundays at 9:45am in the youth room for an amazing time of discussion and fellowship! This will be the last month with Ron who takes the summer off so he can participate in Adult Bible Class! Take a minute this month to thank Ron for leading the youth every Sunday at "Engage!" It is really a awesome thing that he takes on and we appreciate his dedication to the youth! We are asking parents to each take a couple of weeks to lead "Engage" this summer. If you would like to volunteer please talk to Pastor Dan or Martha and we'll get you signed up!



SonSurf VBS

All youth are needed to help with Vacation Bible School June 20th-24th. Please contact Martha to sign up for this very fun and rewarding way to serve!

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



Women in Mission

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

APRIL ACTIVITIES

APPLE OF HIS EYE MINISTRY

Mission Society founder, **Steve Cohen**, will be conducting a Messianic Service at all the services April 30-May 1.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP TEA

Saturday, April 30 at 2 pm. Speaker at the tea will be Steve Cohen's wife, Nancy. \$5 donation for tea.

LWML SPRING ZONE RALLY

Saturday, April 30, at **Faith Lutheran**, 214 S. Weber, Deer Park, WA. Registration at 9:30 - 10am and the Rally is 10am till 3pm. \$5.00 includes lunch. RSVP to Janet H., 509-292-8195 by April 26. (Note: Our LWML will host the Fall Rally at CTK.)

NEWS & UPDATES

MAY COFFEE SERVERS: Hope Circle

MAY FUNERAL CHAIR: Faith Circle

MAY KITCHEN CLEANING: Jan S., Jodie M.

APRIL/MAY PRESIDING CIRCLE: Patience Circle

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 assembled about 50 hygiene kits for the North Idaho Violence Intervention (NIVI) Center (formerly the Women's Center.)

FAITH CIRCLE will be contributing monetarily toward the purchase of items for the layettes sent out to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) by our Quilting Group.

HOPE CIRCLE presented an Easter Bingo activity with prizes and served dessert and coffee to the residents at Coeur d'Alene Homes.

Pictured here are the dozens of children outside of Mancnay, Peru, Receiving gift boxes from Hope Circle, with help from our congregation, through Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministries this past Christmas.



May Quarterly Gathering

All Women at CTK are invited to our

Women's Quarterly Gathering and Potluck Luncheon

**THURS., MAY 12th at 11:30am
In FOUNDERS' HALL**

**Guest Speaker: Nancy Tefft, Director of
Open Arms PCC and Real Choices Clinic**

Patience Circle invites you to bring items for an ingathering for the clinic. Needed are new and "gently used" items for all baby needs, including shampoo, lotion, baby wash, unscented wipes, diapers size 1, 2, 3, and pacifiers. Maternity clothes, too.

Join us for lunch and fellowship!

COMING SAT., MAY 21st

OUR GIANT WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!

Rummage Sale leaders: Lois J., Barb P.
Springtime is here, cold or not, and its time to clean house and sort out items to save for our big rummage sale. We will take anything except clothing. If you need someplace to store it, call Treva.

STORAGE: In **Treva A.'s** garage. 667-0863

Country Store Ch.: Donna B., 664-5920
We welcome your home-baked and canned goodies; pies, muffins, cookies, cakes, bread, brownies, bars, cupcakes, candy, pickles, jam, etc.

Christmas Booth Ch.: Gloria A.
Please dig into your Christmas storage boxes and sort out items for our new Christmas booth at the sale.

SORT AND SAVE FOR OUR SALE!

**Your trash may be
someone else's treasure!**

Our Giant Rummage Sale will support the local and world-wide mission projects our Women in Mission choose at their May Quarterly Gathering. We are seeking matching funds through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, CDA Basin Chapter #30503

CHRIST THE KING 2010/2011 BUDGET

As of March 31, 2011
75.0% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2011	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
CHURCH REVENUE			
Tithes & Offerings	459,000	333,781	72.7%
Seasonal Worship Services	21,000	16,400	78.1%
Rental Income	19,900	19,938	100.2%
Other Income	<u>12,450</u>	<u>9,388</u>	<u>75.4%</u>
Total CTK Church Income	512,350	379,507	74.1%
CHURCH EXPENSE			
Administration Expense	354,849	258,071	72.7%
Elder Expense	12,650	11,336	89.6%
Outreach	1,000	100	10.0%
Parish Education	3,760	2,758	68.6%
Youth	2,671	1,819	68.1%
Stewardship	49,220	34,268	69.6%
Property Management	68,700	52,691	76.7%
Fellowship	1,200	852	71.0%
Fisher Property	5,000	4,783	95.7%
Communications	4,300	2,625	61.0%
Human Care	<u>9,000</u>	<u>6,714</u>	<u>74.6%</u>
Total CTK Church Expenditures	512,350	375,837	73.4%
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CHURCH NET REVENUE		3,670	

CTK CHILDCARE & SCHOOL 2010/2011 BUDGET

As of March 31, 2011
75.0% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2010	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
CTK Childcare & School Income	470,830	337,379	71.7%
CTK Childcare & School Expenditures	<u>470,830</u>	<u>328,251</u>	69.7%
NET REVENUE	0	9,128	

Seventy-five per cent of the fiscal year is now complete. We are still in a positive position for both the Church and the CDC/ School budgets. Our Lenten services have helped us both Spiritually and fiscally.

Our Raise the Roof pledges are still coming in, but at a slower pace. We have one year left in order to meet our pledges. Early payoff will help reduce our total interest expense from this loan.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom S., Treasurer

Offerings to God:

	Budget	Special	Total
3/6/11	13,726.76	258.25	13,985.01
3/9/11	1,217.13	-	1,217.13
3/13/11	10,251.77	962.70	11,214.47
3/16/11	356.00	-	356.00
3/20/11	8,417.12	540.25	8,957.37
3/23/11	1,401.10	-	1,401.10
3/27/11	7,947.50	480.35	8,427.85
3/30/11	953.50	-	953.50

YOU TOOK MY PLACE!

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked His car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached Him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to Him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and His appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on His hands and on His sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed Him and called out "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns and a tear fell from His eye, "I took your place."