

The King's Call

Thankfulness

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

As I write this article I am overwhelmed with thankfulness to God for three things: the beauty of His creation, the fellowship of the saints at Christ the King, and above all these the gift of His Son Jesus Christ.

Thankfulness, taking a moment to stop and say thank you. I find that in the business of life I treat day to day challenges and tasks more like a checklist than an answer to prayer. If something happens around the office and it works out great because somebody came through or creative resource management really worked I sometimes just smile and then keep going. Or sometimes I come home and the house is immaculate and the children are happy and I just smile and sit down and join the pleasantly ordered environment. But what is missing in my causal living of moment to moment is the moment that comes just before enjoyment... the moment of thankfulness. Thankfulness is taking a moment to pause, to consider, to appreciate; that all of what you have comes from outside of you and that means a thank you is in order in order to properly orient yourself to the gift. God gives us a wonderfully rich land full of resources and the freedom to enjoy these resources. God gives us a wonderful congregation filled with hard workers and wonderful opportunities for witness. God gives us His son Jesus without whom we would not have life, joy or an Amen to all our prayers. So this year take time to pause and reflect, to stop and say, to take a moment to mention a thankfulness to God for all that He has done and continues to do for us.

In Christ,
Pastor Bob

Tactics

Witness, Mercy and Life Together. If you haven't heard about it yet, you're going to hear about it more and more. But you'll do more than hear *about* it. I hope you'll be a part of it. Christ the King exists to bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and to nurture them in discipleship. And we believe that *Witness, Mercy and Life Together* provides us with a vision for accomplishing our mission (and Christ's commission).

I'd like to highlight one *Witness* opportunity that is beginning this month. *Witness* is God revealing Himself and His will for creation. In other words, don't hear *Witness* as something that *you* have to do. Rather, *Witness* is an activity of God revealing Himself. God reveals Himself through His Word as it's read, studied, and proclaimed. And God also reveals Himself through His people as we echo to our community the truths we have heard from God.

On **November 6th**, our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will begin a six week study that will equip you to speak engagingly and winsomely about your faith in Christ. We'll be looking at a book by Greg Koukl called, *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*. We have a big-picture strategy for reaching our community with the Gospel of Christ, but what about practical *tactics* to be used in the trenches?

The Christian apologist Norman Geisler says about this book, "In a society filled with so much anti-Christian rhetoric, there is no better book to equip Christians to think clearly, soundly, and inoffensively in the face of the devices employed today in opposition to the Christian faith." Similarly, Gary Habermas says, "Especially for those who struggle with relevant ways to relate to non-Christians while presenting Christian truth, this volume provides many proven methods of natural, non-confrontational dialogue."

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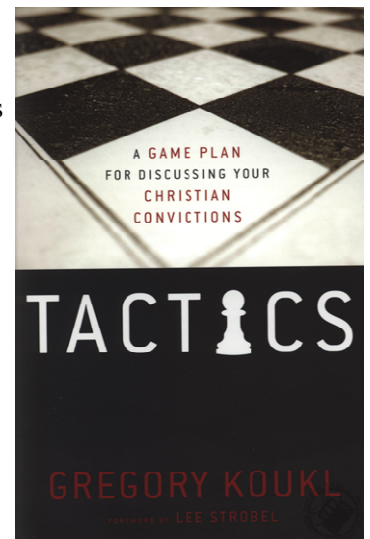
This study will come right on the heels of “Tracking the Spirit” (Friday the 4th and Saturday the 5th). “Tracking the Spirit” is a great opportunity to develop a sensitivity to what God the Spirit is about in our lives and in our community. Knowing that the Spirit is preparing others for conversations about Christ takes all the pressure off. Similarly, *Tactics* will give you the tools you’ll need to comfortably converse with people about your Christian convictions.

A limited number of copies will be available for purchase at the Book Nook. Otherwise, *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions* is available online at Amazon.com for under \$12 (both in print and for Kindle). You definitely don’t need to own a copy, although I suspect you’ll want one for yourself once you get a taste.

Having personally worked through the book, I can vouch for the claims made on the back cover of the book: “*Tactics* teaches you how to maneuver comfortably and graciously as you share your faith with others. Learn how to navigate the mine fields, stop challengers in their tracks, turn the tables and—most importantly—get people thinking about Jesus.”

I look forward to seeing you there.

~Pastor Dan



Church Council/President's Report

Greetings 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*

First of all, many, many, many thanks to all of you who helped with our fall clean up! We sure accomplished a great deal and the outside looks terrific! We chain sawed, trimmed, wacked, raked, fertilized and hauled away lots of debris!

Our Policy Based Governance Task Force continues to meet with purpose, intent and enthusiasm, clearly lead by the Holy Spirit, focusing on building the right structure of governance that will support and enable the mission and ministry of CTK and keep us centered on our mission statement, “Christ the King exists to bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and nurture them in discipleship.” Task Force members are: Pastor Bob and Pastor Dan, Mike H., Scott M., Ralph N., Martha H., Barbi H., John and Joan O., Russ and Penny S., Steve M., Jerry B., Don B., Dennis W., Todd K., Tom S. and Jackson C.

We are working on finalizing the people to serve on our Communications Task Force and expect that group to begin meeting in late October or early November.

Our lighting project is about to get underway. Dale W. and Lynn W. are heading up that project. Please understand that when we make this change the illumination will be different from what we see today as the new LED light are much brighter than the old incandescent ones we use now.

Soon you will see samples of the new rectangular and round tables we are considering as we look to replace the old, worn-out extremely heavy tables. Again Lynn W. is heading up this project and he has also recently compiled a complete maintenance manual for our facility! Many, many thanks to Dale and Lynn for all they do for CTK!

Quite an honor! Pastor Bob has been nominated for the Pastoral Leadership Institute (P.L.I.). That is quite an honor for him and for our congregation and the experience will be a tremendous blessing to him and all of CTK! Also Larry C. has completed his course work for the Licensed Deacon Program and will soon be certified by the Northwest District for Word and Sacrament ministry. This again is another wonderful blessing to CTK. Congratulations Larry. May God richly bless your ministry.

“*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



Sunday mornings @ 9:45!

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. We'll continue to collect our mites to help children to read the Bible in their own language. If you don't have a mite box yet, ask Martha for one! If your family would like to make up a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child please check out the necessary information located at the welcome centers in both entrances. Watch for information to come home on "The 52 Weeks of Giving" that we will participate in with the LWML the first week of November.

Here is a look at our Graceland lessons for the month of November! Pre-K & K will continue their unit on Noah and learn that God is in charge and we are His helpers, God is in charge and watches over us, and God is in charge and keeps His promises. They will then finish the month with a lesson in a new unit on Abraham: God wants us to trust Him. First through third graders are learning that sometimes God says wait, God wants us to get along, and God wants us to forgive others. They will also start their first lesson in a new unit on prayer: We can ask God to show us the right thing to do!



This 4th & 5th grade group meets in the conference room (by the pop machine). We'll continue our unit – The Lord's Prayer: A Study in Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Our big question for this unit is "How do I pray?" We will focus on asking God for what we need, asking for and giving forgiveness, and asking God to help us stay out of trouble. We will continue to watch as Eric and Samantha get ready for the big Go-Kart race!

"The Christmas Present"

This year our children's Christmas Program is called "The Christmas Present!" This musical is basically a poem with wonderful songs set between the lines. We will be performing it for the congregation at all 3 services the week-end of Dec. 17th-18th. I would also love to take the program to Cd'A Homes or Lifecare this year if possible! This is a fun and meaningful program that the kids will enjoy doing. There are lots of songs and speaking parts. I would love as many children as possible, who are 4 years old to 5th grade, to join us for this event. Rehearsals will be Sundays @ 12:30pm and Wednesdays @ 5:45pm, beginning Nov. 13th (excluding Wed. the 23rd) and will wrap up with a dress rehearsal and pizza party on Fri., Dec. 16th @ 6:00pm. We will also rehearse our songs at the beginning of Graceland each Sunday! Full schedules and parts will be passed out at the Nov. 13th rehearsal. Please contact Martha H. @ 664-9231 if you have any questions.

Youth Ministries

Confirmation

Confirmation has begun. If you have youth in 6th-8th grade and would like them to be involved please talk to Pastor Bob. They meet from 6- 6:50pm on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall

Middle School Youth Group "Justified" Wednesdays @ 6:50pm

Come join in on a night of games/devotions/activities and tons of fun. "Justified" begins right after confirmation and continues until 8pm.

Engage – Sunday from 9:45-10:45am

Middle School & High School youth join Melissa on Sundays in the youth room at 9:45am for "Engage!" Melissa will continue to take you through the Fusion study on themes in the Bible. Join her for a time to dive into the Bible and explore it in new and deeper ways.

SPUDS – Wednesday from 6-8:00pm

Join Pastor Dan & Martha as we continue our journey through Genesis. As different questions and topics come up along the way, we'll stop and study those issues for a week or two. It's a great time of discussion and a great time to ask questions you might have about various events in God's word. We will continue our focus on "Witness, Mercy and Life Together" throughout the year! Check out our Facebook page for discussion on Genesis and for event updates!

Cardboard Box City

The youth would like to thank those of you who donated to "Family Promise" through the Cardboard Box City event. We raised \$295.30 and had a great experience sleeping over night in our Cardboard box home, which was amazing and kept us warm and dry (for the most part!) We really appreciate your support!

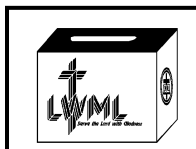
High School Youth "30-Hour Famine" November 11th-12th

The high school youth have the opportunity to participate in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine "Overcome Hunger 2012" on Friday, Nov. 11th @ 5:30pm–Saturday, Nov. 12th @ 6:30pm. (Youth will start fasting on their own at 11:30am on Friday.)

Students will be exposed to the truth about hunger, poverty and injustice– and then be set loose to overcome it all with love, the kind of love that Jesus used to turn a few fish and loaves into food for thousands.

Students will then be given the chance to help save lives by collecting food to feed hungry kids and their families. To top it all off, they'll be drawn closer to God and one another as they experience hunger for themselves by going without food for 30 hours. High school youth who are interested in taking part in this event can pick up a consent form and information packet at Youth Group on Sundays & Wednesdays or contact Martha H. @ 661-6775.

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



Women in Mission

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

CIRCLE NEWS

Our four Circles meet at different times as listed below. A notice will always appear in the bulletin the Sunday prior to a meeting. Call Chairperson if you'd like to visit or join.

FAITH CIRCLE: Ch. Charlene S., 664-9604, meets 1st Tues. at 9:30am. Faith Circle recently purchased 12 devotional booklets written especially for the Military by the previous Lutheran Hour speaker, Pastor Ken Klaus, Emeritus. These booklets will be included in the boxes that are being mailed to the military personnel in November.

HOPE EVENING CIRCLE: Ch. Janet L., 765-6717, meets 1st Tues. at 7:00pm. They are putting together shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Project this month. See displays and donation boxes in each entrance.

LOVE CIRCLE: Ch. Sandy W., 691-5130, meets 2nd Monday at 9:30am. They continue collecting items for Hygiene Kits for the Women's Center.

PATIENCE CIRCLE: Ch. Treva A., 667-0863 and Jodi M., 699-4747, meets 1st Thurs. at 9:30am in homes. They continue collecting items for Open Arms Pregnancy Center.

QUILTERS: Ch. Donna B., 664-5920, meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:00am-noon. Two quilts were donated by CTK Quilters to Habitat for Humanity at the dedication of the Habitat Home on Oct. 8th.

CORRECTION to LWML/CIRCLE HANDBOOK: Sandy W.'s correct phone number is 691-5130.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES & NOTES

- **NOVEMBER COFFEE SERVERS:** Faith Circle
- **NOVEMBER FUNERAL CHAIR:** Hope Circle
- **NOVEMBER CLEANING:** Marcia S., Char C.
- **OFFICERS NEEDED:** Vice Pres. and Assistant Christian Growth Ch. (contact Joan Ortmann, 667-7952)

FALL BAKE SALE ?

Anyone interested in heading up a Fall Bake Sale? We have many willing bakers, canners, and helpers ready to contribute, just need a leader or leaders to head up the event. November might be a good time. Proceeds will go to this year's LWML programs and projects being discussed. Interested? Contact Joan O. 667-7952

INTERESTED IN SEWING?

Contact Joan O., 667-7952. We'd like to set up classes to learn and to sew.

All Women Invited!

WOMEN IN MISSION *Quarterly Gathering and Potluck Lunch*

THURS., NOV. 10 at 11:30am

Join us for food, fellowship and fun !

EAST INLAND EMPIRE ZONE LWML FALL JOY RALLY REPORT

Our ladies hosted a successful Rally with 72 Women and our pastors attending. Pastor Bob started the day off with devotions and a Bible Study entitled Our Joy is Complete. Zone President, Lisa Davis, and District President, MaryLynn Huntwork, reported on current mission projects and the LWML convention this past summer in Peoria, Illinois. Zone Officers for the next biennium were elected. The women were encouraged to keep up with LWML information on the National website: lwml.org and our District website: waka-lwml.org. Our CTK ladies served a delicious lunch.

There was a wonderful Ingathering of items for **Family Promise of North Idaho**. Director, Cindy Wood, described this ministry, along with a video presentation. We ended the afternoon with a hands-on activity of decorating donation collection boxes for Family Promise. www.FamilyPromiseNI.org

A big THANK YOU to Pastor Dan for setting up our mics and video electronics and Pastor Bob for his Bible Study and Installation of Officers. **THANK YOU** to Circles and all you wonderful women who helped put this Rally together, especially Janene R. and Donna B. for breakfast food and coffee, Jodie M. and Patience Circle for putting together the luncheon and all who brought food, Janet L. and Sharon J. for handling registration, Ruth B. for music, Charlene S. and Faith Circle for greeting people, taking and counting offering and ballots, Sandy W. and Love C. for making the table favors and cleaning up everything. **Thanks**, also, to John O. and Steve S. for helping Lee Irwin set up and Pastor Bob for helping us put everything away. **THANKS TO EVERYONE** for a **JOY** well done!

CHRIST THE KING 2010/2011 BUDGET

As of September 30, 2011
25% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2011	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
CHURCH REVENUE			
Tithes & Offerings	481,590	107,627	22.3%
Seasonal Worship Services	27,000		0.0%
Rental Income	21,100	4,976	23.7%
Other Income	<u>14,950</u>	<u>3,642</u>	<u>24.4%</u>
Total CTK Church Income	544,490	116,245	21.3%
CHURCH EXPENSE			
Administration Expense	382,345	92,885	24.3%
Elder Expense	13,100	3,767	28.8%
Outreach	1,000	0	0.0%
Parish Education	3,325	544	16.4%
Youth	2,050	171	8.3%
Stewardship	51,220	10,792	21.1%
Property Management	71,700	15,188	21.2%
Fellowship	1,300	700	53.8%
Fisher Property	5,400	428	7.9%
Communications	4,050	1,544	38.1%
Human Care	<u>9,000</u>	<u>2,313</u>	<u>25.7%</u>
Total CTK Church Expenditures	544,490	128,332	23.6%
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CHURCH NET REVENUE	0	12,087	

"Donations are down about 5% for this quarter compared to last year. I hope you will prayerfully consider whether you are able to increase your giving a few dollars a week or a month."

Ralph N., Treasurer

Offerings to God:

	Budget	Special	Total
9/4/11	12,599.04	1871.41	14,470.45
9/11/11	9,672.12	939.01	10,611.13
9/18/11	12,652.29	5819.00	18,381.29
9/25/11	6,044.50	808.94	6,853.44

CTK CHILDCARE & SCHOOL 2010/2011 BUDGET

As of September 30, 2011
25% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2010	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
CTK Childcare & School Income	494,350	116,245	22.4%
CTK Childcare & School Expenditures	<u>494,350</u>	<u>128,332</u>	22.9%
NET REVENUE	0	2,617	100.00

Mealtime Prayer

*Come Lord Jesus,
be our Guest,
and let these gifts
to us be blessed!*

*Bless our loved ones
everywhere.*

*Keep them in your
loving care.*

*And may there be
a goodly share
on every table
everywhere.*

Amen.

"Pick the Perfect Pastor"

At one time, Ann Landers shared in her column a gem entitled "The Perfect Pastor." Results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin, but never embarrasses anyone. He works from 8:00am until midnight and is also the janitor.

He makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, drives a new car and gives \$50 a week to the poor. He is 28 years old, has been preaching for 25 years, is wonderfully gentle and handsome, loves to work with teenagers and spends countless hours with senior citizens. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and hospital patients and is always in his office when needed.

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their pastors, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect.

Telecare Ministry

Dear Members of the Congregation:

Those of you who have exchanged your "land lines" for cell phones please inform the office of those numbers (if you haven't already)?

The Telecare Ministry needs current phone numbers so we can inform you of events and announcements at Christ the King.

We would appreciate your help so no one is left out.

Many Thanks