

The King's Call

A New Year To Share Christ

Colossians 3:16-17: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

In September we celebrate with the whole church the beginning of a new year for our education ministries here at Christ the King. On Rally Day we begin Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, a new year at our Child Development Center and many more Bible Studies. St. Paul reminds us, encourages us and warns us to do this all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We do indeed give thanks to God the Father through Him for all that He does and continues to do through this place of grace.

Bill Wilson once told a story about Sunday School ministry in New York City. Pastor Bill served in a place that was rough and was once rated the "most likely place to get killed" in New York City. Pastor Bill had been stabbed twice there, shot at, and worse. One lady in the congregation came to him with an urgent request. She didn't speak a word of English, so she told him through an interpreter, "I want to serve Jesus, please."

"I don't know what you can do," he answered.

"Please, let me do something," she said in Spanish.

"Okay. I'll put you on a bus. Ride a different bus every week and just talk about Jesus with the kids."

"So every week she rode a different bus (they had fifty of them) and loved talking to the kids about Jesus. She would find the worst-looking kid on the bus, put him on her lap, and whisper over and over the only words she had learned in English: "I love you. Jesus loves you."

After several months, she became attached to one little boy in particular. "I don't want to change buses anymore. I want to stay on this one bus," she said.

The boy didn't speak. He came to Sunday School every week with his sister and sat on the woman's lap, but he never made a sound. Each week she would tell him all the way to Sunday School and all the way home, "I love you and Jesus loves you."

One day, to her amazement, the little boy turned around and stammered, "I-I love you, too." Then he put his arms around her and gave her a big hug.

That night, the boy suddenly and tragically died.

"I love you and Jesus loves you." Those were some of the last words he heard in his short life – from the lips of a Puerto Rican woman who could barely speak English.

Christ the King is not the same place by any means as the congregation in New York. However, right here and right now we have the same glorious opportunity to teach children and young adults about the love of Jesus our Savior. This year consider getting involved in some way with the many education opportunities that are available here at Christ the King, whether through learning to share Jesus or through volunteering or even through making these opportunities possible through your prayerful and generous support. Make education ministries a priority this year so that Christ's name may be lifted up and thanks be given to God for all that He has done for us.

In Christ,
Pastor Sundquist

A Visual Feast: Images that Evoke the Theological Imagination

“The Lord Provides” is an oil painting by Yvonne Benzinger from 1991. “I was looking at retiring from many years of commercial art and pursuing fine art again,” Benzinger says. The idea of story plays a key role in her painting. “There is so much drama in many Bible stories that they ask to be painted.” The pages of Scripture speak, they describe, they evoke, they are real-life stories that ask to be told. In “The Lord Provides,” Benzinger creates an image that asks your eyes to dance while it tells an unfolding story.

After researching the text, studying the characters, and brainstorming about the visual symbolism, Benzinger describes a transformation: “But to me it was no longer just a story of Abraham and Isaac, men of great faith tested by God. It is a story that climaxes with Atonement.” At this time in her artistic life, Benzinger was influenced by a quotation from the 12th century priest Gerald of Wales. The way Gerald describes an Hiberno Saxon Gospel manuscript influenced how Benzinger went about composing her image. **“Look at them superficially with the ordinary casual glance, and you would think it an erasure, and not tracery. Fine craftsmanship is all about you, but you might not notice it. Look more keenly at it, and you will penetrate to the very shrine of art. You will make out intricacies, so delicate and subtle, so exact and compact, so full of knots and links, with colors so fresh and vivid, that you might say that all this was the work of an angel, and not of a man. For my part the oftener I see the book, and the more carefully I study it, the more I am lost in ever fresh amazement, and I see more and more wonders in the book.”**



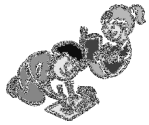
“The ordinary casual glance” often overlooks the “delicate and subtle” nature of this painting. The image is “so full of knots and links, with colors so fresh and vivid” that most passersby see nothing more than a medley of bright colors. As a matter of fact, this painting is so subtle, that those responsible for displaying it in a church have hung it in between the “Coffee Nook” and the “Child Care.” Just inches from the box of Sunday morning donuts: maple, chocolate, glazed and sprinkled. A few feet from the open door where parents can deposit their children with a nursery attendant during the worship service (I wonder how many parents would be so willing if they looked more carefully at the painted scene next to the nursery). Adjacent to the church’s “Food Pantry” which freely distributes bags of groceries two days a week. It’s a scandalous painting, hidden in plain view. Its offensive (yet grace-filled) message is hidden and dulled by its bright colors. Imagine being a part of this oft repeated scene. A man comes to the church because he needs help with groceries. While the volunteer fills bags full of provision, the man meanders around the waiting area. He stops to see this bright painting on the wall. After a few quick seconds of seeing the different colors, he’s ready to continue his stroll. But before he takes his next step, the pastor asks him, “Do you know the story?” At first he didn’t know that there *even* was a story to know. The pastor says, “It’s a story from the Bible. There’s a boy in the middle, his name is Isaac. God provided this family with a promised child. He’s

carrying wood for a fire, for a burnt offering. And over here is menorah, a kind of candle, the kind they’d later use at the Temple for *sacrifices*. And then over here is Isaac’s father, Abraham.

“You see what’s in his hand? It’s a knife. It’s raised above Isaac. His son, his only son, whom he loves, is about to be sacrificed. God told him to. God told this father to sacrifice his only son. And Abraham is about to do it, but then this angel stops him. God sees Abraham’s faith, so he sends this angel to stop him. And God *provides*. Instead of Isaac being the sacrifice, God provides another one. It’s that animal at the bottom of the painting. The painting is called, ‘The Lord Provides.’ And it’s just like when God the Father was about to sacrifice his only son Jesus. Only that time, there was no substitute. Actually, Jesus *was* the substitute. He was my substitute, and your substitute. He was sacrificed on the cross so that we could live.” And as the man takes a few steps away to receive his food, he glances back and notices a red cross in the background of the scene.

If no one talked with the man, that painting would be nothing more than some pretty colors. The Gospel is often hidden in plain view. Sometimes its scandalous message is hidden behind the general niceties of God’s people. Other times, God’s provision is buried in the jumble and confusion of daily life and a struggle for daily bread. But the story must be told, and the scandal must be revealed, so that God’s grace and eternal provision might be received.

~Pastor Dan



Child Development Center News

Greetings from the Children,

The doors are open and the children are rushing through them, eager to learn, play, make new friends and revisit with returning ones. School has officially started. Whew, some of us are happy to get back into our routine! The teachers have prepared their lessons, their classrooms and their hearts to embrace the exciting year ahead. What a blessing we have here at Christ the King where we not only teach about the A.B.C's or 1, 2, 3's but also about our Savior Jesus. The children on a daily basis learn His Word, acts and deeds and then they go serve the Lord in their own little way. There is nothing as sweet as watching a child reach out to a friend who is hurt or sad. This love we teach, so many times by example, is one way to learn and share God's love.

Our mission, however, doesn't stop here. Our purpose is to have the children bring Jesus home to their Moms & Dads, sharing His Word, and teaching them a few things! I love it when parents comment that their child won't start their meals until the family prays, and they lead the prayer!

On Sun., Sept. 18th, be sure to walk through your school as we host an Open House for the congregation. Visit the classrooms; see the mission with your own eyes. We are so blessed to have your support and to share with you this special mission of Christ the King.

In His Service,
Ms. Barbi

Cooper, our soon to be kindergartener, was feeling very knowledgeable when he informed his parents that "chocolate milk comes from brown cows." Who would have thunk it!?

SAVE THE DATE!
Men's Ministry Breakfast
Saturday, September 24th
8:00am-10:00am
(Coffee is on at 7:30pm)

Know Your Elders

Greetings, Tom D. here. My care group as an elder is those with last names from L through Mc in the alphabet. Often I'm known as Diane's husband; since I travel so much for work, I miss a lot of what goes on during the week around here. Lately I've become more recognizable as a reader and liturgist for services as we added that to the elder's role.

I grew up Catholic, and church attendance was just a natural part of our lives. I had a pretty diverse background, as we moved a lot when I was a kid, from New Orleans, to Houston, Miami, Caracas Venezuela, Lima Peru, then back to the US in Connecticut. I drifted away from the church during college and my 20's, but found my way back after Diane and I met. Diane grew up in a Baptist family, and also had dropped out of church, but got involved in a Lutheran church when she was a single mother through their child care and softball league. We were married in a Lutheran church and it's been a great fit for us ever since. I describe myself as a recovering engineer. I graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA as a chemical engineer and briefly worked as a process engineer at the Chevron refinery in Richmond, CA. Currently I work for EnergySavvy in Seattle, a startup firm that provides online software applications for energy conservation. For many years I've gotten spoiled working from home when I'm not traveling; the commute is great, the hours are flexible, and the dress code is pretty casual.

We discovered Coeur d'Alene about ten years ago, on a visit to Spokane, and knew this was a place we wanted to live. Initially we thought of this as a retirement destination, but working from home allowed us to make the move from western Washington in 2007, first to an apartment, then into our home near Canfield mountain in 2008.

Our oldest daughter Sarah lives and works in Spokane. Megan will be a senior at Gonzaga this fall, majoring in English and her goal is to be a writer.

Much of my free time is consumed with training and racing for triathlons and other events. Over the years I've become a bit of an endurance junkie, participating in events like Ironman, ultramarathon trail runs, and a 200 mile bike ride. I also enjoy golf, rock and mountain climbing, and spent seven years as a search and rescue volunteer in Washington, one of the most gratifying things I've ever done.

While I think that faith is critical to one's spiritual journey, I'm still naturally skeptical and appreciate the historical evidence that supports the gospel. I think that historical context can be a huge help to non-believers, especially if they did not grow up in a church family. My favorite references for helping to share your faith with non-believers are Lee Stroebel's books: The Case for Faith and The Case for Christ. They provide confidence for the evangelist, and logic and evidence for those not familiar with our faith. I would also include Michael Behe's book, Darwin's Black Box if you want some very detailed background on the shortcomings and gaps in the theory of evolution. Behe is a biochemist and adamant supporter of creation over evolution. I'd love to hear from you with any questions or suggestions on how we can improve in our role as elders. Even while traveling I'm pretty accessible via phone or email, and I'm also online via Facebook and LinkedIn if you're so inclined.



CTK Rally Day!

September 11th @9:45

Come find out about what's going on in Graceland this fall and get your 3 year old –5th grade children registered! Join us in the gym where there will be a bounce house, popcorn, balloons and information about curriculum and who our

leaders are. If you are new to Graceland or have been here for years, we need new registration forms from everyone! Talk to your neighbors, co-workers, relatives and friends and let them know that they need to check out Graceland at CTK this fall and to start by joining us here for this super fun & informative morning.

Graceland & Superstart begin September 18th

As Summer Graceland comes to an end (we will not meet on 9/4) we look forward to a new year of Graceland to begin on Sept. 18th @ 9:45am.

We will meet in the gym for our large group time and then will move into our small groups. Groups

this year will be divided into Pre-K & Kindergarten and 1st-3rd Grade. For their first unit the Pre K/K kids will talk about Creation. These lessons will teach your children that God created all things and that we're special because God created us in His own image and entrusted us with his world. Your children will know they belong to God, and even if they make mistakes, they are still protected and cared for by a loving God.

The 1st-3rd graders will also begin a unit on creation. Their lessons will teach them about God's handiwork.

They'll find out that they're a special part of God's creation and that God loves them no matter what.

They'll learn that they have the power to do right even when it's hard and they'll come to know that God always keeps His promises to them.



This year 4th graders will join with the 5th graders in the conference room for our 2nd year of Superstart!

We'll step into Patrick's Go-Kart Garage and watch the behind the scenes happenings as Eric and Samantha prepare for the big go-kart race!

Our big question in unit 1 is "What does the cross mean to me?" The cross and what Jesus did there is the basis and foundation of our faith. We'll discover the significance of what Jesus did on the cross and learn that the cross changes lives. This unit looks at Jesus' death and resurrection from Corinthians 15, a passage that your students may not have studied before.

Youth Ministries

Spuds– Wednesday Nights, 6-7:30pm

God reveals Himself and His will for creation through His Word (that's Witness). There's no better place to begin than "In the beginning." On Wed., Aug. 31st, we're starting with Genesis 1:1 as we walk through the Bible (in its entirety...maybe) in however long it takes. We'll post summaries of our discussion at CTK Spuds (on Facebook) to help create further discussion during the week.

Engage– Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45am

Middle School & High School youth join Melissa on Sun., Sept. 11th in the youth room at 9:45 for breakfast and a time to talk about "Engage" and what's in store for the coming year. "Engage" will start up in full swing on Sept. 18th.

Confirmation to Start–Oct. 12th, 2011

Parents of 6th-8th grade youth, confirmation class will begin this year on Wed., Oct. 12th and will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:30pm. Plan on joining your youth for the first two weeks. More info about confirmation and what Pastor Bob has planned will be in October's newsletter.

TEXT MESSAGES FOR CHRISTIANS

Here's a few text message abbreviations you can use to encourage the Family of God.

GIIC – God is in control; GLU – God loves you;

PT! – Perhaps today!; JLU – Jesus loves you

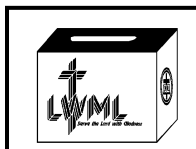
The King's Ringers are underway but still looking for a strong, masculine influence.....we REALLY need a wonderful man to ring our lowest bass bells! If you studied music in the past I can help you refresh that talent and teach you the techniques to play with us. Please don't hesitate to call the church or me directly (or email) and I will help you get going. We are a lively, fun crew and need you to provide us our solid bass (base)!

The King's Campana will begin on Wed., Sept. 14th at 4:30pm. This ensemble is for returning youth ringers who have completed at least one year in bells instruction, or by audition/private instruction so that the newcomer is able to play at the same level as the returning ringers.

A new class for beginners will start in Oct., open to 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders with no experience. I will have more information about this class when Sunday School resumes. Please let me know if you have a child who is interested in joining this group.

For more information contact Jane O., (w)664-9231 (h)765-8537 or email: orto.jane10@gmail.com

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



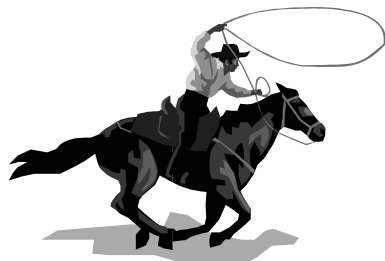
Women in Mission

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

WOMEN IN MISSION!

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEW LWML YEAR?

Summer is ending and school is starting up again. It's time for our Women in Mission to get revved up for the 2011-12 year. Our Circles meet again this month. Our President, Joan O., along with Pastor Bob and our board members are busy making plans for the Quarterly Gathering, Zone Rally and LWML Sunday. . .see below!



Don't know what a Circle is? A small group of women who meet monthly in each other's homes for Bible Study, fellowship and, of course, refreshments and support one another. They choose a mission project and assist with Sunday Coffee, Funeral meals, and LWML events.

We currently have four Circles that meet at different times and **YOU** can always start another Circle with your own format if our current ones don't meet your schedule or needs. Our LWML Board will be glad to help you do it. Call Joan, 667-7952 or Yvonne, 676-9132.

Here is a listing of our Circles. A notice will always appear in the Bulletin the Sunday prior to a meeting. You may visit one or all. Just call the Chairperson of the Circle or hostess for directions. **TRY US, YOU'LL LOVE US!**

FAITH CIRCLE: Ch. Charlene S., 664-9604, meets 1st Tues. at 9:30 am. Meeting at Elaine S.'s home on Tues., Sept. 6.

HOPE EVENING CIRCLE: Ch. Janet L., 818-9614, meets 1st Tues. at 7 pm. Meeting at Janet's home on Tues., Sept. 6.

LOVE CIRCLE: Ch. Sandy W., 691-5130, meets 2nd Monday at 9:30 am. Meeting at Penny U.'s home on Mon., Sept. 12.

PATIENCE CIRCLE: Ch. Treva A., 667-0863 and Jodi M., 699-4747, meets 1st Thursday at 9:30 am in homes. Meeting at Marcia S.'s home on Thurs., Sept. 1.

Note: Bring \$5 for Quarterlies to your first meeting. Don't forget your Bibles.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & NOTES

SEPTEMBER COFFEE SERVERS: Hope Circle

SEPTEMBER FUNERAL CHAIR: Faith Circle

SEPTEMBER LWML: Hope Circle – Set-up and Patience Circle – Clean-up

SEPTEMBER KITCHEN CLEANING: Volunteers?

OFFICERS NEEDED: LWML Vice President and Assistant Christian Growth Ch. If interested, please contact Joan O., 667-7952

FALL QUARTERLY GATHERING

"BEING WITH JESUS – LIVING ON THE EDGE- Reaching out with Mercy, Witness, Life Together"

A POTLUCK LUNCHEON WITH OUR PASTORS, FELLOWSHIP HALL, THURS., SEPT. 8, 11:30am

An opportunity for all our women at Christ the King to meet for fellowship, spiritual encouragement and mission participation. Invite a friend! **YOU WORK?** Come without a dish on your lunch hour.

EAST INLAND EMPIRE ZONE LWML FALL RALLY

Sat., Oct. 15, 9:30am – 3:00pm

Registration \$5, includes lunch
at CHRIST THE KING, Coeur d'Alene, ID

An opportunity for fellowship and sharing of ideas with sisters from all the churches in our Zone and hear of the zone and District mission activities.

WA-AK DISTRICT LWML RETREAT

"FOLLOW JESUS – WALK THE PATH"

Sept.30-Oct. 2, at Ross Point Camp, Post Falls. Registration is \$140 or \$65 to attend Sat. only – includes lunch & dinner. Registration date is past but there may still be room. Contact Joan at 667-7952.

FROM THE CTK QUILTERS

Only 4 more sewing sessions before we ship our quilts to Lutheran World Relief! We just welcomed 4 new quilting ladies, increasing our ability to make more quilts. We have room for more quilters and we have fun. We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

The price of batting has gone up a dollar a yard increasing the cost of each quilt to about \$5.00 - even though we purchase batting with a 50% coupon. We invite everyone to stop by and see what we're doing.

CHRIST THE KING 2010/2011 BUDGET

As of July 31, 2011
8.33% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2011	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
CHURCH REVENUE			
Tithes & Offerings	481,590	34,070	7.1%
Seasonal Worship Services	27,000		0.0%
Rental Income	21,100	1,349	6.4%
Other Income	<u>14,950</u>	<u>1,200</u>	8.1%
Total CTK Church Income	544,490	36,619	6.7%
CHURCH EXPENSE			
Administration Expense	382,345	29,721	7.8%
Elder Expense	13,100	698	5.3%
Outreach	1,000	0	0.0%
Parish Education	3,325	0	0.0%
Youth	2,050	0	0.0%
Stewardship	51,220	4,220	8.2%
Property Management	71,700	5,984	8.3%
Fellowship	1,300	344	26.5%
Fisher Property	5,400	135	2.5%
Communications	4,050	532	13.1%
Human Care	<u>9,000</u>	<u>746</u>	8.3%
Total CTK Church Expenditures	544,490	42,380	7.8%
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Total CTK Church Expenditures	<u>544,490</u>	<u>42,380</u>	7.8%
CHURCH NET REVENUE	0	-4,761	

CTK CHILDCARE & SCHOOL 2010/2011 BUDGET

As of July 31, 2011
8.33% of Fiscal Year

	Annual Budget 2010/2010	Year to Date 2010/2011	Actual % of Annual Budget to Date
CTK Childcare & School Income	494,350	7,456	1.5%
CTK Childcare & School Expenditures	<u>494,350</u>	<u>2,616</u>	0.5%
NET REVENUE	0	4,840	100.00

JOY (Just Older Youth) BIBLE STUDY

will resume on Wednesday, September 7th at 1 PM in Founders Hall. We will continue the study of Isaiah, beginning with Isaiah 40. Isaiah 40-66 is often called the "New Testament section" of the book. It has twenty-seven chapters in it, similar to the twenty-seven books of the NT. At the very heart of this section is chapter 53, the greatest OT prediction of Christ's death on the cross. While Isa. 1-39 emphasizes God's judgment on His people, Isa. 40-66 sounds a note of comfort and redemption. Come, and please extend an invitation to anyone you know who might be interested in the study of Isaiah.

In the first month of our new fiscal year, donations are up slightly over last year, but expenses, are up over last year also. This was primarily caused by a one-time change in the way we pay our utility bills. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Ralph N., Treasurer

Offerings to God:

	Budget	Special	Total
7/3/11	11,260.72	495.01	11,755.73
7/10/11	10,721.57	1,641.00	12,362.57
7/17/11	8,378.22	1,273.00	9,651.22
7/24/11	7,585.00	4,826.50	12,411.50
7/31/11	7,621.47	707.00	8,328.47

The Love Pantry is in need of several more volunteers to help distribute food on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please call the office at 664-9231 if you are interested helping serve those less fortunate in our community.

ATTENTION!!! The Military Ministry at CTK needs your help! If you have contact information (mailing/email address, photo) for a service member listed (or not!) in the Sunday bulletin, please call or email Ruth A. (699-6615 - ruth50ares-vik@yahoo.com). This ministry has exciting plans so stay tuned for future news.....at ease....

CTK's Military Ministry is planning a Community Veteran's Day service on Friday, 11/11/11 at 11:00 a.m. with a potluck following the service. Additional information for this patriotic event will be forthcoming.

