



KING'S HERALD

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church
Connecting the World with God's Grace
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Generous Servants

Becoming the people that God calls us to be is an act of trust in God's grace; it is an act of obedience to God's call; it is an act of faith that God will lead us and supply us. Becoming what God calls us to be always frees us from things that often we do not even realize bind us. The hardest part of becoming what God calls us to be, however, is that it calls us to give up control and give up answering any other call (any other master). In Matthew, Jesus tells us we cannot serve two masters. He also tells us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." That means, wherever you put your treasure, your heart will follow.

The biggest challenge to our answering the call of Christ is to become **Generous Servants**. The most difficult part of that identity may be being **generous** because it involves really finding out what we treasure the most. For many of us, living in a land of plenty, our treasure is what we hold onto the tightest – usually our "stuff" – and, often times, our possessions end up possessing us! That makes generosity hard. It also means that becoming what God calls us to be is hard as well.

If we can hear God's call, however, practicing generosity as part of our journey of faith becomes about a great deal more than supporting the church or the needs of others. The first thing that happens as our hearts practice generosity is that God breaks us free from being possessed by our possessions. The act of giving to God first places the rest of life in perspective; it reminds us who we are and whose we are. Generous hearts are free hearts.

The second thing that happens when we practice generosity is that we find a divine purpose in our work and possessions. Instead of living for ourselves, we find a joy of living for others in ever increasing areas of our lives. Generous hearts are joyous hearts!

The third thing that happens when we practice generosity is that our blessings become blessings for others. Joan Chittister in her book *In the Heart of the Temple* notes that...

"...the United States and Europe alone spend 18 billion dollars a year on cosmetics, 17 billion dollars on pet food, 15 billion dollars on perfumes, 14 billion dollars on ocean cruisers, and 11 billion dollars on ice cream just in Europe. That's a total of 75 billion dollars. But to eliminate hunger and malnutrition around the world would cost 19 billion dollars."

We can all stare at the images of suffering in the world and feel helpless, or we can answer God's call to become like Christ and make a difference through what we have been given. Generous hearts are compassionate hearts.

Mark Allan Powell, in his book *Giving to God*, says...

"How we spend our money determines what kind of people we become."

Left to our own devices, we will end up in bondage, afraid of losing what we have, self-absorbed, and without hope.

By the grace of God, who promises us an abundant life in Christ, we are called to become **Generous Servants**.

We are called to be people who live each day being good stewards of God's gracious gifts; people who are free; people who are blessings to the world; people who are part of the solution, not the problem.

Shalom to each generous servant

Pastor John



The classrooms and hallways at King's Kids Preschool are quiet, but much work is being done behind the scenes to bring the children a wonderful school year filled with love, learning, and lots of fun! The first day of school is scheduled for Monday, September 12th, with an Open House for students and their parents on Friday September 9th.

We are currently seeking teachers and substitute teachers for our program. If you, or someone you know, would like to apply for a position at King's Kids Preschool, please contact the Director, Tracey Shenk at (703) 759-6935 or by email: kingskidspreschool@verizon.net.

Check out our new website: kingskidspreschoolgreatfalls.org for more information about our preschool!

**Pastor Paul Gysan
now Pastor Emeritus
of Christ the King Lutheran Church**

On July 3, 2011, Pastor Paul Gysan was honored by being presented with a certificate which conferred upon him the status of "Pastor Emeritus." The church council made this decision this past March but did not want to put the word out to the congregation so that it would be a surprise to Paul and LaVonne – and it was!

Bestowing this honor upon a retired pastor is not an "automatic" thing, but rather one that was carefully considered by the leadership of Christ the King because of Pastor Gysan's outstanding, sacrificial, loving and faithful service as pastor in this congregation for sixteen years.

While this is an honorary title and does not carry with it any duties or responsibilities, it is clearly indicative of the love and gratitude that this congregation holds for this beloved Pastor.

Paul and LaVonne will always have a special place in our hearts and will always be welcome in this place that they call "home."

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY COMING...

On September 11, 2011, we will begin a new journey together with a new adult Bible study that will meet in Gysan Hall. Pr. John will host a six week DVD-led series entitled "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" by Dr. Mark Allen Powell, Professor of New Testament at Trinity Seminary in Columbus, OH. Please make time to join us during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 for this exciting and in-depth look at how we Lutheran Christians read, study, interpret and live out God's Word for us.

KING'S CHOIR REHEARSAL - ONE WEEK EARLY!

It has been our tradition to start our choir rehearsals the week of Labor Day. However, we have committed to singing with the ecumenical mass choir for the anniversary of 9/11 on that Sunday evening, which is also our Rally Sunday. I would like to have at least one rehearsal before we join the group. In addition, we will be learning a new Haugen setting called "Tree of Life." So, all you returning choir members, please put **Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m.** on your calendar for King's Choir Rehearsal.

We welcome new members to the King's Choir, which is the vocal group for 7th graders through senior adults at Christ the King. Confirmation students can count singing in the choir toward their worship requirement. The choir sings most Sundays at the 11 a.m. worship, but sings once every other month at the 8:30 worship. Regular rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We sing a variety of music and though no audition is required to join, we strive to bring out the best quality of sound. Come! Lift your voice in song with us! Director: Jane Cooper, 703-759-3919, or email: janesjoy@verizon.net (use subject: "King's Choir").

Backpack Drive

School children in our area need your help! Many cannot afford backpacks to take to school. CTK in conjunction with Reston Interfaith is sponsoring a BACKPACK DRIVE to help out these families. While you are out shopping, please consider picking up a backpack for a boy or girl (new, without any corporate logos please) and depositing it in our box in the narthex. This collection will continue through August 14 and will be delivered to RI the next day. Please note that Virginia's Tax Free Shopping Days for school supplies are August 5-7, so that would be an ideal time to pick up a backpack or two! Thanks for your support of this project and the Service Team.



Rainbow Via de Cristo News

Come and learn more about how to improve your relationship with Christ through these “amazing grace” spiritual renewal weekends.

Via de Cristo (The Way of Christ) is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on Via de Cristo itself, but on the local church. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities.

Pray about the possibility of attending a Via de Cristo weekend – a powerful time where God’s love and grace are very present! There is more information, including application forms, on the bulletin board outside Pastor John’s office. Please speak to Pastor John if you have questions or if you are interested in attending.

The Fall weekends are scheduled for...

Men’s Weekend, October 13-16

Women’s Weekend, October 20-23

You can also check out the website at...
www.rainbow-vdc.com

“Dressed to Impress”

or “Christ the King is Getting a Makeover”

No reasonable person would try to make a good impression on someone wearing worn out shoes, a stained tie or a wrinkled jacket. Remember that first date? Or, meeting a future parent for the first time? Or, going for an important job interview? You choose the set of clothes that you hoped would make a good impression.

People who visit Christ the King at worship and other times are very important and we want to make our first impressions pleasant and memorable. How do we do that? The first impression we make is how we look outside and inside.

Well, we are going through a makeover at Christ the King. Take notice of the new look for our ladies bathroom. The narthex has been refreshed with new paint and arranging. More is in the works. We are planning to install new carpet for the hall and rooms in the main wing including Gysan Hall. To do this we need the support from members of the congregation. This is not a budgeted item so a dedicated fund is set to receive donations. Our goal is \$10,000 to pay for carpet including necessary preparation and labor. We would like to have the work completed for Rally Day, September 11. Contributions should be marked “Carpet Fund.”

Thank you for helping us to make a good impression with visitors and potential new members.

Prayer Concerns

Flynn, Ruth Ritchie, George Crichton, Norma Johnson, Hansen Watkins, John Badila, Robert Babirak, America Palazzo, Maggie Nation, John Salines, Emily Witkowski, Sharon Zarr, Katy & John Sandberg, Richard Bohl, Herb & Gail Magley, Shannon Murphy, Kayla Michelle Pounds, Christil Stewart, Peg Burget.

Grieving - Bob Welsh and family & friends, at the death of his wife, Prue.

Military Personnel - Will Boyd, Lt. Col. Lee Hilgartner, USArmy, Cpt. John Teitman, Chaplain, USArmy, Maj Hans Weber.

Talk to your parents before it's too late

Caught in the middle, many baby boomers are raising their children and managing their careers, all while caring for their aging parents. And while it may be one more thing to add to your busy schedule, talking to your parents about their future care and end-of-life issues is important.

Start small—maybe begin the process by finding out the location of the important documents you'll eventually need.

One tool that can help is a financial inventory. The inventory, which you should update annually, includes:

- **Legal documents:** property deeds, wills, trusts, living wills, health care and financial directives, and birth, marriage and military discharge certificates.
- **Contact information:** attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians and anyone who provides financial, legal and medical advice and care.
- **Current account information:** type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including: checking, savings, retirement, investment, loans and insurance policies.
- **Valuables and collectibles:** location and description of any valuables such as jewelry, silver or gold and collectibles such as stamps and coins.
- **Instructions:** funeral, burial and obituary information and instructions.

The process of finding out your parents' future needs and intentions won't happen in a day. By breaking the information gathering into small, manageable conversations, you can help ensure your parents' wishes will be carried out.

For financial guidance, contact James (Jim) Pace, Financial Associate, FIC, MBA at 703-444-9576 or James.Pace@Thrivent.com today, or visit Thrivent.com.

Wednesday, August 10 at 1:30 pm. Please join us for a Retirement and Estate Strategies Workshop hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and your local representative, Jim Pace. Guest speaker Jonathan Doering, Thrivent Financial Consultant from San Diego, with 20 years experience, will share strategies on:

How to accumulate and distribute money for retirement.

How to pass money onto heirs or charities in a tax wise manner.

How to reduce IRS impact on your money.

Successful investing in today's market conditions.

To reserve a seat for you and a guest call Monque Jouglet at 877-593-1195 or email Moniqu.Jouglet@thrivent.com.

August Anniversaries

Congratulations to members celebrating an anniversary!

Gary & Jill Peterson 8/10
Randy & Kathy Pherson 8/18
Jim & Annette Fisher 8/24
Joe & Lynne Steel 8/28
Peter & Carolyn Saba 8/30

August Birthdays

Congratulations to members celebrating a birthday!

Adam Calkins 8/3
Judy Lombardo 8/3
Nancy Guidi 8/4
Sophia Dumas 8/5
Nicholas Spoto 8/5
Kim Buckingham 8/6
Allison Brady 8/8
Mary Pelson 8/8
Floyd Gaibler 8/9
David Kuhnsman 8/9
Bob Mickert 8/9
Kevin Magley 8/10
Grant Maxwell 8/12
Thomas Miner 8/13
Ernie Fergusson Jr. 8/14
John West 8/14
Emily Buckingham 8/17
Sarah Buckingham 8/17
Lynne Roots 8/17
Sonia Toloczko 8/17
Addison Ridenour 8/18
Christine Borden 8/21
Evan Guidi 8/23
Bill Hiatt 8/29
Mike Swineford 8/29
Kari Lervic 8/30
McKean McConnell 8/30
Cynthia Wallace 8/30
Sophia Apostolou 8/31
Michael Brock 8/31
Michael Hugger 8/31
Carol Jones 8/31

August Service Volunteers

Please note that there are changes from the projected list published last month

Thank you for so generously giving of your time & talent!

*If you are unable to serve your assignment, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.
If you cannot find a replacement, call Marian Zimmerman at 703 356-0590 for assistance.
For Bulletin accuracy, please notify the office of your changes by the preceding Thursday*

	<i>Date</i>	<i>8:30 am Service</i>	<i>11:00 am Service</i>
Acolyte	8/7	Alexis Apostolou	Tommy West
	8/14	Laura Zimmerman	Lucy Kreutzer
	8/21	Cameron Davis	Thora Toloczko
	8/28	Christopher Miner	Taylor Shenk
Assisting Minister	8/7	Amy Swineford	Joni Holeman
	8/14	Kathy Zimmerman	Floyd Gaibler
	8/21	Mark Baker	Greg Maxwell
	8/28	Art Evans	Jeanne McKinley
Cantor	8/7	Pastor John	Cecelia McKinley
	8/14	Joni Holeman	
	8/21	Tom Cooper	Amy Keyser
	8/28	Bob Hummel	Antonia Siebert
Crucifer	8/7	Calvin Kolbe	Katherine Hanna
	8/14	Matt Zimmerman	Abigail Kreutzer
	8/21	Brittany Hendrix	Matthew McConnell
	8/28		Owen Shenk
Lector	8/7	Paul Setzer	Tom Cooper
	8/14	Art Evans	Lynne Roots
	8/21	Sharon Davis	Gloria Rossbach
	8/28	Ernie Fergusson	Victoria Wagner
Ushers	8/7	Kathy and Tim Zimmerman	Brett McMillen, Bob Mickert Ruth Ritchie, Dave Rudorfer
	8/14	Dan Medlin, Milt Critchfield	Carolyn and Peter Saba Lynne Simmons, Eileen Smith
	8/21	Paula and Ernie Fergusson	Lynn and Joe Steel Alan Starr, Bob Warren
	8/28	Rene Fredette, Jim Hawkins	Dolly Whelan, Steve Wilson Harry Brill, Bill Canis
Greeters	8/7	Karen and Andy Sweet	Janet and Bill Hiatt
	8/14	Kathi and Art Evans	Donna and Mitch Kiffe
	8/21	Lois and Nate Holeman	Linda and Brett McMillen
	8/28	Ellen Lokker and Mark Baker	Carolyn and Peter Saba
Council	8/7	Mark Baker	Donna Kiffe
Host	8/14	Mitch Neaves	Juli Benson
	8/21	Bill Hiatt	Liz Spoto
	8/28	Victoria Wagner	Tom Cooper

Projected September Service Volunteers

Thank you for so generously giving of your time & talent!

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If you cannot find a replacement, call Charles Schwab at 703 689-3769 for assistance.

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Acolyte	9/4	Caroline Maruca	Natalie Wilson
	9/11	Tommy West	Cecelia McKinley
	9/18	Scott Pennebaker	Christian Gaibler
	9/25	Lillian Baker	Elizabeth Ellinger
Assisting Minister	9/4	Bernadette Medlin	Brett McMillen
	9/11	Lynne Roots	Jeanne McKinley
	9/18	Kathy Zimmerman	Floyd Gaibler
	9/25	Mark Baker	David Whelan
Cantor	9/4	Marian Zimmerman	Karen Magley
	9/11	Lillian Baker	Patti Flowers-Jacobina
	9/18	Mary Pelson	Emma Miller-Cvilikas
	9/25	Tom Cooper	Ariana Kuhnsman
Crucifer	9/4	Emily Sweet	Alexis Apostolou
	9/11	Cameron Davis	Katherine Hanna
	9/18	Elena Fergusson	Caroline Wainner
	9/25	Jason Guidi	Brittany Hendrix
Lector	9/4	Jim Hawkins	Steve Wilson
	9/11	Sharon Davis	Bill Canis
	9/18	Ernie Fergusson	Kristine Chadwick
	9/25	Art Evans	Carol Ehlenberger
Ushers	9/4	Dan Medlin Alan Ruppap	Linda and Rudy Chatlos Lynne Simmons, Bob Hummel
	9/11	Donna and Paul Setzer	Angie and Kary Froscheiser Janet and Bill Hiatt
	9/18	Milt Critchfield Art Evans	Mitchel Kiffe, Judy Lombardo Phil Magley, Shane McKinley
	9/25	Mitch Neaves Lynne Roots	Brett McMillen, Bob Mickert Ruth Ritchie, Dave Rudorfer
Hosts (Greeter)	9/4	Karen and Andy Sweet	Lisa and Joe Anderson
	9/11	Lois and Nate Holeman	Juli and Steve Benson
	9/18	Paula and Ernie Fergusson	Linda and Rudy Chatlos
	9/25	Kathi and Art Evans	Suzanne and Doug Gaibler
Council	9/4	Kary Froscheiser	David Whelan
Hosts	9/11	Charles Schwab	Ernie Fergusson
	9/18	Mark Baker	Susan Boruff
	9/25	Mitch Neaves	Peter Saba

August Calendar of Events

If you have a meeting, or other event that is not listed, or to schedule a meeting or use of rooms in the building,
Please contact the church office to have the information added to the master calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	2 7:00am Men's Breakfast Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	3 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	4 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	5 PASTORS' DAY OFF Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	6
7 Pentecost 8	8 VBS 9:00 - Noon	9 7:00am Men's Breakfast VBS 9:00 - Noon	10 VBS 9:00 - Noon	11 VBS 9:00 - Noon	12 PASTORS' DAY OFF VBS 9:00 - Noon	13
14 Pentecost 9	15 7:30 PM Council Meeting	16 7:00am Men's Breakfast	17	18	19 PASTORS' DAY OFF	20
21 Pentecost 10	22 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	23 7:00am Men's Breakfast September Newsletter Deadline Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	24 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	25 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	26 PASTORS' DAY OFF Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	27
28 Pentecost 11	29 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	30 7:00am Men's Breakfast Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	31 Math Camp 8:00AM - 5:30PM	Saturday Schedules: 7:00 pm AA Group Sunday Schedules: 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services 7:00 pm AA Group		



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