



KING'S HERALD

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Connecting the World with God's Grace
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FALL WORSHIP SERIES:

REAL FAITH FOR REAL LIFE

September 11 – November 20

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This worship series will focus on the six Marks of Discipleship from Pastor Mike Foss' book – *Power Surge*, which is really an acronym for the Marks of Discipleship...



We are committed to daily prayer, weekly worship, reading and studying the Bible, serving at and beyond Christ the King Lutheran Church, striving to nurture our relationships with God and one another, and giving from the heart of our time, talents and treasures.

September 11 Again...

On our trip to New York City last week, Dorann and I walked around “Ground Zero.” It was an eerie sight and there was lots of work going on as they rebuild from the rubble of that awful event that we call “nine eleven.”

As we remember the events of 9/11 now a decade ago, there is one question that seems to be on everyone’s mind...**are we safer today than we were ten years ago?**

I’m troubled by the question, perhaps because I suspect that down deep the human desire for absolute security from all threats (terrorism to cancer) is just a thinly veiled version of the very human denial of death. We pretend to build unsinkable ships that sink. We make bulletproof vests that are, at best, bullet resistant. All around us death comes, and yet we most often live as if it only happens to other people. If the question, “are we safer?” asks whether we are safe from dying, the answer, is, of course, “NO!”

Maybe I’m troubled by the question because part of me knows the question is really “Are we less afraid?” The answer to this, too, seems to be “no.” Since the fall of the Twin Towers, the destruction of the wing of the Pentagon, and the crashing of the plane in Pennsylvania, I’ve noticed that media outlets have learned that fear sells soap (and cars and pretty much anything!). One of the cable channels focused a whole day on showing all the ways that we are vulnerable. The conclusion: every shopping mall, every small town granary, every tall building and courthouse, to name just a few, are potential targets and vulnerable to attack. Interspersed throughout were the commercials that paid for the show. Such is life in our society and economy!

Perhaps I’m troubled by the question because of the growing sense that we are making the threat worse by trying to destroy the threat. The people of Jerusalem wanted a messiah – one that would, like King David, destroy their enemies and be a threat to their existence.

Jesus came as a suffering messiah who proclaimed a way of peace and loving the enemy in our midst. That IS why they killed him – in the pursuit of safety!

Maybe I’m troubled by the question of safety because I’m more fearful of the things we’re doing to ourselves in the name of security than I am of the terrorists. Basic human freedoms that have been at the core of our identity as a people are now up for debate. We seem willing to trade freedom for security. As the bill for the war on terror is now way beyond the trillions of dollars, and our national debt has gone through the roof, I wonder how the next generation will pay the bill for our fears.

Maybe I’m troubled by the question the most because our fear is eroding our faith. Certainly, we should do what is reasonable to avoid terrorist attacks, as we should do what is reasonable to guard the safety of citizens in a multitude of ways. In the end, however, it’s not an impenetrable defense against attack that will deal with my fear. I do not fear terrorists for the same reason I do not fear a heart attack, a plane crash, a hurricane, or being hit by a bus. I do not fear because in Jesus Christ the power of death has been defeated, the struggles of life have been redeemed.

I still believe that in Jesus Christ, who calls us to a path of peace, reconciliation and love, we can overcome even fanatics who wish to kill us, because in Christ we have life eternal and nothing is better than that!

Are we safer than we were ten years ago? I don’t know! But I do know that no one is more secure than the one held in God’s hand, because safety is not found in the absence of danger but in the presence of God with us.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! (Philippians 4:7)

Shalom! Pastor John

Will all disciples, please step forward

I have heard Pastor John say more than once “When am I no longer the new pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church?” If you have been around at all this summer, I’m sure you have noticed many new and exciting things taking place at CTK. Much of this is attributable to Pastor John and his very energetic wife, Dorann. From new paint throughout the narthex and Sunday school rooms, to a renovated woman’s restroom and new carpet leading to and in Gysan Hall, I think it is fair to say that they have begun to leave their mark. In my opinion, the Bradford’s are no longer the new guys in town and I hope everyone, and I do mean everyone, returns back after summer vacations, etc. to feel the excitement at CTK.

But Pastor John brings more than just form over substance. As you talk to him for any length of time, you will realize that one of his most important beliefs is spreading the word of Jesus Christ to each of us and beyond. Pastor John is committed to converting each of us as members of CTK to disciples of CTK. He firmly believes that being a member of CTK and coming to church most of the time is not enough. He believes that for CTK to survive and for the Christian church as a whole to survive, we must all be true disciples of Jesus Christ. That means we all must embrace and assist in spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ.

I can already hear someone asking “How can I become a better disciple for Jesus Christ?” Funny you should ask. Over the next 12 weeks, Pastor John will be offering a series of sermons on discipleship while at the same time, adult Sunday school will focus on how we disciples read, study, interpret and live out the Holy Scriptures.

The CTK council will be gathering for an off-site retreat in September with a portion being dedicated to building stronger disciples through the leadership of the church. Here are a few examples on how all of us can become a better disciple. But before you can spread the good news, you must believe in it. So, I will ask the final question, “Will all disciples of Jesus Christ, please step forward.”

David Whelan
Council President

A CONVERSATION ABOUT CHOIR

So, every year you think: “I really would like to sing in the choir.”

What’s holding you back?

I don’t read music.

We will teach you, and will help improve your ear and voice as well.

I don’t have the time.

Really? It takes an hour for rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and about an hour for the worship service... 2 hours a week.

I can’t make the commitment because I’m busy driving my kids to all their activities, and we go away a couple of weekends during the year.

God’s grace is sufficient, and flows even through choir directors.

What are you doing to use the gift of a good voice that God gave you?

Nothing, really. You know, my voice isn’t as good as it used to be.

The larynx and diaphragm are muscles; use them or lose them.

Hey, I played an instrument in high school,... but not anymore.

Our handbell choir needs people who read music and they will train you to ring.

I would come to choir if I could get my friend to come with me.

All are welcome! If your friend can’t come, you come and make a bunch of new friends. Life-long Christian relationships are formed in small groups like choirs!

(To continue this conversation, call Jane Cooper, 703-759-3919.)

King’s Kids Choir

We will have our first rehearsal for King’s Kids Choir on **September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Luther’s Lounge.**

Please notice the change of location. All kids in 2nd –6th grades who love to sing are welcome.

King’s Choir

We will have our first rehearsal for King’s Choir on **September 1 at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft.

All youth in 7th grade and up through adults are welcome. We will be singing in a multi-group choir for the 9/11 Memorial Service in Great Falls and we will be doing another new Christmas Cantata this year, among other things. Come join the fun!

Musical Musings

"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace As I have seen in one autumnal face." So said English poet John Donne at the turn of the 16th century. Fall is my favorite time of year and I welcome the new beginnings that accompany its arrival. True, summer has only begun to wane but soon enough the crisp air, shorter days, and changing foliage will be with us. In particular, I look forward to the resumption of the fall schedule at Christ the King and all the excitement it brings. Soon, our musical ensembles will resume rehearsals and assist in the musical leadership during worship. Do consider sharing your time and talents by making one or more of our choirs a part of your schedule.

- The King's Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Loft. Our first rehearsal takes place on September 1.
- The King's Ringers rehearse on Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Music Room. Our first rehearsal takes place on September 18.

Speaking of handbells, hats off to Jane Cooper and Sheryl McEwan for presenting their handbell duet last month as part of S.M.I.L.E., our summer music series.

Also, mark your calendars for the November 13 organ recital.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Andrew

King's Chimers

King's Chimers' (the CTK Tone Chime group for 2nd – 6th graders) ended its last playing season with a party at the Magley's on June 24th. Perfect attendance awards were given to Kayla Zanfardino & Michael Tozer. Excellent attendance awards were given to Emma & Samantha Ritchie & Ian & Paige Anderson, & Tad Wood. Good attendance awards were given to Lexa Hummel, Thora Toloczko, & Kiersten Lemke. These young people (and their parents) are to be highly commended for their dedication. Thanks also goes to Avery Neaves & Sonia Toloczko, who subbed for the group this year, & to Karen Anderson, Heidi Toloczko, David Tozer, & Karen Zanfardino, who also worked with the group. Their help was immeasurable. Last, but not least, we are proud to recognize the achievements of our two sixth grade Chimers, Thora Toloczko & Kayla Zanfardino, who both are now qualified to play with the King's Ringers this next year.

Cantor Camp

We will be having a Cantor Camp on September 18 after the second service (approx. 12:15 p.m.) for all current Cantors and anyone who would like to be considered a Cantor. This camp is mandatory and important to keep up the quality of our Cantor Program. We need to do some re-training, refreshing, and we have a new liturgical setting to learn. Call Jane Cooper at 703-759-3919 or email janesjoy@verizon.net if you have questions.

HEY ADULTS!

WILL YOU JOIN ME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL...

On September 18, 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. This study will answer your questions and question your answers!



The summer has flown by and King's Kids Preschool is getting ready for the start of school on September 12th! We still have openings in most of our classes. Please stop by for a tour or call us at 703 759-6935 to register for fall classes!

We are also looking for substitute teachers. This is a wonderful way to get involved with our program and share the love of Christ with our little ones. If you have a flexible schedule and a heart for young children, please contact the director, Tracey Shenk at 703 759-6935 to be placed on our Substitute Teacher List. Operating hours are 9 am to 2 pm and you would be contacted when teachers are ill or on vacation. (This is a paid position)

Please keep King's Kids Preschool in your prayers for a smooth start to our school year and for God's blessing on our efforts to provide a loving and nurturing Christian environment for our children to learn, grow and make new friends.

What a Trip to Hometown Nazareth!

A million thanks to Antonia Siebert, Marian Zimmerman, and a huge host of volunteers from Christ the King and St. Francis Church for making our VBS week at Hometown Nazareth a fabulous experience for the kids. The church was almost completely transformed...with rock walls lining the upstairs education wing, fully decked out marketplace shops (thanks Pastor "Rabbi" Bradford for your insight in the synagogue!), roaming actors who challenged the kids to think about Jesus as God (thanks, Art Evans – the famous tax collector!)...and even a two-person camel (they flipped a coin over who got to be the head!) On top of that were daily visits to a petting zoo on the church's front lawn (with real, live Nazarene animals), energizing, faith-forming music in Gysan Hall, thanks to Patti Jacobina Flowers and St. Francis' Reverend Penny, lots of fun and games thanks to our youth volunteers...and so much more. The church really did come alive – and, after an afternoon nap – so did all of our volunteers! Many thanks to all of you for a terrific week of sharing God's love with His children!

Liz Spoto, Learning Chair

Rally Day is September 11!!!!

....And now's the perfect time to register your child – or yourself – for an educational treat of a lifetime! If you haven't done so already, take a minute right now and visit gflutheran.org to sign up for one of these inspiring programs:

Ages 3 –PreK:

This year, you'll get to participate in the fun activities that the older kids are doing – but from the coziness of your own special classroom, downstairs in the Kings Kids Preschool wing. Our loving Maria Wray and Don and Martina Goss are ready to guide you gently into God's Word – and all the fun that goes with it!

Kindergarten through 5th Grade:

Artists, game players, movie watchers, chefs and actors, get ready for another great year with Christ the King's Rotational Sunday School program! Each week you'll be learning God's Word through hands-on activities that you'll love. A couple of changes this year: Check out cooking in its new location, upstairs in what was previously the 6th grade confirmation room. And get ready to "show your stuff" to the congregation each month as we share Bible verses that we'll be memorizing with each new lesson this year.

6th – 8th Grade Confirmation Program:

Buckle your seatbelts...literally...as we take the show on the road to participate in some area "faith experiences" during several of the Sunday School hours this year. And – 7th & 8th graders -- get ready for some engaging projects with your confirmation guides that you'll get to choose – and direct. We've set up this year to be a fantastic blend of Christian conversation, classroom learning, faith experiences and hands-on fun. And did we mention your new youth rooms? No more tables and chairs for you guys! First one to class gets a seat on the couch! (Or a front row view of our generously donated flat screen TVs where you'll see movie clips, visit Christian websites (when Fios makes it here!), check out PowerPoint lessons, and much more!)

Senior High Bible Study:

It's time to take all that you've been learning over the years and apply it to the life that YOU live. Just as Martin Luther asks: "So What Does This Mean?"... That's the approach that your dedicated team of leaders is going to take as they guide you through your faith journey and Bible Study this year. Join us for music videos, great conversations and an in-depth look at God's Word.

Adult Sunday School:

Join Pastor John and Joni Holeman Sunday mornings for their brand new Adult Sunday School program – guaranteed to be a life changing experience! And especially for all of you who are leading our youth during the Sunday School hour, here's YOUR chance to fill your spiritual needs: Please join us at our new Adult Bible Study during GIFT night, the third Sunday of every month, from 6:15-7:30pm.

A huge thank you to all of the leaders who have stepped forward to help us this year to continue to make Christ the King such a wonderful place to learn and grow with each other. I look forward to seeing you all at Rally Day – and enjoying some great food at our Rally Day Picnic, thanks to our fabulous Fellowship Team!!

Many blessings to you all!

Liz Spoto, Learning Chair

RALLY DAY BBQ September 11!

The Sunday School year for all ages begins on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11. To celebrate this exciting occasion, we will be hosting a Rally Day BBQ on the front lawn of the Church following the late service that day. After attending the 11:00am service, just stick around and join us for burgers and dogs and all the fixings! The Swineford's, Evans' and Kennedy's will be flipping and serving, so all you have to do is come and enjoy! Bring the whole family...the more, the merrier! Sign up in the narthex, so we will know how much food to buy. See you then!

Gift Night at Christ the King

Starting on October 16 and the third Sunday of each month thereafter, Christ the King will have the opportunity to come together as a congregation and celebrate two of the greatest gifts from God, relationships and time. Through God's amazing grace, we are the recipients of the greatest love possible through Jesus Christ and through Christ we are *gifted* with time eternal. Each month, we will set aside three hours to nurture our relationship with Christ, our family at Christ the King and our immediate families.

Gift Night will allow us to block off a small amount of our time and use this time efficiently to take the opportunity to attend several small group events that we might not be able to fit into our busy schedules otherwise. *Gift Night* will have something for everyone from infants to 99, single or married, children or empty-nesters. For those who are busy nurturing our children and youth during the Sunday school hour, you will have the opportunity to explore, learn and grow in your own faith in our Adult Bible study. If you have children, particularly youth from 6th through college/young adult, you may want to check out *Raising Up Parents*. If you have musical inclinations or gifts in acting, please, take the time to talk to Andrew Dobos about *King's Ringers*, Karen Magley about *King's Chimers* or Jane Cooper about the *Christ the King's Fine Arts Ministry*.

On *Gift Night*, we will come together and attend a small groups, then come together to "break bread" with a pot luck in Gysan Hall, attend another small group and be in your car heading home a little after 7:30pm.

If God is willing, we have 8, 750 hours each year. How we spend that time will say a lot about whom we are and our relationships with each other and with God. Prayerfully consider setting aside 3 hours each month—24 hours each year—to nurture these very important relationships.

Gift Night will be held on October 16, November 20, December 18 (Christmas Party for all), January 15, February 19, March 18, April 15 and May 20.

4:30-5:30PM - King's Chimers, 7th/8th Grade Youth Group, Sr. Hi. Youth Group and *Raising Up Parents*.

5:30-6:00/6:15PM - Pot Luck Dinner

6:15-7:30 - Children's Fun Time (through 4th grade), King's Ringers (begins at 6:00), Adult Bible Study, Creative Arts Ministry, 5th/6th Grade Youth Group and 7th/8th and Sr. Hi. Youth Groups continue, if they do not participate in another ministry at this time. If you have any questions, contact Pastor John, Deb Cantrell or any of the leaders listed below.

King's Chimers-Karen Magley-The purpose of this group is to teach our youth how to play tone chimes in preparation for learning to play hand bells, & to provide some very special music for our worship services & youth programs. There is no need to know how to read music when you begin the program. We will teach you! The only requirements are the ability to work as part of a team & regular attendance. Please note: this group meets every Sunday at this time.

7th/8th Grade Youth Group-Ana Kreutzer-time for conversations, fellowship, games, videos and snacks. Relationships are deepened and this time provides an opportunity for our youth to exhale, meet with other youth who share their Christian viewpoint and have fun in a safe and inviting atmosphere. Yes, there will be snacks.

Sr. Hi. Youth Group-Kevin Magley-senior high youth will also enjoy conversations, fellowship, games, videos and snacks. The demands of senior high school and the world in which they live are exerting tremendous pressure on our high school youth. This time will allow them to vent, laugh, talk and share. As with all youth events, there will be snacks.

Raising Up Parents-Deb Cantrell-As parents, we are well aware of the influence the world continually exerts on our children and, in turn, the pressure this places on us, as parents. Christian values and biblical truths do not always coincide with the worldview. This pulling from opposite directions can place a tremendous amount of stress on youth and their family. This is our way of helping you to cope with this stress. This group can be a great source of support and fellowship.

Children's Time-Karen Anderson-the children up to fourth grade will enjoy this time and capture their imaginations with videos and snacks.

The King's Ringers-Andrew Dobos-The King's Ringers is the premiere handbell ensemble at Christ the King Lutheran church. Open to new and experienced ringers from 7th grade to adult, we ring a 3-octave set of Schulmerich handbells. This fall, rehearsals take place on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Music Room. The Ringers plays during worship on the 3rd Sunday, alternating monthly between 8:30 and 11:00 worship. Additionally, we ring on Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday, and other special occasions throughout the year. Our first rehearsal takes place on Sunday, September 18, and our first appearance in worship will be Sunday, October 16. For more information, contact Andrew Dobos at 301-460-9642 or amdobos@aol.com.

Performing Arts Ministry-Jane Cooper-Do you like acting? Do you play an instrument or have a good singing voice? Do you have the desire to participate more fully in worship or perform in a skit or musical? Are you a soloist or more comfortable in a group? Come on gift night and we will meet after dinner to select a project?

5th and 6th Grade Youth Group-Carolyn Saba-Just like the 7th/8th and Senior High Youth Groups, the 5th and 6th grade youth will be able to "test the waters" and have time for conversations, fellowship, games, videos and snacks. Also like the other groups, there will be snacks.

Adult Bible Study-Joni Holeman-As adults, we sometimes find it difficult to carve out time to nurture ourselves and take care of our own needs. With work, family responsibilities, elder care and such, we often neglect ourselves and our spiritual needs. This group has the opportunity to be a blessing for these folks and, especially, those who spend their time on Sunday morning during Sunday school hours teaching and caring for the children and youth of Christ the King.

God gives us thousands of hours each year. Shouldn't we take just 24 hours of this time to grow in our relationship with God and with each other?

As with everything we have, this time each week is *God's* time. Search your hearts, check your planners and give yourself a *gift*, take the time to nurture your faith and grow in your relationships with your brother and sisters-in-Christ.

See you Gift Night!

Until then . . .

God's peace and blessings

Mission Trip Participants

September 11th is Rally Day and Mission Trip Sunday.

If you have not done so already, take a minute right now to let Deb know in what way you would like to participate this Sunday. All the participants of both the 7th/8th Grade Mission Trip, Senior High Mission Trip and the respective chaperons will "take over" the 8:30am and the 11am worship services. We will fill all the rolls in each service including preacher, usher, lector, acolyte, crucifer, musicians, etc. We still have some roles which have not been filled and we are running out of time. Contact Deb as soon as possible and let her know where you would be most effective. Also, please remember to wear your Mission Trip t-shirts and be at the church by 8:10am. We will provide some special treats between services and give you an opportunity to rest and recuperate. See ya then!!!!

2012 Senior High National Gathering

For those youth who will be rising 9th graders in 2012 through graduating seniors, there will be an informational and planning meeting for the 2112 National Youth Gathering on **September 21st at 7pm** in Gysan Hall. Everyone, who would like to attend, needs to be present. His would include chaperons, youth and parents. If you absolutely cannot attend, please contact Deb Cantrell as soon as possible. This year's gathering will, again, be held in New Orleans on July 18th through July 21st. If all are in agreement, we may choose to spend an additional day to explore News Orleans on our own. Just a note to the youth . . .this exploring will not include Burbon Street at night. ☺

Confirmation Camp 2012

7th grade, 8th grade and rising 9th grade (2012), students will have the opportunity to spend a week growing in their faith and having fun with other youth the summer of 2012. The dates of this event are still being determined but will most likely be the first of July. We will send details to you as soon as they become available. Confirmation Camp is a two year program with one year emphasizing the Old Testament and the second year emphasizing the New Testament. Look for more details in the bulletin and future newsletters.

TEAM SERVICE WANTS YOU!!!!

TEAM SERVICE is chaired by Julianne (Jul) Benson and has about 15 or so members on the committee. We are always looking to expand our team.

What do we do? We are involved locally doing "hands on" activities such as Martha's Table (sandwich making and delivery), Walk-a-thons to help the homeless, Salvation Army Grate Patrol, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army bell ringing, Angel Tree gift giving, food drives, clothes collection and much more. We are also involved locally, nationally and internationally supporting financially many fine organizations such as Wounded Warriors Project, Childhelp, Habitat for Humanity, American Bible Society and lots more! What a joy it is to be able to bless others. Won't you consider joining our team to help others? We meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 for about an hour or so. We plan and strategize on our many projects. Feel free to call Jul at 703-406-8464 or email at julbenson@aol.com or sign the response sheet telling us you want to help TEAM SERVICE. Bless you for prayerfully considering helping us out. You won't be disappointed ~ we can promise that!

Here is our calendar of upcoming fall events: Please get involved and be a blessing! You will be blessed in return!

UPCOMING SERVICE DATES:

September 18: Martha's Table (after late service) BIG THANKS TO THRIVENT FOR FUNDING!!!!

September 25: Alzheimer's Walk

October 2 or 30: Compassion International Project (TBD)

October 23: Help The Homeless Community Walk

October 29: Halloween Can Food Drive Giant

November 19: DC Walk For The Homeless

December: (Dates to be determined) Angel Tree, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Hunters Woods decorating and more!

Watch for information on Habitat for Humanity which has been rescheduled for late August/early September.

Stay tuned and watch for details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters! HAPPY FALL!

Back Pack Drive

Many thanks to all who contributed backpacks for needy schoolchildren in our area. The Service Committee is happy to announce that 47 new backpacks were donated August 15th to Reston Interfaith and will be distributed to local kids before school starts. Thank you!!!

Alzheimer's Association Walk

The Christ The King Service Committee invites you to participate in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's and unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions. Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research. Since 1989, this all age, all-ability walk has mobilized millions to join the fight against Alzheimer's disease, raising more than \$347 million for the cause. All Walk to End Alzheimer's donations benefit the Alzheimer's Association, the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. When you register for Walk to End Alzheimer's and make a donation, you're joining an unstoppable force of thousands of people who are standing up to this devastating disease. The walk is only 2 miles and will be located at the Reston Town Center on September 25th. Registration begins at 5pm (you can also pre-register at www.alz.org). The walk begins at 6pm with a Candlelight Rally at 7pm. Please contact Art Evans at artevans2002@yahoo.com or call him at 703-435-1851 if you plan to participate – we would like to have our own CTK team. Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease, the nation's sixth-leading cause of death.

STARVING IN AFRICA!

There is great need in the Horn of Africa, where the lives and livelihoods of millions of people have been devastated by the worst drought in 60 years. Crops have failed and water is scarce. Desperate families are abandoning their homes seeking aid. Hundreds of thousands of people have already made their way to refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia. More than twelve million people are in need of help now.

I want you to know that the ELCA is helping provide safe water and nutritious food. Both camps were established with the support of the ELCA through ELCA World Hunger; the camps are managed by Lutherans through our global church partner The Lutheran World Federation.

Thanks to the generosity of ELCA member congregations like us, the ELCA has **committed \$1.25 million for drought relief work in the Horn of Africa** through ELCA Disaster Response. In addition, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger provide more than \$1 million each year for drought prevention work in Central and East Africa -- and that commitment will continue.

You can find additional information at www.elca.org/disaster.

CEDARS

After a summer break for the months of July and August, the Cedars Luncheons will resume again on the third Tuesday of each month starting this September. All Seniors (55+) are invited to join this group of folks who gather in the Fellowship Hall of the Great Falls United Methodist Church to enjoy good food and fellowship at a cost of only \$5.00. The ladies of the Methodist Church cook up a delicious meal and we at Christ the King decorate, setup and serve the tables in addition to helping with the cleanup. One month each year we also do the cooking to give the Methodist ladies a chance to sit, enjoy and be served. This is a team effort between our two congregations.

So mark your calendars now for Tuesday morning, September 20, and plan to attend the kickoff luncheon. Heartland Hospice Services (Fairfax, VA) will present the program at 11:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the program, lunch will be served. Reservations should be made by the calling the GFUMC office at 703 759-3705 by the Thursday before the luncheon (Sept. 15). Watch the Sunday bulletin for a reminder or call Audrey Wild at 703 471-6567 if you would like more information. Hope to see more CTK members attending these luncheons this year.

Camp Fraser

COME CELEBRATE CAMP FRASER AND CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BY JOINING THEM AT THEIR OPEN HOUSE AND PICNIC AT CAMP FRASER (off Springvale Road in Great Falls). It will be held on Saturday, September 17th, from noon until 4. They will have burgers, dogs, s'mores, sides and drinks and they invite us at CTK to BE THEIR GUESTS. They are grateful for our service and support and want to thank us. ALL are welcome and we encourage you to go. They are also looking for business people who would like to serve on their Board of Directors. Could be a win-win for them (your business expertise) and for you (they advertise your business)! Check it out. If you need more details call Jul Benson at 703-406-8464 or email me at julbenson@aol.com.

Save the Date!! October 1, 2011

Fall Grounds Clean-up

We'll pick up & grind debris that has come down throughout the year, do some exterior painting on windows, make some improvements on the path connecting the church to the parsonage and more. Watch the bulletin for more details. The rain date will be October 8, and the contact person is Tom Cooper 703-759-3919.

Attention Coffee and Tea Lovers:

Starting with Rally Day Sunday (September 11th) and continuing on every Sunday thereafter, Christ the King will be hosting a Conversation Station in the Narthex. You'll find coffee, tea and a cold beverage between services and after the late service....giving you a chance to "hang out" with your friends and acquaintances here on Sunday mornings. Young Sunday School students get their snacks and juice during Sunday School time, so now all the adults can get their "juice," too! Additionally, should any members or groups wish to host a "bake sale" fundraiser or provide donut holes in honor of someone or something, this is the place to do it! Susan Canis will be coordinating this service, with help from Karen Magley, so email her at susancanis@msn.com if you would like to be part of the fellowship group that is planning this. We especially need people who are "regulars" at the early or late services and would be willing to set up these pots at 8:15 am or take them down at 12:30 on Sunday mornings. Please consider taking a month or one Sunday each month...it would be a tremendous help!

Thank You

To Annette Brady for providing us with the wonderful fellowship event between the services on August 7. It was a great opportunity to enjoy coffee, tea and light breakfast treats while renewing acquaintances and meeting new friends here at Christ the King! Thank you Annette!

Fall Festival and Parsonage Open House Sunday afternoon, October 30th

Mark your calendars now for a return of the Fall Festival at CTK! We will be convening on the parsonage grounds Sunday afternoon, October 30th, for great potluck food, ample beverages, socializing with your fellow members and games for the kids. Pastor and Dorann have offered to host us at the parsonage and will open their home to all members interested in seeing its "new look." More details will follow.



Rainbow Via de Cristo Weekends NEXT month!

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

9/11 Ceremony

On Sunday, September 11, at 7:00 PM, the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee will hold its annual 9/11 Ceremony, which especially remembers the six citizens of the Great Falls community who died when Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. This year, the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, the ceremony will be held at the Village Green, where a “Remembrance Service” was held in 2002. Choir members from Christ the King Lutheran Church, Great Falls United Methodist Church, and St. Francis Episcopal Church will join together to pay tribute in song to those who died.

This ceremony is open to all and ample parking is available at the Village Centre. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Great Falls United Methodist Church.

July 28, 2011

To the Congregational Council
and Congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church,
God’s grace and Peace be with you!

I was certainly surprised on Sunday, July 3, to be presented with a framed certificate conferring upon me the status of “Pastor Emeritus.” In 1 Timothy 5:17 we read, “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.” It was an honor to have served you for 16 years as we sought to “Connect The World With God’s Grace.” But it was also an honor to work with you. For each of us is a servant, and we are reminded of that each Sunday as we hear the words, “Go in peace serve the Lord!”

Just as this title of “Pastor Emeritus” means “we hold you in our prayers with memories of contributions you have made” I continue to hold you in my prayers. Pastor John’s article in the August issue of the King’s Herald talked about being “Generous Servants.” I’ll never forget the generosity of your service to me and LaVonne, and to one another in the congregation. That service spread out to northern Virginia communities, and to so many others both within our country and worldwide. As I often shared with you, “to live is to give.”

We look forward to worshipping with you again when we are in northern Virginia. Thank you again for the certificate which hangs on my study wall. It’s a constant reminder of our extended family at Christ the King, as is the “Memory Book” you gave us with individual pages filled with pictures of family memories upon our departure, and that beautiful quilt that hangs by our front door.

Come and visit us when you are in Florida. We’ll share stories of our recent visit to Key Largo where we were surprised while snorkeling by a mother manatee and her baby. She allowed us to pet her for about 20 minutes. We can even show you around the “Magic Kingdom” which is just 25 minutes away. But what we need to remember each day is the “Kingdom of God” which is more magnificent than anything Disney could make. For it’s a Kingdom of Servants, who respond to the call of Jesus who says, “come follow me.”

It’s with great humility that I accept this title. Thank you!

In Christ,
The Reverend Paul Gysan,
Pastor Emeritus Christ the King Lutheran Church

Take a fresh look at your finances

With the kids back in school, September is an ideal time to review your finances. Here's how:

1. **Identify financial goals.** Where have you made progress or fallen short? Update goals that have changed.
2. **Evaluate life changes.** Events such as getting married, having a baby or getting a new job can have a big impact on your finances. Plan ahead to make the transition smoother.
3. **Protect your assets.** Ensure you have adequate health, auto, life and disability income insurance coverage.
4. **Evaluate investments.** Calculate the return on each of your stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Make sure you're satisfied with their performance and that your assets are diversified.
5. **Review your retirement plans.** Contribute the max to your employer's 401(k) plan or an IRA.
6. **Prepare for the unexpected.** Review your will to ensure it still reflects your desires.

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

2011 Churchwide Assembly Summary of Actions

The Twelfth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. The theme was "Freed in Christ to Serve."

- ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched
- "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted
- Review process for social statements adopted
- Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted
- 2012-2013 Budget proposals adopted
- Memorials and constitutional changes adopted

For more information on the work of the assembly, including daily legislative updates, videos and a news blog, visit www.elca.org/assembly.

Prayer Concerns

Prayers - Linda Darrell & Janice Forman, Lynne Roots, Tami Phillips, Florence Wild, Carol Saenger, Ashley Flynn, Ruth Ritchie, Hansen Watkins, John Badila & Eric Sanson, 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, Stewart Wade, Albert Edward Baker, III.

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

A note from the Director of Youth and Family Ministry...

As many of you know, I recently found out—much to my surprise—that I am not indestructible. For a few weeks, I ignored symptoms which my body was giving me to tell me that it was time to care for myself and do a little—what I call—housekeeping. As our bodies are God's temple, our grace-filled God gives us "nudges" from time to time and reminds us to take care of his house.

I am currently undergoing tests to make sure everything is in working order and, also, caring for a little case of walking-pneumonia with antibiotics. Please rest assured of two things: most tests so far have showed I am fine "for a woman of my age" and, any health issues I may have, are not a result of my work or the amount of time I spend doing that work.

My three greatest joys in my life are my relationship with Christ, my family and my call to serve Christ the King Lutheran Church as Director of our Youth and Family Ministry.

Thank you for your concern, thoughts and prayers. You have become my extended family and for this I will always give God my thanks and gratitude. God's peace and blessings,
Deb

September Birthdays

*Congratulations to members
celebrating a birthday!*

Greg Long 9/1
Nicole Long 9/1
Ellie Mickert 9/2
Judith Kuhnsman 9/4
Allen Wild 9/5
Mary Rambo 9/6
Kristine Chadwick 9/7
Grant Kuhnsman 9/7
Art Evans 9/10
Lauren McMillen 9/10
Julian Barretto 9/11
Misty Jordan 9/11
Beth Rambo 9/11
Andrew Saba 9/12
Brett Wainner 9/12
Scott Miner 9/14
Karin Brown 9/16
Todd Chatlos 9/16
Gloria Rossbach 9/16
Joni Holeman 9/17
Nicola Magley 9/18
Jennifer Hendrix 9/19
Amanda Cooper 9/24
Eric Wasser 9/25
Reed Neuman 9/26
Nancy Porte 9/26
Milton Babirak 9/27
Janet Sahn 9/27
David Weber 9/27
Jennifer Kalka 9/28
Milt Critchfield 9/30
Doug Rissing 9/30
Karen Ritchie 9/30
Hansen Watkins 9/30

September Anniversaries

*Congratulations to members
celebrating an anniversary!*

Bill & Lauren Carbaugh 9/4
Richard & Lisa Benn 9/10
Mark & Christina Dumas 9/14
John & Dorann Bradford 9/19
Gil & Dot Miller 9/21
Reed & Pat Neuman 9/23
John & Kari West 9/27

September 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	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	9/4	Bernadette Medlin	Brett McMillen
Minister	9/11	Lynne Roots	Jeanne McKinley
	9/18	Kathy Zimmerman	Floyd Gaibler
	9/25	Mark Baker	
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 Rupparr	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	Mitchell Kiffe, Judy Lombardo Phil Magley, Shane McKinley
	9/25	Mitch Neaves Lynne Roots	Brett McMillen, Bob Mickert Ruth Ritchie, Dave Rudorfer
Hosts	9/4	Karen and Andy Sweet	Lisa and Joe Anderson
(Greeter)	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	Dave Whelan
Hosts	9/11	Charles Schwab	Ernie Fergusson
	9/18	Mark Baker	Susan Boruff
	9/25	Mitch Neaves	Peter Saba

Projected October 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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	Date	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service
Acolyte	10/2		
	10/9		
	10/16		
	10/23		
	10/30		
Assisting Minister	10/2	Art Evans	Lynne Roots
	10/9	Bernadette Medlin	Victoria Wagner
	10/16	Charles Schwab	Floyd Gaibler
	10/23	Amy Swineford	Jeanne McKinley
	10/30	Kathy Zimmerman	Brett McMillen
Cantor	10/2	Joni Holeman	Amy Keyser
	10/9	Pastor John	Lucy Kreutzer
	10/16	Tom Cooper	Kyle Babirak
	10/23	Bob Hummel	Cecelia McKinley
	10/30	Marian Zimmerman	Antonia Siebert
Crucifer	10/2		
	10/9		
	10/16		
	10/23		
	10/30		
Lector	10/2	Ernie Fergusson	Tom Cooper
	10/9	Jim Hawkins	Joni Holeman
	10/16	Paul Setzer	Lynne Roots
	10/23	Kathy Zimmerman	Gloria Rossbach
	10/30	Mark Baker	Victoria Wagner
Ushers	10/2	Paula and Ernie Fergusson	Carolyn and Peter Saba Lynne Simmons, Eileen Smith
	10/9	Rene Fredette, Jim Hawkins	Lynne and Joe Steele Alan Starr, Bob Warren
	10/16	Donna & Paul Setzer	Dolly Whelan, Steve Wilson Harry Brill, Bill Canis
	10/23	Dan Medlin, Allan Rupp	Linda and Rudy Chatlos Angela and Kary Froscheiser
	10/30	Sindy and Charles Schwab	Janet and Bill Hiatt Doug Gaibler, Floyd Gaibler
Hosts (Greeter)	10/2	Lori and Rene Fredette	Lisa and Joe Anderson
	10/9	Lois and Nate Holeman	Janet and Bill Hiatt
	10/16	Sindy and Charles Schwab	Donna and Mitch Kiffe
	10/23	Bernadette and Dan Medlin	Linda and Brett McMillen
	10/30	Karen and Andy Sweet	Carolyn and Peter Saba
Council Host	10/2	Victoria Wagner	Steve Wilson
	10/9	Bill Hiatt	Donna Kiffe
	10/16	Kary Froscheiser	Juli Benson
	10/23	Ernie Fergusson	Liz Spoto
	10/30	Mark Baker	Tom Cooper

September 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*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Saturday Schedules: 7:00 pm AA Group				1	2	3
Sunday Schedules: 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services 9:30 am King's Cherubs & Kids (Starting 9/18) 9:45 am Sunday School 4:30 pm King's Chimers 6:00 pm King's Ringers 7:00 pm AA Group				7:30 pm King's Choir Math Camp 9:00am - 5:00pm	Math Camp 9:00am - 5:00pm	
4 Pentecost 12	5 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6 7:00am Men's Breakfast	7 Confirmation orientation	8 7:30 pm King's Choir	9 PASTOR'S DAY OFF King's Kids Preschool Open House	10 10:00 am Mission Trip Sunday Rehearsal
11 Pentecost 13 Rally Day 7:00 pm 9/11 Service GF Freedom Memorial	12 King's Kids Preschool Begins	13 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:30 pm Service Team	14 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry	15 7:30 pm King's Choir	16 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	17 9:00 am CPR Class
18 Pentecost 14 12:15 pm Cantor Camp New Member Orientation Martha's Table Following 11:00am worship	19 7:00 pm Council Meeting	20 7:00am Men's Breakfast 11:00 am Cedars Luncheon October Newsletter Deadline	21	22 7:30 pm King's Choir	23 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	24
25 Pentecost 15 New Member Orientation 5:00 pm Alzheimer's Walk	26	27 7:00am Men's Breakfast	28	29 7:30 pm King's Choir	30 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	



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