

Christ the King Herald

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We are called by God to be a caring partner, serving our neighbors by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, compassion and opportunities for growth



From the Pastor

Touched by the hymns:

Music and especially the singing of hymns has always been a

big part of Lutheran worship as well as an important part of my “personal” worship.

This past Sunday, October 16, the hymns that we sang seemed to stand out for me. Each one seemed to be so appropriate for the location in the service and the message of each one carried for that time in the service.

The “Gathering Hymn” was 526, “**God is Here**”. Each stanza built on what we would be doing in worship. Here are the words of stanza 1:

“God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.”

That truly “set the stage” for beginning our worship. You can read the rest of the stanzas to see how they continue to build on the worship of Christ, the Savior.

The “Sermon Hymn”, “**Great is Thy Faithfulness**”, supports the faithfulness of the God we worship. God’s faithfulness never

changes, but is the same day after day, year after year.

“**Bread of Life from Heaven**”, the Communion Hymn, 474, talks of the presence of Christ, the food that endures, God dwelling in us, the sacrifice of Christ for us, and especially the last words of the 3rd stanza:

**“Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with every breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn.”**

The “Sending Hymn” 534, “**Savior, Again to Your Dear Name**” prepared us for the coming week. Stanza 4 is the one that carries us through in our life of faith:

**“Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.”**

My prayer is that we will be aware of the words we speak and sing, and that it will bless us in our daily life.

Pastor Merlyn

Pastor’s Emergency Fund

Pastor Merlyn’s emergency fund has been depleted. With the upcoming holidays, we like to be able to help needy persons who come to the church office. If you can help with any financial donation, we would appreciate it. You can make your checks payable to CTK and place in the offering plate or send to the church office.



November Birthdays

- 3 David Reinfort
Miranda Taylor
- 6 Andrew Lind
- 8 Zachary Castellano
Norma Ingwers
- 10 Angel Ruiz
- 11 Pat Sandstedt
- 15 Megan Reynolds
- 17 Scott Parsons
Dorothy VanDusen
- 20 Daisy Masoner
- 22 Ed Eaton
Winnie Moss
- 28 Jeremy Johnson



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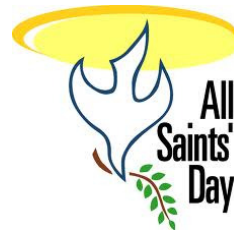
Kera Tafoya
4395 S. Cherokee St.
Englewood, CO 80110



Thanksgiving Eve Service

You are invited to join us as we give thanks to God for his many blessings the

night before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 23. We will offer a special worship service of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Our traditional pie fellowship will follow at 8 p.m. We will also be receiving a special offering of canned goods to be given to Community Ministry.



Join us for a special worship service to remember our departed loved ones and all deceased saints on Sunday, November 6. At the service, at our regular worship time

of 9 a.m., we will light candles and read names of church members and loved ones who have passed away in the past year. Please join us for this time of remembrance.

You are invited to write the names of any deceased friends and relatives who have passed away since November 1, 2010 in our special Book of Remembrance. These people will be included in a special prayer of remembrance that Sunday. The book is available on a stand in the narthex. Names you have already included in the book do not need to be repeated.



Blessing for Veterans

Our church will again offer a special blessing prayer for all veterans on

Sunday, November 13. We will also remember and honor widows of veterans, as well as those who have family currently serving in the military. Please come and show your support to these special people!





November is Stewardship Month at CTK!! That means it's time to commit to another year of support for our church! You'll be receiving a letter and intention card from Pastor Merlyn soon, and we'll have a chance to hear Stewardship Temple Talks from members of our Council on November 6, 13 and 20. You can return your commitment card anytime you wish, but this year our Commitment Sunday is November 20 (Christ the King Sunday). As always, we appreciate everything you do for our church, and we ask for your support in 2012! Thank you!



Community Ministry Gifts for Children

Each year Community Ministry gives gifts to 300 children in our community. These children are 11 years old and under, and the cost

of the gifts does not exceed \$30. Please visit the Christmas tree in the narthex and pick up a gift tag from Jan Ruiz on Sundays, November 20 and 27. We have been provided with the names of 30 children in need of a Christmas gift. All you need to do is:

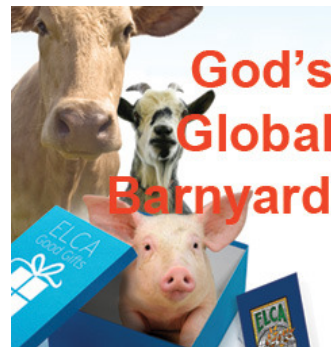
- Get a tag from the Christmas tree from Jan Ruiz
- Sign the sheet with the name of the child
- Purchase a gift
- Return the wrapped gift to the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 11. A needy child will thank you!



Community Ministry Fundraiser

Community Ministry is

partnering with Ten Thousand Villages for a Shopping Day on Thursday, November 3 from 5-8 p.m. A percentage of all sales goes toward helping Community Ministry feed the hungry. Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts in North America. Ten Thousand Villages is located at 2626 E. 3rd Ave., Denver, near the Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Bring a friend, do some early holiday shopping and support Community Ministry and artisans in the Third World.



A Good Gift From the Heart

Again this year the Church in Society Committee will offer ELCA good gifts for you to purchase to give to friends and family. These gifts include products from God's Global Barnyard—a cow, a fish farm, a goat, a pig, a turkey, chicks, fruit tree seedling, mosquito net, water jugs, meals, or a bundle of shingles. Any of these can be purchased in whole or in part and will make a life-saving difference for neighbors in need around the world and at home. This opportunity will be available on Sundays, November 27, December 4 and December 11. Also at the Advent Soup Suppers on November 30, December 7, 14 and 21.

Please give serious consideration to this as a method of giving this Christmas.

Thank you for your support!



Support Lutheran Family Services on the 2nd annual Colorado Gives Day!

Last year LFS came in 5th for the

number of donations received. Help us be in the top three this year by making your donation online on December 6th from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm at www.givingfirst.org. One hundred percent of your donation will go to LFS when you give online and there will be incentive funds given to all agencies based on the total amount contributed during this 24 hour period.



**Thrivent
Financial**
for Lutherans

Thrivent Choice Update

Christ the King has received \$575 as of October 7 from Thrivent Choice dollars.

Thank you to everyone who

has designated their dollars to our church. We encourage you to continue designating your dollars to CTK!



Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale will begin the Christmas season with a concert on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Pkwy, Lakewood. They will be

performing "Welcome Joyous Season" with the Lakewood Symphony, Green Mountain High School's "Shadows of the Mountain" and other High School Choruses. Tickets are Adults-\$25, Seniors-\$12 and Students-\$8, and may be purchased online at www.lakewood.org/hca, or by calling 303-987-7845.

Darline F. Harris

February 19, 1925 – September 27, 2011

Darline was born on February 19, 1925 in Denver, Colorado. She died on September 27, 2011, after a long illness. Darline joined CTK in 2000. She was active in Altar Guild and enjoyed weekly bible studies. Her service was held at Crown Hill Mortuary on October 7, 2011, with burial at the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mary M. Paper

September 22, 1921 – October 7, 2011

Mary was born in Buffalo, Minnesota. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in Speech Education. She also attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and the University of Denver. She worked as a teacher in the Denver Public Schools both as a tenured teacher and a substitute for 28 years. She was married to Frederick Paper on December 22, 1950 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Denver. Fred died in January 1971. They had two children Fritz W. Paper and Ruth S. Cruz. Ruth died of cancer on October 26, 2008.

Mary has been a member of Christ the King since 1957. She held various leadership roles in the church, including Dorcas Circle and Women of the ELCA. She was the Communion Registrar for eight years. She visited shut-ins for the church for 30 years. In her younger years, she taught Sunday School and was a CTK-sponsored Boy Scout den mother.

Mary is survived by her son, Fritz Paper; her son-in-law, Terrance Cruz; her granddaughter, Valerie Cruz; and her sister, Ruth Tufigno. Her service was held at CTK on October 12, 2011, with burial at Ft. Logan Natl. Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the CTK Memorial Fund.



Memorial Garden Update

Four yellow/white Mums have been planted in the Memorial Garden, and some wine

colored Allium were planted at the entrance behind the white roses for viewing next Spring. We are looking to plant more things next Spring to replace some lost over the years. We will also plant some kind of ground cover in the bare space under the pine tree. We welcome your suggestions. *Pat Sandstedt*

It's a Wrap!

Courtyard/Memorial Garden – Conclusion

By Pat Sandstedt



After the 1997 Dedication of the Memorial Garden, the project was completed.

Naturally, there are always annual gardening things to do and change is always a challenge; what grows wonderful one year, is a complete flop another year! Mother Nature is quite a fickle Lady sometimes.

I was now left with a stack of papers 12 inches high in my office all to do with this project. I would look at it often, and would think that I must go through that and see what should be kept for the archives and what should be tossed. But, at the time I was still working which required quite a bit of travel and I just never seemed to have time. It was on my "To-do list" for some day. At long last, I retired in June of 2010, and it still took me until 2011 to tackle the stack. There were bank statements regarding the project from banks that no longer existed. There were bills, estimates, memos, lists of all those that gave money to our cause, copies of every piece of promotion that we had put out to raise money i.e. "Give a bench, a flower, a light, a gate, a row of

bricks" etc. etc., reports to the council, pleas to the council and no end of other odds and ends. So while going through all this, I was inspired to write a history for our congregation knowing that many of our members will remember all this. I also hoped that many who joined after this project was completed, would be interested in how it all came to be.

I also want to thank some people who I haven't had space to mention in previous columns:

- To Verna Wolf who did a wonderful job of bookkeeping all the contributions. Verna also put on a Molly Brown Fashion Show to benefit the Courtyard fund.
- To Earl Sandstedt who takes out the fountain pump every Fall and puts it back in every Spring. He is also always ready to come up and do some of the heavy gardening for us, along with Bob Wolf, Frank Brown and others.
- To Greta Young who always plants the flower boxes outside of the Sanctuary with help from various people and was always willing to help with the gardening.
- To Lisa Chap'pel who has been incredible help during the growing season in the gardens.
- Also, to Ed Laurson, Charles Davis, and in recent years, other Garden Angels who just step up and do things when they see what needs to be done.

The stack is now down to 2", and I have taken it to the church office to be kept in the church archives. I do hope that you have all enjoyed this Memory of a lovely part of Christ the King.

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Pat Sandstedt



(Ed. Note: Thanks, Pat, we have enjoyed your series about the memorial garden.)



HOPE FOR MADAGASCAR

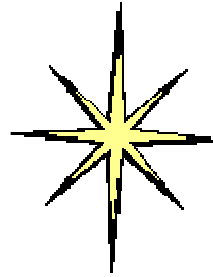
Companion Synod Sunday and Seeds of Hope Fund

On Sunday, November 13, Christ the King will celebrate Companion Synod Sunday. This is in celebration of the 20th anniversary of our

partnership with synods in Madagascar. In 1992, the Rocky Mountain Synod (RMS) entered into this relationship with the Mahajanga Synod, a Lutheran synod in the northwest part of the island, Madagascar (east of Africa). Now twenty years later, we are privileged to be in partnership with four synods in Northern Madagascar. The church in Madagascar has been growing rapidly! Part of our companion relationship has been to help equip the Malagasy Lutheran Church in these four synods with much needed pastors by helping to support Betela Seminary. This seminary trains pastors and women theologians for work in our four companion synods. We have done this through the Synod budget and through the Seeds of Hope companion synod fund. With the Seeds of Hope fund we have also sponsored special projects and exchange trips between the RMS and our Malagasy companion synods. Through these exchange visits, this relationship has deepened and has been very beneficial and meaningful to the RMS and our Malagasy companion synods. Please celebrate with us and support the Seeds of Hope fund with generous donations, so we can continue our support and financial contribution to our beloved companion synods! You will have an opportunity to give to this fund by making a check to CTK designated for the Seeds of Hope fund. Our money, love and prayers go far in Madagascar, just as their love, joy and prayers have blessed our RMS. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Bonnie Brundige (RMS Companion Synod Committee Member)

Advent Retreat



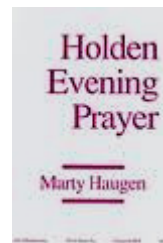
**“Open my Eyes to See”
Saturday November 12,
10:00am-3:00pm
at Christ the King
Lutheran Church**

Come and take some time to prepare for Advent. The season of Advent is often seen as the time to “Prepare the way of the Lord”, to prepare for the gift of the Christ child. Come and take some time before the Advent season begins to prepare your self, to get ready to see all that God has for us along the journey to Bethlehem. Cost: \$10.00



Contemplative Prayer Group

Meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Christ The King. This group will gather to share prayer together using different Contemplative prayer styles such as Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, or a Labyrinth Prayer Walk. Come and join us as we focus, pray and listen.



Holden Evening Prayer & Soup Suppers

You are invited to four special Wednesday Advent services this year! They will be held on Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14 and 21. Soup suppers will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the Advent reflections will be *“Traveling Toward Bethlehem”*:
November 30 - Wonder
December 7 - Seeing
December 14 - Hearing
December 21 - Faith

There will be a sign-up sheet available in the church narthex if you can bring soup or help with clean-up.



*Everyone
Welcome!*

Our church continues to make "The Grand Sweep" through the

Bible! ***Even if you have not previously joined this study you are welcome!!!*** You are invited to join us by reading from your own Bible each day as we continue a journey that will take us through the entire Bible in a year. We meet in the Church Library each Sunday morning from 10:30 – 11:30 to discuss the week's reading. The readings for each week will continue to be printed in the bulletin. The readings for November and December are:

Bible Readings for November

November 1: Acts 8, 9, 10
 November 2: Acts 11, 12; Psalm 150
 November 3: Acts 13, 14, 15; Proverbs 1
 November 4: Acts 16, 17, 18

Week 45

November 5: Acts 19, 20, 21
 November 6: Acts 22, 23, 24
 November 7: Acts 25, 26; Proverbs 2
 November 8: Acts 27, 28; Proverbs 3
 November 9: Romans 1, 2, 3
 November 10: Romans 4, 5, 6
 November 11: Romans 7, 8; Proverbs 4

Week 46

November 12: Romans 9, 10, 11
 November 13: Romans 12, 13, 14
 November 14: Romans 15, 16; Proverbs 5
 November 15: 1 Corinthians 1, 2, 3
 November 16: 1 Corinthians 4, 5, 6, 7
 November 17: 1 Corinthians 8, 9, 10
 November 18: 1 Corinthians 11, 12, 13, 14

Week 47

November 19: 1 Corinthians 15, 16; Proverbs 6
 November 20: 2 Corinthians 1, 2, 3
 November 21: 2 Corinthians 4, 5, 6; Proverbs 7
 November 22: 2 Corinthians 7, 8, 9
 November 23: 2 Corinthians 10, 11; Proverbs 8
 November 24: 2 Corinthians 12, 13; Proverbs 9
 November 25: Galatians 1, 2; Proverbs 10

Week 48

November 26: Galatians 3, 4, 5, 6
 November 27: Ephesians 1, 2, 3
 November 28: Ephesians 4, 5, 6
 November 29: Philippians 1, 2; Proverbs 11
 November 30: Philippians 3, 4; Proverbs 12

Bible Readings for December

December 1: Colossians 1, 2; Proverbs 13
 December 2: Colossians 3, 4; Proverbs 14

Week 49

December 3: 1 Thessalonians 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 December 4: 2 Thessalonians 1, 2, 3
 December 5: 1 Timothy 1, 2, 3
 December 6: 1 Timothy 4, 5, 6
 December 7: 2 Timothy 1, 2, 3, 4
 December 8: Titus 1, 2, 3; Proverbs 15
 December 9: Philemon; Proverbs 16, 17

Week 50

December 10: Hebrews 1, 2, 3
 December 11: Hebrews 4, 5, 6
 December 12: Hebrews 7, 8, 9
 December 13: Hebrews 10, 11; Proverbs 18
 December 14: Hebrews 12, 13; Proverbs 19, 20
 December 15: James 1, 2, 3
 December 16: James 4, 5; Proverbs 21

Week 51

December 17: 1 Peter 1, 2; Proverbs 22
 December 18: 1 Peter 3, 4, 5
 December 19: 2 Peter 1, 2, 3; Proverbs 23
 December 20: 1 John 1, 2; Proverbs 24
 December 21: 1 John 3, 4, 5; Proverbs 25
 December 22: 2 John; 3 John; Proverbs 26
 December 23: Jude; Proverbs 27, 28

Week 52

December 24: Revelation 1, 2, 3
 December 25: Revelation 4, 5; Proverbs 29
 December 26: Revelation 6, 7; Proverbs 30
 December 27: Revelation 8, 9, 10
 December 28: Revelation 11, 12, 13
 December 29: Revelation 14, 15, 16, 17
 December 30: Revelation 18, 19, 20; Proverbs 31
 December 31: Revelation 21, 22

You did it! Time to Celebrate!

From the Ministry and Growth Coordinator



As we gather on Sunday November 6th we will celebrate All Saints Day, a day to celebrate and remember all those who have died and gone before us. I find this day especially

moving as the names are read of those I know and many who I don't. Each one a life lived here on earth, each one a life that continues on in our memories and each one a life that has touched another.

As a quiet shy girl growing up I had a few good friends and a small gaggle of girls I played with when I was young, riding bikes, exploring and sharing secrets. We found each other by the proximity of our neighborhood. Later on my world grew and my friendships grew when I got involved in our church youth group, went off to summer camp, college and Lutheran Campus Ministry. Somewhere along the line I learned the importance of community. I also learned the importance of having mentors in my life, someone older than I, who shared their life experiences with me and who saw something of value in me that I did not see in myself. Over the years many family, friends and mentors have died and their absence in my life is still felt but their memory lives on. Their wisdom shared through words or actions still impacts my life and has shaped who I am. What I have learned is that I can't do life alone. I need community, a community that gathers in the name of Christ, a community that gathers at the table of the Lord and celebrates and remembers together.

When All Saints Day comes, take some time to remember those whose lives have impacted yours, and know that you too have impacted the lives of others. Know that these people, whom you love and who have died, are gifts from God. Their lives live on in you and in the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God.

With you in Growth and ministry,

Kim Williams

Council Corner



CTK Financial Update

January 1 to September 30, 2011

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	116,840	126,506	(9,666)
Expenses	126,784	124,182	(2,602)
Net Income (Loss)			(12,268)

Complete minutes of the council meetings, along with committee and financial reports are available in the rack in the narthex or from the church office.

Denver Feed a Family: Giving Thanks one Basket at a Time Saturday November 19th Northeast Denver

"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?" 1John 3:17



Join us on Saturday
November 19 to help

"Feed a Family". Denver's "Feed a Family" project has become a Denver tradition and is one of the largest Thanksgiving Basket projects in the nation. It was all started by Daddy Bruce Randolph in the Five Points neighborhood of Denver in 1963 donating his own time and money to serve Thanksgiving dinners to families who might not eat that day. Since his death in 2003 the tradition has continued in his memory through the Epworth Foundation providing more than 35,000 baskets of food for Denver's neediest families.

If you are interested in helping contact Kim for more information 303-935-4669

kimctklutheran@comcast.net



In anticipation of the holiday food boxes, our food item for November is **Jello and Dream Whip**. Remember, this is only a suggestion. They welcome any food or personal hygiene item. Please place your items on the special collection table in the narthex or in the shopping cart outside of Fellowship Hall. During September, CTK donated 112 lbs. of food (canned soup and garden produce) valued at \$219.52.

Don't forget the monthly pizza fundraiser at CiCi's Pizza in the Bear Valley Shopping Center. A portion of the proceeds from meals sold on the first Tuesday of the month benefit Community Ministry. Just place your receipt in the marked container at the cash register. Each month, Community Ministry receives from \$40-\$50 from this promotion. The next day is Tuesday, November 1.

Community Ministry needs drivers to pick up food from various locations, including Food Bank of the Rockies and area schools. If you have a truck, SUV or van, they need you. Call them at 303-935-3428.

Please continue to bring the unclipped coupon inserts from the Sunday newspaper. We are one of their best donators. Keep it up! The collection basket is above the coat rack outside of Fellowship Hall. The coupon clippers service a company who gives Community Ministry 5% of the value of the coupon. This is a free and easy way we can all help. In 2010, they raised over \$7,000.

Community Ministry has a children's area where the kids can play, read a book or watch a movie while their parents are doing paperwork or choosing their food. They let each child take home a book from this area and are now running low on books. If you have extra children's books, consider donating them to Community Ministry.

Also as you travel, collect any toiletries from hotels. They can use toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo and toilet paper to help them make up small hygiene kits.

Did You Know?

- Don Schneck, with the help of Frank Brown and Leo Lampman, spent many hours (even in the rain) repairing our sprinkler system. This saved the church much money in labor and repair bills! Thank you Don, Frank and Leo!
- Dorothy Danielson, wife of former CTK Pastor Carl Danielson, passed away on September 22. She had just celebrated her 96th birthday on August 30. Her service was held at Our Savior's Lutheran on October 8.
- Former CTK Pastor Linda Henke has a website with information about her upcoming exhibitions and shows. She invites you to keep up with her at <http://www.lindahenke.com>.
- Former CTK members Emmett and Pauline Mackenzie would be happy to hear from their friends at CTK. Their address is 14673 Cimarron Ave. West, Rosemount, MN 55068-4285. Their email address is emmettmackenzie@gmail.com.
- Betty Toren and Ruth Peterson recently traveled to Boston where they met two of Betty's friends from Vancouver. In Boston they boarded a cruise ship and sailed up the St. Lawrence River to Quebec and then on to Montreal, flying home from there.

Signs of our faithfulness

(September 18 - October 16, 2011)

Date	Number at Worship	Number Communing	Financial Offerings
9/18/11	92	85	\$2,448.00
9/25/11	90	85	\$1,908.50
10/2/11	76	73	\$5,346.00
10/9/11	79	77	\$1,793.75
10/16/11	88	84	\$2,605.40



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