



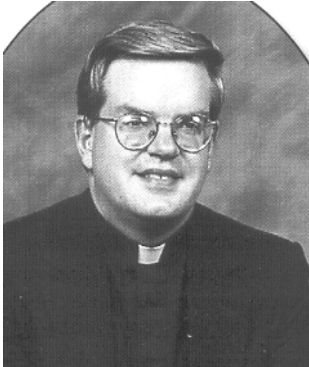
# Christ the King Herald

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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

Are you searching for God?

If you're not, maybe you should be.

There is a dangerous temptation in the life of faith to try and put God in a box. To make the brash assumption that we've got God all figured out. To carry around the certainty that God will always be on our side. To have our God all neatly labeled and categorized.

In some ways, perhaps our worship service can lead us into these kinds of assumptions. After all, don't we dare to address God in familiar terms during these times of worship? And don't we have a creed that we say together every Sunday that purports to sum up everything that we believe about our God?

But I hope you know that God is much deeper and much, much more mysterious than we might think. God's ways are not our ways, we are reminded through the words of the prophet Isaiah, and we have to realize that all of our creeds and hymns and prayers are only just the beginning of what we know about God.

Can you imagine that if you and I really could know and understand the fullness and the depths of our God, what a disappointment that would be? Our God would not be much of a God were that possible!

Harry Emerson Fosdick once described it in terms of something like a person standing on the beach at the edge of the ocean. We can say that we know this little bit of the coast line and the ocean that runs ashore here. But beyond it are miles upon miles of shore line and ocean that we can never hope to know very well at all, and about which we can only guess. In other words, we know that God is real because of the ways that he touches us. But beyond those touches there is much, much more than we can ever know.

As we begin another autumn this month, let these words be an invitation to you. An invitation to be daring enough to experience the adventure of our God and the adventure of our faith. What we share together on Sunday morning is only the beginning—there is much more about our God just waiting to be discovered, experienced and savored.

So join the search, and discover the excitement of our God!

Blessings to you this September.

Peace and love,

*Pastor Jim*

## A Congregational "Conversation"

A congregational conversation was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, highlighting the questions most of us have been asking about the future of Christ the King. No vote was taken, but each member was asked to complete a survey at the end of the meeting.

Nancy Henning, Council President, spoke about our concerns for more people and more money. She noted that member giving through July is \$7,400 under what was budgeted (note corrected amount). On the "more people" concern, she asked how many of us have invited any potential new members to church. We are the people who are going to have to do things differently if we are going to make any changes at CTK.

She commented that nobody has an answer for us because maybe there isn't an answer or maybe we know the answer but it isn't what we want to hear. Have we considered what God wants for CTK? Maybe what He wants and what we want are not the same. Is it possible that we have already accomplished what God wants to have happen at CTK?

Council has discussed the idea of a contemporary or a bi-lingual worship service, but neither of those will bring people in the door. Is cutting staff to save money a reasonable suggestion? Where would we cut and what would be the impact of those cuts?

Bonnie Brundige spoke about the meetings we have been participating in with Good Shepherd, Cristo Rey, and Family of Christ Lutheran Churches. She talked about their ministries and the state of their congregations and said that further meetings will address specific ideas of shared ministries with those churches.

Also mentioned was the idea of merging with another Lutheran church -- an us-with-them or maybe them-with-us, and would we be willing to do that?

Discussion followed with a number of questions asked and suggestions made. The surveys were then distributed seeking response to these statements:

- This is what I think is the most effective thing we can do to keep Christ The King Lutheran Church alive . . .
- This is what I personally am willing to do to keep CTK going in this community . . .
- This is what I would miss most if CTK no longer existed . . .
- I would like to see CTK to be a part of shared ministries with one or two other congregations: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
And the most effective way we could do that is . . .

If you were unable to attend the meeting, the church council wants your input. Please respond via email to: [CTKDenver@juno.com](mailto:CTKDenver@juno.com), call the office at 303-935-4669, call Nancy Henning at 303-985-5373, or mail your comments anonymously to the church.

We want to know your thoughts and suggestions as we prayerfully consider the future of Christ the King Lutheran Church.



Morning Bible Study meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the church library. (During September, we will only meet on September 15). We are studying The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. Please join us—even on a drop-in basis! Please call Bonnie Brundige (303-988-2036) for information, and call Bonnie or the church office to confirm that we are meeting.



## Happy September Birthdays

- 1 Bob Brundige
- 5 Carter Bradley
- 6 Val Nielsen
- 7 Jim Holmes  
Dean Reinfort
- 10 Orval Parsons
- 11 Cynthia Turner
- 13 Chelsea Reynolds
- 14 Alex Leith
- 17 Annie Adkisson  
Sue Burke  
Wayne Martin
- 19 John Metz  
Ian Warren
- 20 Pat Simpson
- 22 Mary Paper
- 26 Kyle McCartney  
Dan Young
- 28 Kevin Brown
- 29 Derek Laurson



Pastor Jim invites all youth of CTK to meet with him during lunch on

Rally Day (September 13th, starting around 11:15 am) to make some plans and set some dates. We need to talk about our progressive dinner and possible dates for the next lock-in. You won't have any input if you don't come, so please come!

## Rally Day is here

Join us for a festive worship service on Sunday, September 13th to kick off our "new fall season!" Our worship will be one hour later than usual—at 10 am, so that following worship, we can share another good old-fashioned Lutheran potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share and come and worship the Lord at the start of a new season! Tableware and drinks will be provided.

## Southwest Denver Congregations Meet at CTK

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (with a light supper at 5 p.m.) members of Cristo Rey, Family of Christ, Good Shepherd and CTK will be meeting for the fourth time to discuss partnering in our ministries. CTK members are invited to attend and to enter into the conversation. Please contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in attending. We will need to know the number in order to prepare the meal.

Also, we are looking for people to help prepare and serve a meal. Currently we have about 12 people attending these meetings. Please contact Bonnie Brundige or Pastor Jim if you can help with any part of the meal.

And please pray for guidance in this partnership!

## Prime Timers Luncheon

Prime Timers will meet for lunch on Tuesday, September 8 at noon at Johnny Carino's, 389 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Please RSVP to Vernita Payne at 303-935-7250 or Dorothy VanDusen at 303-935-7250.

## A View from the Underside The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 6:30 p.m.,  
Bethany Lutheran Church

Admission: Please bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to Metro CareRing.

In a dramatic one-person play, Al Staggs presents a powerful and moving account of the struggles and passion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer during his imprisonment by the Nazis and ultimate execution. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear about his commitment to the German resistance movement and his conversations with God as he struggles with evil and injustice in the world.



### Women's Dinner Out

Join us for the next Women's Dinner Out on Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. at Racines, 650 Sherman St. (6<sup>th</sup> & Speer). This dinner was postponed from August. They have a wide variety of menu items. You can view their menu at [www.racinesrestaurant.com/lunch\\_dinner.htm](http://www.racinesrestaurant.com/lunch_dinner.htm). Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will carpool from CTK at 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Lynette in the church office.

## Dorcas Circle

All women are invited to Dorcas Circle when they reconvene for a new year beginning Monday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. The new Bible Study, taken from the Lutheran Women Today magazine, is "To God's Beloved, Paul's Letter to the Romans." As an added treat, Pastor Jim will lead the September study. Plan to come and join them on the third Monday of each month from September through May for study, refreshments and friendship!



## Going Green for Coffee Fellowship

Beginning in August, we will no longer use disposable products for coffee fellowship. A member has volunteered to wash our dishes (coffee cups, silverware, plates, etc.) on Monday mornings. This will not only help our budget, but our environment as well!

There are many opportunities still available for you to host our coffee fellowship in September, October and November. A sign-up poster is waiting outside of Fellowship Hall. When you are scheduled to host fellowship, remember to use washable cups and plates. Following fellowship, place the dirty dishes in the tubs. They will be washed on Monday morning.

## Did you know?—



- Sarah Weissenbuehler, daughter of Karen Weissenbuehler, returned to Christ the King to worship on Sunday, August 9. She was in Denver visiting her mother, sister and brother. She currently lives with her family in Reisterstown, Maryland.
- Following worship on Sunday, August 9, Jamie Beekman, Daisy Masoner, and Liz and Carole Hedrick visited Dave Evancheck to sing to him the song they sang during Sunday's offering, "How Can I Keep from Singing".
- Ed DeJean, husband of Karen DeJean, will have a kidney transplant on September 17 at the University of Colorado Medical Center. He will receive a kidney from their daughter, Kendra Ewing, mother of Morgan Hedlund. Please keep this family in your prayers. The DeJeans will also celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 5.
- Al and Helen Schlager, their daughter Sandy, and her husband Dick recently returned from an Alaskan cruise. They started in Seattle and proceeded to Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm, Ketchikan, Victoria, British Columbia and then back to Seattle.
- In August, Kera Tafoya used the week vacation from her job to volunteer as Music Director at the Easter Seal Camp in Empire, Colorado. The children were teenagers with physical disabilities. Kera currently works at Heritage at Lakewood Alzheimer Unit, as their Music Director and Recreational Therapist.

- Erin Tafoya volunteers every Tuesday at Heritage at Lakewood, Alzheimer Unit. Erin teaches a watercolor painting class, "Memories in the Making" to the residents.

## Update on Wilma Schardt

In last month's *Herald* you may have noticed



an address change for Wilma Schardt (our Parish Worker from 1962-1974). For the past year, she has been living in an Assisted Living Facility. Recently, she sent us a note updating her

situation:

"Thanks for sending the CTK Herald. I enjoy hearing about what is happening at Christ the King Lutheran. I remember my years with you with fondness. I have good memories of that special time. This note is to inform you of my change of address. I have moved into an independent living facility about a block from where I was before. My health has improved and I'm grateful for all my blessings. Wilma" If you would like to send her a note, her new address is: 5710 S. 108<sup>th</sup> St., #208, Omaha, NE 68137-3590.

## Growing in Your Relationship with God

Pastor Jim invites you to join him in a new adult forum class starting on Sunday, September 20. "Growing in Your Relationship with God" will provide opportunities for you to deepen your prayer life and talk about your own relationship with God. Jane E. Vennard's book, *A Praying Congregation*, will form the basis for this class, but it is not necessary for you to purchase or read the book in order to participate. This class will last from six to seven weeks, depending upon how much we might want to linger over some of the material and conversation. The class will be held every Sunday, starting September 20, at 10:30 in the church library. Please come!

## Kyrie Choir Resumes Rehearsals, Invites New Members

The Choir will kick off its fall schedule with a potluck picnic at the home of Marianne Law, 2871 S. Perry St. on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. All interested singers (high school age and older) are welcome. Please call Carole Hedrick (303.984.9381 or 303.383.2705) so she'll



have a music folder for you. The first regular rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The Kyrie Choir sings three for four

Sundays each month, plus special holidays. There are also opportunities for soloists and small ensembles to sing on Sundays when the choir is not scheduled.

## Online Job Transition Resources from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Ask anyone standing in an unemployment line: losing your job can be emotionally and financially devastating. And finding a new job in today's market is often a stressful and long-term process. To address this need, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is now offering free, online educational job transition resources for those currently unemployed or newly hired. The resources include educational modules, financial checklists and links to spiritual and values-based resources. To locate this information visit their website at [www.thrivent.com/jobchange](http://www.thrivent.com/jobchange).



In spite of the rain, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual LFS Golf Tournament was a huge success with over \$32,000 raised to support the various programs of Lutheran Family Services.

The *LFS Refugee Program* is currently looking for donations of gently-used furniture to help furnish apartments for newly arriving refugee families. They cannot take appliances, hide-a-beds, king or queen beds or mattresses, waterbeds or things that are broken, tattered, stained or torn. The current refugees are primarily from Burma and Nepal. The Burmese are mostly from refugee camps in Thailand. The Nepalese were originally from Bhutan. For more information, contact Rita Harding at [rita.harding@lfsc.org](mailto:rita.harding@lfsc.org) or 303-389-2336.

## The Lutheran Chorale



The Lutheran Chorale is excited about their upcoming season. They welcome you to join them in voice for their 2009-2010 season. They rehearse every Monday

from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd. Audition times are scheduled before rehearsals on Monday, September 14 and September 21 from 6:15 -7:00 p.m. Please call Wes Broderius at 303-526-2607 or David Hodel at 303-551-2822 to schedule an audition or more information (no prepared music is required). You may also email them at [thelutheranchorale@comcast.net](mailto:thelutheranchorale@comcast.net).



CTK's item for September is *tuna and canned meats*. Remember, this is only a suggestion. These donations may be placed in the shopping cart outside of Fellowship Hall. During the month of July, CTK donated 126 lbs. of food valued at \$201.60. We also donated 319 individual school supplies which were distributed on August 7. Thanks for your continued generosity!

Please continue to bring the unclipped coupon inserts from the Sunday newspaper. The collection box is above the coat rack outside of Fellowship Hall. Coupon clippers meet every Monday from 9:00 a.m. until about noon at Brentwood Methodist Church, 1899 S. Irving. Their job consists of taking the unclipped coupon booklets from the Sunday newspapers and cutting out specific coupons ordered by a company in New York. Between \$4,000 and \$10,000 is raised each year for Community Ministry. For more information on how you can become involved, call Sue Albers 303-798-4669.

Don't forget the 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. This month's day is Tuesday, September 1.

Community Ministry also takes donations of children's clothing. Especially needed is new underwear and socks for 0-12 years. Sorry, they DO NOT take donations of adult clothing.

Volunteers are needed on a regular basis:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with back door receiving help from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Thursdays to help as an intake counselor from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Friday mornings to help stock shelves from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Call the Community Ministry office at 303-935-3428 or talk to Jan or Angel Ruiz for more details.



## Community Ministry Fund- Raising Walk

Thank you to everyone who walked or donated money to our walkers. The walk was held on Saturday, August 29 in Bear Creek Park. We will have the total money raised from CTK and the names of the walkers in the October *Herald*.

## Bulletin Board Bloopers

- Wanted: Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
- Missing — A purple lady's bicycle from the church parking lot.
- The "Spiritually Spontaneous" rally will begin at 4:15.
- The Sunday Night Men's Glee Club will meet on Saturday at the park, unless it rains. In that case they will meet at their regular Tuesday evening time.
- It's Drug Awareness Week: Get involved in drugs before your children do.

## Fall Church Sale



Plans are being made for CTK to hold a fundraising Church Sale on Saturday, September 26. Clean out your basements, closets and garages and save items at your home or bring items to the church for storage until the sale. Even if you only have a few things, we will take it all. If you have large items, like furniture, you may begin bringing them to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 24. That is the day we will start setting up.

Many helpers are also needed. If you can help in any way (set-up, pricing, sales, and cleanup), please sign up on the poster in the narthex or let Lynette know. The money raised by this sale, up to \$835, will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans "Care in Congregations" and be used here at CTK.

We will advertise in the newspaper, on the internet, and by street signs, but be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about our sale. Please plan to come on Sept. 26 and support your church!

### CTK Financial Update

January 1 to July 31, 2009

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	89,455	96,897	(7,441)
Expenses	89,207	99,642	10,435
Net Difference			2,994



## What is Global Health Ministries?

GHM provides a gift of life—physical and spiritual—through Lutheran health care across the world by providing project financial support, locating and shipping urgently needed medical supplies, recruiting health care personnel and funding the training of national health caregivers.

Through their newsletter *Global Health*, we have learned of the **urgent need for Hospice Kits for HIV/AIDS**, issued through 20 Lutheran hospitals in Tanzania, Africa. A year ago their total number of clients served was 500, today they approach 5,000! An **AIDS/Hospice Kit** can provide cleanliness, comfort and hope. Our prayers and generosity can reach far into the lives of those who have been affected.

During the month of September, we would like our congregation to help fill this great need by donating whatever amount of cash you can give to purchase the items for **12-15** kits. Each kit will cost approximately \$12.00, plus \$5.00 needed towards medications purchased by GHM. Our Church in Society committee can purchase the items shown on display for a reasonable cost and assemble the kits for shipping to GHM headquarters in Minneapolis.

Thank you for making a personal sacrifice to help relieve the suffering in the world.

**August 22, 2009** (from Bishop Mark Hanson)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I write to you from the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis with official information about the actions of this assembly related to human sexuality. I am grateful for the manner in which this church has engaged in this conversation. The way this assembly has discussed these questions is a continuation of the way this church has deliberated: with deep and heartfelt respect for each other, engaging with Scripture, listening to the faith stories and experiences of one another, and through worship and prayer seeking the discernment of the Spirit.

In my response to the voting members on Friday, August 21, I made this request: we need one another. We need time. We need the voices of those who lament and those who rejoice over these actions, for together we have been called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and engage in God's mission for the life of the world.

The assembly adopted 676-338 -- precisely two-thirds of those voting -- "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," the ELCA's 10th social statement, with minor editorial amendments. It also adopted a series of implementing resolutions with amendments. This theological and teaching document builds on the key Lutheran principles of justification by grace and Christian freedom to serve the neighbor. It emphasizes that central to our vocation, in relation to human sexuality, is the building and protection of trust in relationships. It therefore affirms that we are called to be trustworthy in our human sexuality and to build social institutions and practices where trust and trustworthy relationships can thrive. The social statement addresses marriage, same-gender relationships, families, protecting children, friendships, commitment, social responsibility and moral discernment. Regarding same-gender committed relationships, the social statement says that this church is not in agreement and recognizes the different perspectives which are present among us.

Our assembly also adopted resolutions proposed by the Church Council based on those contained in a "Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies." The actions direct that changes be made to churchwide policy documents to make it possible for those in committed same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders in the ELCA. There were amendments to two of the proposals. The assembly adopted the resolutions in the following order, beginning with a strong statement about how we will live together in the face of our disagreements:

**Resolution 3:** "RESOLVED, that in the implementation of any resolutions on ministry policies, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all." (Adopted 771-230 as amended)

**Resolution 1:** "RESOLVED, that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support and hold publicly accountable life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships." (Adopted 619-402)

**Resolution 2:** "RESOLVED, that the ELCA commit itself to finding a way for people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church." (Adopted 559-451)

**Resolution 4:** This resolution called upon members to respect the bound consciences of those with whom they disagree; declared intent to allow structured flexibility in decision-making about candidacy and the call process; eliminated the prohibition of rostered service by members in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships; recognized and committed to respect the conviction of members who believe that the ELCA should not call or roster people in committed same-gender relationships; called for development of accountability guidelines; directed that amendments to ministry policy documents be drafted and approved; and stated that this church continue to trust congregations, bishops, synods and others responsible for determining who should be called into public ministry. (Adopted 667-307 as amended)

I invite you into important, thoughtful, prayerful conversation about what all of this means for our life in mission together. What is absolutely important for me is that we have this conversation together.

We meet one another finally -- not in our agreements or our disagreements -- but at the foot of the cross, where God is faithful, where Christ is present with us, and where, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are one in Christ.

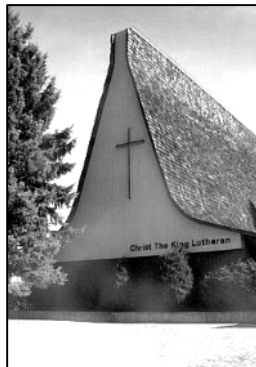
In Christ,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson  
ELCA Presiding Bishop

## Signs of our faithfulness

(July 19 – August 16)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number at Worship</u>	<u>Number Communing</u>	<u>Financial Offerings</u>
7/19/09	74	71	\$3,191.90
7/26/09	66	62	\$ 769.00
8/2/09	78	74	\$5,405.00
8/9/09	77	72	\$2,294.50
8/16/09	91	85	\$3,180.00



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