



The Sower

...A sower went out to sow. Matthew 13:3

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MYSTERY DINNER

"Characters" from Christ the King and Living Hope were welcomed to Vold Castle for a mystery dinner at CTK. Those in attendance included the Baron and his wife, tourists, a famous film director, a former Olympian athlete and her assistants, a well known guitarist, an Academy award nominated actress, chef Quinten McMarston, and many others. Julius McGreedy, Pastor of the nearly completed 5,555 seat Church of the Uncommon Inspiration, gave the blessing prior to an excellent German dinner, provided and served by Kathy Wiskow, Deb Klein and Neal Traxel. Following the unfortunate murder of Baron Ricky von Schnell, the participants spent the evening trying to discover the identity of the murderer. Everyone enjoyed the costumes, the food and the fellowship. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for planning a wonderful evening!



Spaghetti Dinner

Don't forget the spaghetti dinner on December 8. Although, we have not gotten out into the public yet, the attendance is growing. November we seated a total of 56 people. That is absolutely wonderful. Most importantly, the food is fantastic. If you haven't had the chance, please try it out, and spread the word. Once we have worked out all the bugs, we will formally start advertising to the public. We tried advertising with the press, but that did not work out, so we are seeking other ways to reach out to the community. If you have any suggestions, please see Debby Klein. We do need some help from the congregation for December. We need 5 people to volunteer to make desserts. If you are interested, please contact Debby Klein.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Sunday, December 13 - After Service

Mix or Match \$4.00 a dozen

Signup Sheet on Kiosk (make 5 dozen)

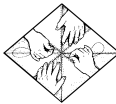
CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Sunday School children will be doing annual Christmas play on Sunday, December 20, during service. The story will be told "by the animals". This year's play is called "A Mouse's Tale".



On Saturday, October 24, all of the LWR items that we collected this year were taken to First United L. C. Church in Sheboygan by Lois and Roger Faldet. I was told a 53 foot long semi trailer loaded with 953 boxes was taken to a LWR warehouse in south St. Paul, Minnesota. They will then be distributed worldwide to those in need.

We gave 180 quilts, 23 layettes, 108 school kits and soap for a total of 52 boxes. Thank you to these chairpeople: Lois Faldet, Nora Moore/Judith Olson, Jan Nealy and Ellen Smith.



Thank you to all the individuals, both children, youth and adults, Living Hope Church, some ladies from St. Mary's Church and other people in the area who have given their time, talent and monies to make these worthwhile projects possible.

Betty Mans

UPDATE

For the last few months the children have been very busy at Kings Korner. Along with having a lot of fun playing the Wii, they also have been having fun creating wonderful crafts. In October they make spooky ghosts out of salt dough and scary trees out of brown paper bags. They also made flags from around the world and beautiful fall pumpkin wreaths to take home. November was a short month, although a lot has happened. During the month, we made turkeys out of pine cones, and with John Higgins help, the children learned how to draw cartoons. So what is planned for December? Since it is December, to start off the month the children will be making Xmas tree ornaments, followed by making gifts for mom and dad.

If you would like to see our ministry in action, please come to visit on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. It is so wonderful to see what we have started, and how happy the kids are to be a part of it.

Since we continue to grow, we still are in need of snacks and juice. If you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. FYI...The Share Program has cases of snacks and juice boxes available. They are reasonably priced, and you don't even have to go anywhere, just fill out the paper and give it to Bob Klein.

Debby Klein



Report for October
CTK donated 101 pounds
Pantry distributed 8,383 lbs.
to 530 people and
\$7,755 in food-only gift cards
Pantry expenses \$12,299

THE SISTER CIRCLE

Thursday, December 17

7:00 P.M.

At Christ the King Lutheran Church

Christmas Sing-A-Long

All are welcome

DISCUSSION ON CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY ACTION TO BE HELD

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” Col 3:14-15

During the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis our faith tradition passed a resolution entitled, “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust.” The document builds on the key Lutheran principles of justification by grace and Christian freedom to serve the neighbor. 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.

Christ the King will hold a discussion session as a means of discerning the implications of the Assembly action. If you are interested in attending, please study an informational Q & A document available in the Gathering Space at CTK. This will help you to make “informed” decisions regarding this subject. Then, we will meet after service on two occasions, Sunday, January 10th and Sunday, January 17th.



Help someone get through the day or find some needed information by volunteering as a trained listener on the COPE Hotline. Volunteers are needed to maintain a caring connection with someone in crisis. If you are 18 years and older, would like to help someone in need, and have 2-4 hours of time a week, please call COPE Business Office, 377-1477, to schedule an informative interview. Training begins in January 2010.

BIGGEST LOSER CONTEST WILL BENEFIT ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

Do you want to lose some weight for health reasons or because your clothes don't fit or you just want to look better? Join the Biggest Loser Contest and benefit people throughout the world who don't have enough to eat. All money collected will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. The contest will run from the first Sunday in January thru Palm Sunday.

Here's how the contest will work:

1. No “starvation dieting allowed.” Be sure to check with your doctor if there are health issues involved.
2. Weigh in on the church scale the first Sunday in January or shortly thereafter. Your “weigh in” weight will not be publicized only the final number of pounds lost.
3. Have your picture taken so a poster can be made for people to sign up and pledge an amount for every pound you lose.
4. A final weigh in will be taken on Palm Sunday. The person losing the greatest number of pounds at Living Hope and at Christ the King will receive a prize.

I need to lose some weight so I am listing myself already as a participant. I am also competitive which will keep me on track and prevent me from eating extra calories. I especially like the fact that I will be helping raise money for the ELCA Hunger Appeal. Won't you join me as a contestant or contributor?

Pastor Marilyn

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROD

Dear friends,

At long last, after many months of preparation we have a departure date. We are flying out Chicago on Monday, November 9 at 6:23 P.M. We are flying to Adelaide, Australia, arriving there November 11, some 24 hours later. We are spending about 10 days in Australia to meet with folks from the Australian Lutheran Church who are also involved with mission work with the church in Papua New Guinea. We will arrive at our new home in Lae, Papua New Guinea on November 21. We have been waiting for work permits and visas from Papua New Guinea, which we are still waiting for. We will enter with temporary visas for now until everything gets worked out.

We hope to stay in touch with you through these next several years while we serve there.

Our e-mail addresses are:

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Nancy nbanderson47@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you by e-mail and of course we would also love to receive regular mail from you at our mailing address:

Rod and Nancy Nordby

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Papua New Guinea

We have set up a blog and plan on using it to share our thoughts and experiences. The blog address is www.ponderingsfrompng.blogspot.com

We ask for your prayers and thank you for your support during these many months of preparation. We are ready and eager to be on our way and look forward to the next several years of living and working with the people of Papua New Guinea.

Rod and Nancy



December

5 Eric Leet	17 Catherine Giltner
6 Debra Klein	19 Kris Hughes
8 Mary Paul	21 Lori Wagner
9 Ashley Tikkanen	22 Susan Young
9 Kathryn Johnson	22 Lester Paul
11 Edward Johnson	24 Braden Hayes
11 Ann Schuck	26 Lois Lembecke
14 Ray Osness	26 Alexander Leet
14 Charles Polesky	

THIS AND THAT

- The month of December is a good time to invite friends or relatives to attend church to hear the message of Jesus' love for us. There is a lot going on at CTK. Come and participate.
- Quilting will take a break from November 24 until Tuesday, January 5, 2010. We sent 180 quilts this year.
- New phone number for the Donhams: 268-1514
- New address for Heidi Motiff: 1910 Parknoll Ln., Port Washington
- Special thanks to Ken Schmalz for cleaning the windows in the church. They look great!

Publications

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