



The Sower

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

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CHRIST THE KING AND LIVING HOPE HOOKING UP TO CAST A WIDER NET!"

June 1st was the beginning date for this exciting new mutual ministry of Living Hope (LH) and Christ the King (CTK). There are many new things happening that are keeping our members optimistic about how God is working through this yoking experience, using the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us in the right direction.

The first Visioning Committee meeting was held on May 26th. Members shared their personal, church and professional histories, in a warm, getting acquainted time. We talked about favorite memories from the past in each congregation. Prior to the meeting we studied the MET Report of CTK and the grant application for Evangelism and Outreach funding from the ELCA. Each document provides up-to-date thinking by both congregations on what new things we may want to do in the coming years. Members were asked to bring back a "top 5" list of goals to share. Later, we will have "listening sessions" at each church, asking members to give their input on how to plan for the future.

Members from both churches are starting to plan together and interact. Worship Committees are meeting jointly, as well as Evangelism. Staff members are attending both Council meetings and hope to attend as many committee meetings as possible. We are already holding discussions about the shape of confirmation (dates, time and places), Sunday School and property opportunities. Both congregations share a desire to open our buildings to outside groups in order to gain more exposure. LH is helping to sell tickets for the upcoming Community Chicken Roast and we hope to work together on that day. A joint entry in the July 4th and Fish Day parades is being planned. Upcoming events will be planned together, as a means of integrating members from both churches, as we approach the active school year and worship season.

Look for more happening as a result of this great, combined ministry!

The writing to this point was done by Chis Lear. From this point I would like to express the feelings I have experienced as the two churches work together.

On Sunday June 7, 2009 we had our joint congregational meeting at Christ the King Church. The church was full(120 people). There were lots of children there (This created the setting for a great children's sermon). The music was wonderful due to the large crowd but what made it outstanding was musical talent of both churches. Living Hopes choir and instrumental background was outstanding. Our choir and instruments were outstanding also. Combined together they gave us the best music I have ever heard in our church. I felt God smile. I felt more moved by the spirit than I have in years. I could not stop the tears.

Last Sunday was great also. Our attendance was almost twice what it has been for months. Pastor Marilyn, Chris and Lisa are wonderful people filled with love and the grace of God. Our congregation seems happy and upbeat.

If you have not had the pleasure of experiencing the effects of the new yoked ministries I urge you to do so next Sunday. God is working and can be felt in our congregations.

Oliver

Christ the King certainly has the gift of hospitality. It was a wonderful service and picnic for Celebration Sunday. I enjoyed every minute.

Therefore don't miss the next opportunity. On Sunday July 26th, there will be an outdoor gospel revival service. This is a great opportunity to invite neighbors and family to come along and sing those old time gospel hymns like *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*, *Blessed Assurance* *Jesus Is Mine*. His Royal Subjects will sing a few tunes.



Summertime tent gospel revival services were popular around the turn the century. Oftentimes the preacher would travel the same circuit every year. The whole community would turn out for the services which sometimes continued every night for a week. Even though the message of God's love for us shown in Jesus Christ has not changed in 2000 years, it's interesting to go back into history and look at how the delivery of that message has changed.

If you would like to dress up in old fashioned clothing (straw hats, white shirts and pants with suspenders, long skirts and ladies hats etc.) it would add to the fun of the day. We will put up a tent on the grounds and serve hot dogs and ice cream sundaes after the service. See you on the 26th.

PASTORAL ACTS:

Confirmed: Sean Donham, Chloe Paul and Tyler Phillips

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**SAVE THESE DATES -
AUGUST 10-14
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

At Living Hope Lutheran Church

For preschoolers
9:00 - 11:00 A.M.
"Kingdom of the Son
A Prayer Safari"

For children who have completed
kindergarten through 5th Grade
9:00 - 3:00 Monday - Thursday
9:00 - Noon Friday
"Son Rock Kids Camp"

School age children will be taking field trips to
Harrington Beach and Riveredge Nature Center

Registration forms coming soon. If you are able
to help, please contact Pastor Marilyn.



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, (262)377-1477 to schedule an informative interview. Training begins in September 2009.



July

Lutheran World Relief works with partners in 35 countries to help people grow food, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods and recover from disasters.

The tables in the Fellowship Room for contributing to our LWR parish project could use some help.

As you go to rummage/estate sales this summer, remember they are good places to get layette items. They do not have to be new, just in good condition and clean. Motels/hotels are great places to get wrapped small bars of soap. Later on in the summer, watch for school supplies at reduced prices for school kits.

Please refer to the yellow/ sheet of our needs that was in the May issue of *The Sower* or pick up the list on the table.

Betty Mans

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| 3 Stephen Stevens | 22 Conner Hayes |
| 5 Gracie Yankunas | 23 Lisa Kien |
| 5 Fern Rathsack | 23 Linda Speerbrecher |
| 8 Amanda Styles | 23 Luanne Boyle |
| 13 Roger Faldet | 23 Kevin Phillips |
| 14 Daniel Keto | 25 Abbey Hayes |
| 17 Charlene Watry | 25 Peter Schuck |
| 17 Chris Hays | 26 Stephanie Rowdon |
| 19 Ruby Eibs | 27 Michael Schuck |
| 19 Joseph Bransted | 28 William Nealy |
| 21 Elizabeth Schumacher | 28 Guesppina Mueller |
| 21 Robert Wiskow | 31 Lily Paul |

THIS AND THAT

- No quilting in July or August. We will start up on Tuesday, September 1.



Report for May
 CTK donated 45 pounds
 Pantry distributed 9,320 lbs.
 \$5555 food certificates
 to 331 people
 Pantry expenses \$5,770

Treasurer's Report - May 09

Receipts	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$8,723.00	\$7,724.42
Building Fund	\$1,958.00	\$1,816.67
Miscellaneous	\$274.08	\$135.00
Total Receipts	\$10,955.08	\$9,676.09
Total Expenses	\$7,742.23	\$9,034.96
Excess or (Deficit)	\$3,212.85	\$641.13

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