



The Sower

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

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REPORT OF CHRIS LEAR, ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY

"Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught." Luke 1:3-4

Theophilus means "one who loves God." All of you... as fellow members of the Body of Christ, love God also. So....given that I think God has called me to a key position in ministry at Living Hope (LH) and Christ the King (CTK), and given that at a recent joint Call Committee and joint Council(s) meeting, many were trying to recollect the correct culmination of events leading up to our mutual renewal efforts, I feel God has called me, in the spirit of Luke (above) to write down an orderly account:

Thursday afternoon May 29, 2008 the Pastoral staff and lay representatives were at the Annual Synod Assemble in Pewaukee. Jonathon Reitz, a noted expert on planting new congregations (church planting), led an interesting workshop on the topic. I attended and came away amazed and inspired. We all know about our common call to "go to the people of all nations and make them disciples." But what I didn't know is the tremendous benefit to all involved in the process of building the church, not only for the new believers...but to the existing congregation itself. We benefit both from the excitement of sharing our faith with new friends and during that process we reacquaint ourselves with old thoughts and feelings about our relationship with our God. In that process....we all grow in faith and it's practices!

After praying on the concept, Pastor Marilyn and I met with Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers, receiving his enthusiastic support. Living Hope Council members discussed the concept in August

and we set about the task of developing our first "Ministry Plan." About that time, we discussed our plan with other area ELCA churches at a Northern Lakeshore Cluster meeting (Ozaukee & Sheboygan Counties), which lead to a meeting with Pastor Paul Bulgerin of Grace in Grafton. Paul had much experience in church planting and gave us allot of useful input leading up to the first draft of the Ministry Plan. We received enthusiastic support from other Cluster churches, by the way. In the Fall of 2008 we were introduced to Greg Van Dunk, a Synod Evangelism & Outreach expert available to us. He gave us the idea of eventually applying for a grant from the ELCA. In February of 2009 our Ministry Plan was finalized and approved by Council.

In March we were visited by Bob Rathsack, President at Christ the King, Port Washington, about the possibility of "Yoking" with them in ministry together. CTK was in the Call Process and found their congregation unable to fund a full-time Pastor, for the first time in their history. We asked ourselves, "Where is God leading us in this?" We discussed and prayed on the possibilities....always looking for how Holy Spirit might be bringing about God's desires through us. April and May brought many meetings and several plans for how two congregations can share a Pastoral Staff and plan for renewal and plan for planting a church. On June 1st Pastoral Intern Lisa Bates-Froiland began her ministry with us, providing a fresh new face and inspired leadership. On June 7th the two congregations celebrated their new relationship with a joint celebration service at CtK. A Visioning Committee was formed and began meeting, setting up three Listening Sessions for the remainder of the Summer. The results of listening and visioning helped in developing plans for renewal activities which started in September. While all the above was transpiring, staff had been working on a three year "Evangelism Out-

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reach and Congregational Mission” (EOCM) grant application from the ELCA. The original Ministry Plan was folded into renewal plans, laying out a plan for 75% renewal activities and 25% church planting activities for June 2010 through May 2011. Congregational leaders met with the Synod E & O Committee on two occasions, receiving encouraging and supportive responses. In October the Pastoral Staff attended a special conference on the “Emerging Church” in Greeley, Colorado, affording the time and insights needed for our leadership to put the finishing touches on the grant. A special worship service was conducted November 8, 2010 in which we highlighted definite, defined plans for our “Missional Yoked Ministry.” The plan called for us to call a Mission Developer Pastor beginning ministry June 1, 2010, a second parish Pastor to be called January 1, 2011 and the retirement of Pastor Marilyn at that time. This new ministry would receive support through increased funding from the grant, Cluster Mission Partner support and increased giving from our members.

On February 21st Neil Harrison, Director for the EOCM came from Chicago, along with Greg Van Dunk to tour our area, the churches and to hear first hand our plans for renewal and growth. They were especially impressed with our “outside the box” thinking and our enthusiasm for the Ministry Plan. They notified us of the grant award later that month. LH and CTK immediately set about forming a Call Committee. The Committee interviewed three candidates between February and April 2010. With the culmination of ministry by Pastoral Intern Lisa Bates-Froiland on June 1st, we made arrangements with Pastor Michael McAllister to serve our churches through the summer months, until the Call Committee is ready to recommend the planned new Pastor. This affords the time and resources to begin implementing our Ministry Plan.

Throughout this process we have prayed, studied scripture and sought to discern God’s plan for our ministry. We believe the Holy Spirit is active and supportive in our work. We will continue to seek new paths toward renewal, blowing on the embers of God’s church in confidence that a blaze of fire, like that on the day of Pentecost will be the result. Amen!

Chris Lear, Associate in Ministry, May 2010

GREAT IDEAS NEEDED!

An important part of our renewal ministry is being visible to the community. One of the key ways to do that is to have the face of our congregation present at key community events. That’s why we want and need to be a part of parades and community celebrations. Last year, we had a great float in the July 4th parade (Saukville) and the Fish Day parade (Port Washington).

This year we want to show Port and Saukville, as well as Fredonia and Belgium a picture of who we are. But we need a new idea...and that’s where you come in. Think....what can we do to show the world our love through our missional efforts, in a fairly simple, easy to understand way? Please contact Lois Faldet, Amy Lorence, Chris Lear, but most important....let’s talk it up and get all fired up about the possibilities!!

Other renewal activities you should know about: we want to train and schedule hospitality/greeters for each service; letters and door hangers with our church information is going out to new residents in our area; a “popcorn ministry is being planned this summer, providing fresh popped popcorn to people attending the games across the street; we’re considering a “Jobs Fair” this fall to help members be more aware of various ministry opps in our church; please volunteer to help and to support the upcoming Chicken Dinner July 18th and the Relay for Life.



MARK THE DATE!

The Port Washington Community Chicken Roast host by Christ the King will be held Sunday, July 18, 2010, from 4 to 7. Tickets will be available for sale in May.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

- June:** 11-13 - Camping at Devil's Lake near Baraboo
 12 - Thrivent Baseball Game at 4:30 - see Neil
- July:** 4 - Float and Fish Day
 9-11 - Camping at High Cliff
 18 - Chicken Dinner
- Aug:** 13-15 - Camping at Long Lake in Dundee

QUILTERS' REQUEST

Wanted: old sheets. Quilters need used sheets for liners for the quilts. We could also use new people to help tie and hem quilts. Come Tuesday mornings 9 A.M. to 11:15 at Christ the King.

THIS AND THAT

- Change of Address:
 Maria Pruefer
 2827 N. University Dr. Apt.212
 Waukesha, WI 53188
 Mike and Jude Dow
 428 N. Wisconsin St.
 Port Washington, WI 53074
- 6 unclaimed jackets in our north coat area
- Watch for layette items at garage sales and also to buy bar soap when its on sale for LWR.
- New Email Address:
 Jerry and Sharon Anderson
 jsuffda@att.net

PASTORAL ACTS

Confirmed: Laura Griffiths, Elizabeth Kien, Brandon Moeller



June

Bryan Mitchell
 Tara Guenther
 Emme Pruefer
 David Kien
 Tyler Shepherd
 Daniel Driewer
 Edith Wallestad
 Keith Zirtzlaff
 Jaclyn Lorge
 Matthew Miller
 Jessica Kitzerow
 Kendyl Schmalz
 Lacey Guenther
 Alexandra Paul

Julia Phillips
 Robert Wagner
 Dan Williams
 Ken Schmalz
 June Eastvold
 Amelia McLarty
 Randy Young, Jr.
 Lois Faldet
 Ruth Ylvisaker
 Robert Klein
 Eric Honish
 Jennifer Lorge
 Michael Polgar



Report for April
 CTK donated 21 pounds
 Pantry distributed 5,991 lbs.
 and \$5,415 in Sentry and
 Piggly Wiggly food-only certificates
 to 345 people
 Pantry expenses \$9,564

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