



The Sower

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

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YOUR TRAVELING PASTORAL STAFF

*Soaking up Wisdom, Experience and
Inspiration about the Mission Church*

On October 12, Pastor Marilyn, Intern Lisa, and AIM Chris attended the Fall Theological Conference of the Greater Milwaukee Synod in Green Lake, WI. The morning and afternoon sessions featured the Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell sharing his thoughts on stewardship—primarily that we don't really "own" anything—all that we have is a gift from God, of which we give back a portion in joyful gratitude. The evening session featured Rev. Steven Bauman of the ELCA's Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission. His stirring presentation predicted that while the church of the future will not look much like the church of the 1960s and 1970s, our most promising practices are passing along the faith our "grandmothers" gave us—the songs, stories, and prayers that grew us up in faith. The future of the church is to make the "communion table relevant to the kitchen table," and will involve bringing the message of Jesus Christ to people and neighbors who are waiting to join us in worshipping God.

The staff spent October 18th-20th at a conference in Greeley, Colorado titled "Churches Starting Churches." This conference featured the actual pastors and lay leaders of congregations who have begun multi-site ministries from the base of their older church, or started fresh with a brand new ministry. Chris, Lisa and Pastor Marilyn are eager to start talking with members about what they learned at the conference, and the insights that might help in continuing the renewal of Christ the King.

STEWARDSHIP

Please turn your pledge cards and time and talent sheets. They can be put in the collection plate or turned in to the office. Thanks.



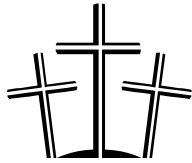
After School Program

Exciting News- Kings Korner continues to grow. Not only do we have children from the middle school and elementary school attending, but we also have high school students that are helping with the snack, homework, and activities.

Most importantly, the children love coming. What have they been up to? They have made pumpkin wreaths, helped us decorate for the Vold Castle Mystery dinner, learned how to draw comics, and they have helped out with getting the Branches of Kings Korner Hanging up. If you haven't seen the tree yet, please take a look it is beautiful.

More exciting news to report. We have decided to collaborate with Big Brothers and Sisters. Even though we are going together to help the children of the community, Kings Korner will still be benefiting. Why is that, and what actually does this mean for us? It means that we will be getting more children and more high school volunteers.

Even though we are getting more high school volunteers, we still need more adults to volunteer once or twice a week. With the growing numbers of children, it is getting tricky to help each one out with their homework. So if you have a few hours on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons, please sign up on the kiosk or call Debby Klein. (262)284-5838.



Have you seen our “3 crosses” in front of Church? The Council recently approved painting and fixing them up. They were completely scrapped and repainted and the tops were capped. They look great!!!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday, November 8 - 10:30 A.M.

Potluck Lunch

Signup on sheet on kiosk to help plan this

There will be no coffee hour

The Fellowship Committee needs people. We meet the 3rd Monday of every month.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

- The Evangelism Committee is working on a publicity flyer to be used to advertise our church and it’s outreach to the community. If you have ideas or pictures to include in the brochure please contact the committee.
- Prayer shawls are available to those in need. If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl please contact a member of the Evangelism Committee or call the church.
- The next Evangelism committee meeting will be on Nov. 16th at 6:30 p.m. at church.

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral services were held at CTK on October 3 for Ellen Dybdahl who died on Sept. 29.



Do you remember that we had a team for the Relay for Life event this last June for the American Cancer Society?? Well, Christ the King Lutheran Church raised a total of \$2,337.50 and the event total was \$76,000.00. This will go a long way toward the American Cancer Society's research program, educational initiatives, programs and services. Thank you to all the team members, members that pledged, members that donated auction items, members that worked at the fish dinner. I would especially like to thank Kevin and Jen Rudser for organizing and running the Fish Dinner - that was a great addition to the event even in the rain. Just think how well it will go over when we have sunshine next year!!! Again, thanks to everyone, Your 2009 Team Captain, Robin Honish



REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

CTK donated 109 pounds
Pantry distributed 9,677 lbs.
And \$9,275 in food-only certificates to 655 people
Pantry expenses \$11,054

CHRISTMAS GIFT A CHILD

Call 284-9286 (Joy & Bob) or 284-1148 (Pantry) to receive a name of a child. Indicate if you would like a boy or girl and the age of the child you would like. You will get a list of gift ideas for that child. Suggested amount is \$20 or more. Pantry needs: jackets for all ages (not long coats) and adult warm gloves for work and snow. Money is needed to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin for other needed food items. Thanks you for all of your support. Your Pantry Representative, Lois Faldet



A heartfelt thanks to all the members of Christ the King for the going away gifts given to Gene and me. We will truly miss all of you. These gifts and the Mentor Crosses mean a great deal to us. See you the next time we're in Port. Don't forget, our house is always open and we have three extra bedrooms for visitors. Come see us, or just stop in if you're ever on the southwest side of the state.

Roberta and Gene Giltner
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Dubuque, IA 52002
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November

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| 2 Derek Johnson | 21 Matthew Bialzik |
| 3 Tyler Schmalz | 22 Marina Paul |
| 4 Angela Rowdon | 22 Kelly Stevens |
| 5 Jennifer Watry | 25 Patti Cox |
| 6 Brian Keto | 26 Laura Mitchell |
| 10 Dylan Rowdon | 28 Dona Polesky |
| 12 Erin Norris | 28 Darlene Osness |
| 13 Katherine Nevins | 29 Maxwell Pruefer |

VISIT BY PASTOR ROD

Pastor Rod and Nancy stopped by. They will be leaving for their new assignment in Papua New Guinea shortly.

Their new email addresses are:

Rod rodnordby@gmail.com
Nancy nbanderson47@gmail.com

New Mailing Address is:

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THIS AND THAT

- **New Address**
Rea and Andrea Moeller Donham
835 W. Weiler's Way
Port

THE SISTER CIRCLE

Thursday, November 19

7:00 P.M.

At Christ the King Lutheran Church

"Christmas Cards"

All are welcome

Publications

Dick and Nora Moore, Tom and Joan Moran - Assembly/
Distribution

Pat Jensen, Publisher

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<http://www.christkingonline.org>

HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

- Looking into improving the Whitefish Road entrance. Some options are: install drywall over cement block, move coat rack, remove bulletin boards.
- Discussed King's Korner's liability insurance.
- Property is meeting with We Energies to save money on our heating bills.



FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE:

CHANGE YOUR THINKING

It will take just 37 seconds to read this and change your thinking. Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers, arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline, could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band – he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was very saddened as the man by the window body's was taken away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to turn to look out the window beside his bed. He faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate to have described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

REMEMBER: CHANGE YOUR THINKING

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situation. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. Today is a gift. That is why it is called "THE PRESENT".

