



# The King's Messenger

## Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Growing in Faith Love and Service to the God who loves us

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Bellevue, Nebraska 68147  
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## What's Happening in April and May!

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| Sun., April 1 – Palm Sunday                              | Tues., April 24, 9:00am – LWR Quilting             |
| Tues., April 3, 9:00am – LWR Quilting                    | 11:30am – Women's Bible Study                      |
| Wed., April 4, 8:00am – Lum's Breakfast Group            | Wed., April 25, 7:00pm – Confirmation              |
| <b>Thurs., April 5, 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Worship</b> | Sun., April 29 – Confirmation Sunday               |
| <b>Fri., April 6, 7:00pm – Good Friday Worship</b>       | 1:00 pm – The Story                                |
| <b>Easter, April 8, 7:30am – Sunrise Worship</b>         | Tues., May 1, 7:00pm – Arts for All Recital        |
| <b>8:45 – 9:45am – Easter Breakfast</b>                  | Wed., May 2, 8:00am – Lum's Breakfast Group        |
| <b>10:00am – Festival Worship</b>                        | Sat., May 5, 11:30am – Girlfriends!                |
| <b>11:15am – Egg Hunt</b>                                | Sun., May 6, 1:00 pm – The Story                   |
| Mon., April 9, 7:00pm – Mosaic Party                     | Thurs., May 10, 1:00pm – Hand & Foot at Mable Rose |
| Wed., April 11, 7:00pm – Confirmation                    | Sat., May 12, 8:00am – Men's Breakfast             |
| Thurs., April 12, 1:00pm – Hand & Foot at Mable Rose     | Sun., May 13 – Mothers' Day                        |
| Sat., April 14, 8:00am – Men's Breakfast                 | Mon., May 14, 7:00pm – Mosaic Party                |
| 9:30am – Church Clean-up                                 | Tues., May 15, 11:30am – Women's Bible Study       |
| Tues., April 10, 11:00am – Bryan Area Mother-Singers     | <b>Sun., May 20 – Bring a Friend Sunday!</b>       |
| Wed., April 18, 7:00pm – Confirmation                    | Sun., May 27 – Council                             |
| Sun., April 22 – Council                                 |  |
| 1:00 pm – The Story                                      |  |

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Spring is here - the season of rebirth. The crocus, hyacinths and daffodils are blooming after being dormant in the ground for months. I think it is appropriate that Easter (Christ's Resurrection) is celebrated during this season of the year.

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet Tuesday, April 10 at noon for lunch and program at Calvary Lutheran Church (2941 North 80th Street). Program is the Westside High School Show Choir. On May 8 we will meet at Bethel Lutheran Church (1312 South 45th Street). Program will be a speaker from Fontenelle Forest. Cost is \$6. Reservations to Mardelle by May 6.

Our Bible Study group continues with the study of Mark's gospel. We will meet on Tuesday, April 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (note change of date). Harriet Carlson will be hostess and Gayle Carmine will lead the Bible Study.

Metro East Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 14 at Bethany Lutheran in Elkhorn. Theme is "Christ Makes Life Exciting". Featured guests are Amy Chisholm from Project Harmony and Diane Gubbels who will share her stories of inspiration with her quilts. Cost is \$15. Registrations are due today, April 1.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8-10 - Saved to Serve at Tabitha Home, Crete

August 3-5 - Saved to Serve at Lutheran Service Corps, Omaha

September 15 - Autumn Renewal at Lord of Love, Omaha

Please continue to save UPC's from "Our Family" products, UPC's from Campbell soups (save the entire label) and General Mills "Box Tops for Education". A box for these items is located on the piano in the elevator room.

**Thrivent Financial** for Lutherans – what is it? We've mentioned it off and on but it's good to refresh our memory. Thrivent Financial is a Fortune 500 financial services membership organization helping approximately 2.5 million members achieve financial security and give back to their communities. As a non-profit organization, Thrivent Financial creates and supports national outreach programs and activities that help congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need.

Locally Thrivent Financial supports the Bellevue Habitat for Humanity, the food pantry and in our congregation the quilt group and the soon-to-be event for youth to attend summer camp at the very nice Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Our congregation has 9 members with Thrivent Financial products. Through the give back program these members receive Choice Dollars; and have designated Christ the King to receive this money. From 2010 through 2011 money received has totaled \$2,500, all of which has gone toward the elevator fund. If you have questions you may ask me or Jon Butler.

Phyllis Carlson,  
Congregational Advocate

## THANK YOU FROM DOROTHY PRINE

My sincere thanks to all who sent cards or called during my recent illness; and to Pastor Rice for the visits at both the hospital and Rehab. Also, my heart felt appreciation for the Prayer Blanket I received from the children at church. All of that love and warmth are bound to make me get better.

Thanks again,  
Dorothy Prine

### Additions and changes to your Church Directory

#### New members:

HINES, Telle  
11828 South 31st Street  
Bellevue, 68123

LETT, Misty  
(Elizabeth)  
3516 Polk Street  
Omaha, 68107  
402-212-7853

#### New Address:

KEATING, Jodi  
702 Ft. Crook Road South #134  
Bellevue, 68005  
402-593-0311s

WILLIAMS, Don  
4162 Bay Covey  
Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588  
402-650-2590

Note: A new Friends & Family Summer Directory will be published soon.

### April Anniversaries

- 9 Randy & Sue Andresen
- 12 Colin & Tammi Palm
- 12 Bill & Peggy Rytch
- 23 Vern & Julie Junker

### April Birthdays

- 2 Ralph Robalik
- 4 Gavin Kennon
- 5 Ana Seal
- 10 Samantha Brock
- 10 Rita Harris
- 11 Zach Carlson
- 13 Helen Cratty
- 17 Caroline Rice
- 21 Elida Arellano
- 21 Trenton Harris
- 21 Shirley Schneiderman
- 22 Steve Kennon
- 23 Dick Lindauer

### April 21 is Secretary's Day

### May Anniversaries

- 8 Justin & Amanda Hohn

### May Birthdays

- 4 Jordan Kiesel
- 5 Gordon Hudelson
- 5 Nick Christy
- 5 Austin Dyer
- 9 Phyllis Fidelity
- 9 Gabriel Marx
- 13 Del Smith
- 15 Bill Webb
- 17 Sara Drummond
- 17 Cindy Thompson
- 19 R. T. Taylor
- 21 Gary Morrow
- 25 Bailey Thompson
- 25 Brittany Johnson
- 26 Alexander Carlson
- 26 Marleen McCulloch
- 29 Lu Dee Holmes
- 30 Tanya Dyer
- 31 Kyle Junker



Grace and Peace!

In the spring of 2010 archaeologists unearthed a 3,500-year-old door to the afterlife from the tomb of a high-ranking Egyptian official near Karnak temple in Luxor. This door was meant to take the official from death to the afterworld.

Jack found another door to the afterlife. He taught English literature at Oxford and spent many evenings walking the gardens of Magdalene College. And it was one evening while walking with his friend John that Jack discovered his way.

His door seems to have found a way into his writings as a wardrobe through which his characters could enter Narnia, a kind of medieval version of Paradise. Jack, or C.S. Lewis as we know him today, went on to become one of the great apologists for the Christian faith in the 20th century. He wrote of death in this way:

*"If we really think that home is elsewhere and that this life is a 'wandering to find home,' why should we not look forward to the arrival?"*

How would you write about that time you take your last breath and the moment right after? Will you look forward to it? Or will it be a terrifying moment for you? And would you want to be able to face your death unafraid?

Jesus enables us to do that, you know. He moves us from a Friday and Saturday of death and disillusionment to a Sunday of victory. Your way into that victory is through a door. Jesus Christ.

Jesus said of himself, "I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture" (John 10:9). And all of the Easter stories tell this.

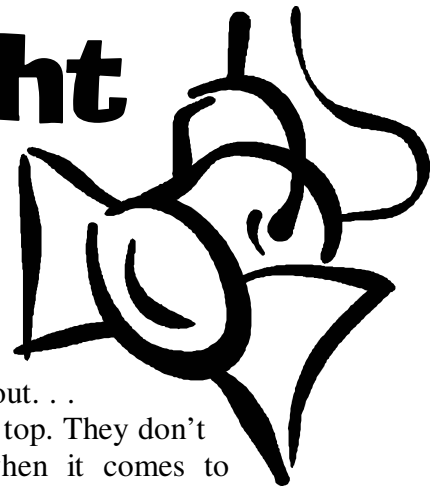
In another garden, another Magdalene—Mary—was looking for Jesus' dead body to anoint, but it was missing from the tomb (John 20). Two angels speak to her but she is so upset she misses them. She keeps talking about her "Lord" and that he had been taken away. It took Jesus coming to her and calling her by name before she recognized what had happened.

You'll have your Fridays and Saturdays. Days that are dark and days that are lost. In those days when you can't find the door out, do as Mary did. Keep calling Jesus "Lord." Keep calling and keep looking for him.

Because if you keep calling him Lord, he'll call you by name. And when he does, you will turn and find the door to an eternity of Sundays.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JBL' or similar, written in a cursive style.

# Council Spotlight



Dear friends in Christ,

Max Lucado is a pastor and author who has written books and devotionals that many of have enjoyed. He writes, “Computers are legalists, impersonal pragmatists. Push a button and get a response. Learn the system and get a printout. . . .Computers are heartless creatures. Don’t expect any compassion from your lap top. They don’t call it a hard disk for nothing. Some folks have a computer theology when it comes to understanding God. Call it computerized Christianity. Push the right buttons, enter the right code, insert the correct data, print out your own salvation. Computerized religion. No kneeling. No weeping. No gratitude. No emotion. It’s great — unless you make a mistake. . . .And then, you’re on your own.”

As we think of Easter Sunday, aren’t you glad that God didn’t provide a computerized system of Christian faith for us? Aren’t you thankful that in his divine wisdom and sovereignty, God provided salvation that is real, touchable, and full of emotion? Aren’t you glad that when Jesus died on the cross, through faith, He becomes a personal, living Savior to all who trust Him?

That’s the real beauty of Easter — that Jesus Christ, has conquered sin and death and lives today as our Savior. No codes to memorize. No data to enter. No buttons to push. Nothing like that. He is a living Savior who, through His resurrection, offers life and light to all who turn to him in faith. So instead of pushing buttons and staring at meaningless screens, we serve a risen Savior who lives in us and through us.

As you give thanks for Christ’s victory this Easter Sunday, and as you realize afresh the need to tell others about his saving grace, would you consider giving a special gift to Christ the King Lutheran Church? You may use the special envelope in your box or just one in the pew. Whichever you use, as you think about all that Jesus accomplished for us through his resurrection power, please give as generously as possible. And as you do, in the words of an old hymn, you will do your part to “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, ’Til all the world adore his sacred name.”

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Dave Johnson – Council President

*Alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

# Babylon

Daniel's Courage in Captivity™



## Bring your kids

(and any others that may be wandering around)

## to Vacation Bible School at Christ the King!

**June 11 - 15, 6pm - 8pm**  
**3yrs - grade 5**

## Daniel was way more than the guy who survived a den of hungry lions!

Travel back to Babylon and join Daniel... torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace.

Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Your young people will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

*girlfriends*  
@Christ the King

*May 5, 2012 @ 11:30am*

At Christ the King we value our relationships. This past spring some of us women here at Christ the King got together to be more intentional about our "girlfriends" relationships. This isn't a book club, bible study or a discipleship group. We just come together for lunch and pray for each other.

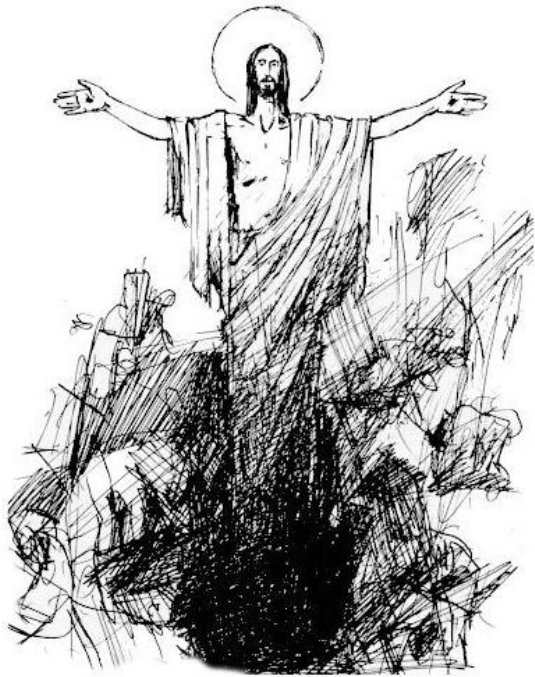
Whether you have been with us in the past or not, we invite all women looking for some "girlfriend time" to join us for our Spring Gathering. We're going to get together in the Fellowship Hall for a cookout and salad lunch. Bring a salad to share and maybe a friend.

## UPDATED FRIENDS & FAMILY DIRECTORY COMING SOON



It's again time to make additions and/or corrections to our directory. Please check your listing in the latest edition and let us know of any changes that need to be made; also if you want your e-mail address included.

We hope to publish the Spring 2012 edition by **May 20**. Please leave a note concerning any corrections in Harriet's mailbox by **May 13**.



# Easter Sunday Celebrations

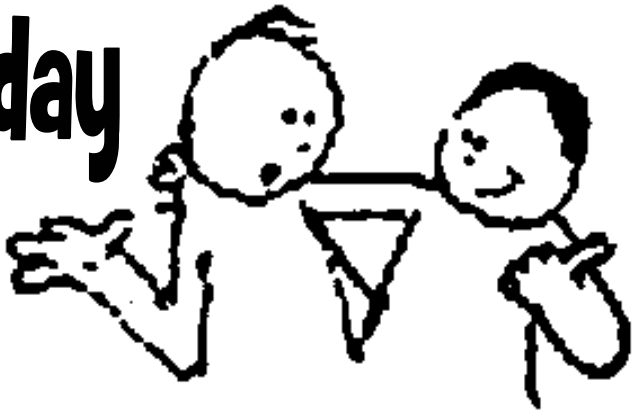
**April 8, 2012 7:30am & 10:00am**

**Breakfast Served 8:45am - 9:45am**

**Egg Hunt 11:15am**

Come for a Celebration of the Hope of Easter. This would be an excellent opportunity to bring a family to come to worship with you! Breakfast, uplifting worship, and an egg hunt for kids—it's the complete experience!

## Bring a Friend Sunday May 20, 2012



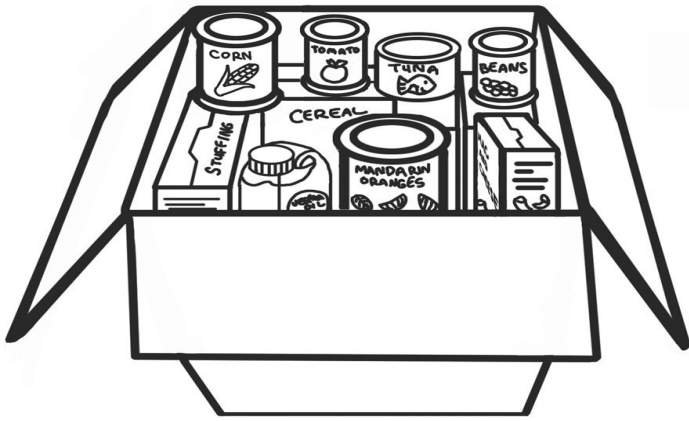
Studies show that 70 to 90 percent of those who join a particular church already have friends or relatives in that church. We know that getting an individual to attend worship for the first time is often the most difficult. We also know that every member of the congregation is called to be involved in the task of evangelism.

## OPERATION ANDREW

May 20 has been designated as "Bring a Friend" Sunday. But we're going to do more than just ask you to think about it. The weeks before we will be talking about just how to go about doing that and even better, that Sunday is going to be a blast. You will have something more than ordinary to bring someone to.

According to Jesus' teaching in the Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20 the primary purpose of any congregation is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. "Bring a Friend" Sunday is an effort to *reach* persons with the gospel and *receive* them as welcome guests. We understand this *reaching* and *receiving* to be the first step in making disciples for Jesus Christ. There are additional steps in the process, but this is the first step on the journey of a lifetime.

Just as Andrew spent a day with Jesus and then brought his brother to meet the Lord...  
as Philip met Jesus by the roadside, then found his friend Nathaniel and brought him to meet Jesus...  
your commitment to bring a friend to church is important.



Flower Power Fundraising is an online direct sales company that sells flowers and other garden plants to help raise money for non-profits. Flower Power sells top-quality, best-selling flower bulbs and plants and in exchange for helping to promote their company, our congregation will receive a full 50% of the proceeds from each sale made through our congregation's efforts.

With online purchasing, people could pay by credit card and even shop from home. We believe this fundraiser, with a little help from you, will be a blooming success.

## Why?

- Christ the King gets 50% of every sale
- Only top-quality plants will be shipped to you, your friends and relatives
- Flower Power ships directly to your doorstep
- A flat \$5 shipping charge
- 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed!

## How can you help?

Right now there is already a link to our Fundraiser site on our home page. Go to

**[CTKLC-Bellevue.org](http://CTKLC-Bellevue.org)**

click on the flowers and browse the terrific assortment of flower bulbs and perennials offered at Flower Power Fundraising. And then tell everyone you know who plants in the spring. Remember 50% of the money from every item you or someone you tell purchase counts toward our fundraiser and helps our congregation.

## 40 CANS for 40 DAYS It's not too late!

Lent is a season in which people often give up something as a spiritual practice. In this challenge households are encouraged to give up something from their pantry or grocery cart for each day in Lent. Then bring those groceries to the food pantry shelves in the entryway. Food sacrificed at the temple often went to help the less fortunate. This challenge does the same.

**Men's  
Breakfast**   
**April 14 and May 12**  
**8:00am**

Men's Breakfast meets the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. where men of Christ the King unite in fellowship, dialogue and service to others. Come yourself and bring a friend!



## Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, April 14, 9am

We need everyone's help and have work for all ages. We will be focusing on the INSIDE of our facilities. If you see something that needs attention please call Bill Webb, 402-733-7678.





## The Story: *Part 2 The Life of Jesus* Sundays 1:00pm - 2:30pm April 22, April 29 and May 6

The Bible tells the greatest and most important story of all time. It is the story of the one true God and His children. It is the story of the God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God who sacrificed; the God who forgives. It is the story of redemption and new life.

It is the story of God.

We want to know the Bible as understandable and fascinating. We want to experience the transformational message of the Bible as we learn and re-learn the story of God. We did the Old Testament in the fall; these three sessions will cover the life of Jesus. But if you missed out on those sessions, fear not. It's not like the fall was a prerequisite.

### What is The Story?

The book called *The Story* is an abridged chronological NIV Bible. There are no verse references in the text, and the segments of scripture are woven together with transitional text written to connect the storyline into one seamless story.

For people new to the Bible, this way of reading scripture gives the storyline of Scripture and reduces the intimidation one can feel when approaching the full-length, unabridged Bible. For seasoned Bible veterans, the chronological arrangement of the essential texts reveals the single grand narrative of the Bible.

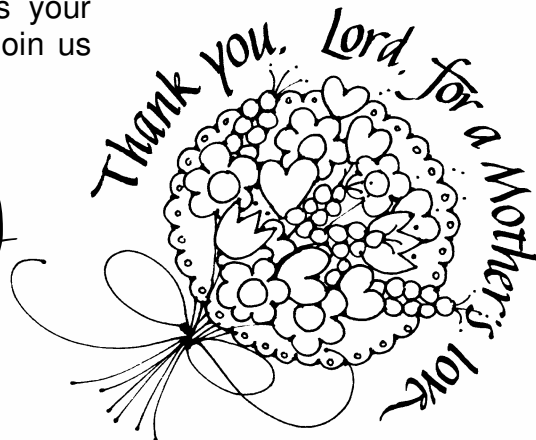
The result is a fresh perspective on the **Upper Story** of God and the **Lower Story** of humanity. There is the **Upper Story**. God is real, He is present, and He is working on our behalf. Heaven is breaking into the world more than we recognize. God speaks. God acts. God listens. God forgives. God's story is a beautiful one of redemption and new life.

There is also the **Lower Story**. We live on earth. We make mistakes, run from God, and resist His overtures of love. Sometimes we get so caught up in the **Lower Story** that we fail to recognize God's presence breaking into our world. We forget that the God of Heaven longs to have a growing relationship, a friendship, with us.

As we walk through *The Story* together, we will see how the **Upper Story** and **Lower Story** are intertwined. All through history God has encountered, loved, sought, disciplined, and redeemed His children. God wants to be with us; with you, with me. This is the refrain that rings true through *The Story*. As we read each chapter this will become clearer and more personal. God's story and our story are really one and the same.

If you ever wanted to understand the Bible now is your chance. Grab some lunch and then come back and join us as we walk through THE STORY!

Mother's Day  
is May 13th



# Monthly Worship Duties

## April

### Communion Preparation

The Rice Family

### April 1, 2012

Assisting Minister Debbie Cline  
Acolyte Brooke Bell  
Cross Bearer Katheryn Rice  
Ushers Dave and Val Johnson  
Coffe Host Debbie Cline

### April 8, 2012 7:30 am

Acolyte Brandon Robalik  
Cross Bearer Brett Robalik  
Ushers Rice Family

### April 8, 2012 10:00am

Assisting Minister Joy Woita  
Acolyte Erik Junker  
Cross Bearer Nathan Heldt  
Ushers Dick and Jeri Lindauer

### April 15, 2012

Assisting Minister Gene Schneiderman  
Cross Bearer Haileigh Welshonse  
Ushers Junker Family  
Coffe Host Caroline Rice

### April 22, 2012

Assisting Minister Val Johnson  
Acolyte Brandon Robalik  
Cross Bearer Daniel Rice  
Ushers Gayle Carmine  
Elaine Vaag  
Coffe Host Joy Woita

### April 29, 2012

Assisting Minister Jodi Keating  
Acolyte Brooke Bell  
Cross Bearer Kirstin Bell  
Ushers Phyllis Carlson  
Joy Woita  
Coffe Host Thrivent Chapter

## May

### Communion Preparation

Open

### May 6, 2012

Assisting Minister Jay Welshonse  
Acolyte Jordan Kiesel  
Cross Bearer Jocelyn Heldt  
Ushers Bill & Sharon Webb  
Coffe Host Debbi Marx

### May 13, 201

Assisting Minister Jodi Keating  
Cross Bearer Brett Robalik  
Ushers Paul Bernier  
Bernie Drassal  
Coffe Host Judy Taylor

### May 20, 2012

Assisting Minister Joy Woita  
Acolyte Brooke Bell  
Cross Bearer Emma Dawkins  
Ushers Jodi Keating

### May 27, 2012

Assisting Minister Gene Schneiderman  
Cross Bearer Evan Christy  
Ushers Norm & Jean Grob  
Coffe Host Sheli and Katheryn Rice

## 2012 Council

<b>Council President</b>	Dave Johnson
<b>Council Vice President</b>	Lee Fideline (Mission & Service)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jay Welshonse
<b>Secretary</b>	Harriet Carlson
<b>Members</b>	Judy Taylor (Worship & Music) Beth Christy (Christian Education) Dick Lindaurer (Finance ) Debbie Cline (Congregational Life) Bill Webb (Building and Grounds)