



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

Christ the King Lutheran Church
7308 South 42nd Street
Bellevue, Nebraska 68147
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

October 3, 10am - Little Shepherds' Party

October 3, 11:30am - Pet Blessing

October 17, 8:00am - Church Workday

October 18, 11:15am - Fellowship Meal

November 13, 6pm - Family Campfire and Lock-in

November 22 - Girlfriends! Outing

November 25, 7pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service



Women of the ELCA

Happy Autumn!

It is hard to believe it is the time to write an article for the October/November newsletter. Where has the year gone? It will soon be harvest time, Halloween, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving Day. Our women of the ELCA Bible study for September reminds us to slow down and remember the Sabbath day. We all need to take time out for a day of rest in the Lord.

**Breakfast at LUMS!
NEW DAY! FRIDAYS!
Oct. 2 and Nov. 6
at 8am!**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet on Tuesday, October 13, 12 noon at Lutheran Church of the Master, 2617 S. 114th St. November 10, we will meet at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4200 N. 204th St. Cost is six dollars. Reservations to Mardelle by the Sunday prior to the meeting.

Our Bible study circle will meet on October 20, 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue the theme "slow faith quote. Gail Carmine will lead the Bible study. Mardelle Gocek is hostess. We will meet on November 17, 11:30am in the fellowship hall. We will also have a thank offering service when we give a special offering to thank God for his abundant blessings. Mardell go check will leave the Bible study. Jerry Lindauer is the hostess.

LWR quilting has resumed. We will work on quilts October 20 and 27, 9:00am to 11:30am. Quilts will be shipped to LWR early in November. November 17, 10 AM we will have a short quilt session for a special project.

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

Men's 

Breakfast

October 10 and
November 14 at 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!



Grace and Peace!

We are a gifted church. God has all the resources we need to accomplish his mission. For the more than 55 years that Christ the King has existed, we have seen our God put his resources to work. Stewardship is how we use what God has given us. But the question can be raised – ***Does my gift matter?***

The straight, simple answer is YES!
We need you! Will you give?

We ask, without embarrassment, because we are not asking only for our congregation, but for all the people who are touched by our congregation. We want to be focused outward: to reach the first-time visitor who encounters the very presence of God in our worship and fellowship; to care for a grieving family grappling with loss; and to build up an excited child in VBS whose smile gives witness to knowing the love of Jesus.

I could go on, but I think you get the idea. We are called to reach out, care for and build one another toward maturity in Christ. That's what our mission statement is about - ...growing in faith, love, and service to the God who loves us. Our God has gifted us for this mission. Do we clutch at those gifts to keep for ourselves? Do we give as he has given us?

Paul wrote to the Corinthians—and so also to you and me, “Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry of the saints for I know your eagerness...The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:1, 6-8

Our gifts flow from his gift.

Does my gift matter? Yes. Will you be part of making so much happen at Christ the King? Will you give of your time, talents, and resources for the furthering of God's kingdom?

Does my gift matter? Remember the widow whose gift was two small copper coins? Jesus pointed to her gift because it cost her dearly. He was using her gift to point to his gift. He gave everything he had, including his life on the cross for us. He was also pointing to her gift as an example of how we can give in response to God's gift. The widow gave what she had because she trusted God's mercy. She gave out of God's abundance rather than her poverty. That's what trust does.

But the message doesn't stop there. Jesus scolded the wealthy who were one-upping each other but seeing how long and loud they could make their offerings clink. They believed that the length of the clinking was directly proportional to how much their gifts mattered. Jesus was saying all gifts matter – not only the loud and long; our measure of them – because the one who gives them matters to God. If you matter, then your gift matters.

As we spend the first part of October talking about Stewardship, I hope you will take the opportunity to read through the brochure that the Stewardship Committee has put together. It is worth the twenty minutes it will take. I am thankful for all who submitted testimonies; I think they are the best part of the brochure.

Please also make every attempt to attend a cottage meeting. They will mostly be about hearing your stories of what Christ the King means to you. Yes, there will be an open conversation about financial giving, but not a boring finance explanation. If you have finance questions, ask them, but that isn't the agenda.

Prayerfully consider your commitment to the mission work of Christ the King in 2016. I pray giving it will bring you joy, knowing that your gift matters. And, be sure to join your church family for Commitment Sunday on October 18. Paul and his team have planned a wonderful meatloaf and chicken dinner for us!



**Little
Shepherds'
Party
Saturday
October 3rd
10:00am**

We are going to have a great time at this event! We'll learn more about a guy named Francis who loved God and God's creation. We'll also be making some animal treats for cats, dogs and grain loving animals (hamsters, horses, sheep) fun for the whole family! Right when we are done we will be welcoming some animal friends to a worship service. Check it out below. Maybe send mom or dad home and bring back the animal members of your family when they come to pick you up.

**Pet
Blessing
Saturday.
October 3rd
11:30am**



Pets of all kinds are welcome; horses, dogs, cats birds, mice, guinea pigs, spiders, turtles, snakes, and other reptiles. Please leave all spiders in their sealed enclosure... Pastor Bryan is less than fond of arachnids.

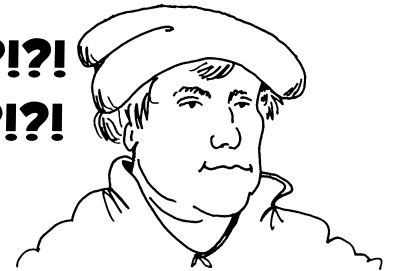
There will also be a time to remember our animal friends who have passed away.

We even have collar tags to give away, so if your pet is anti-social, come anyway and we will bless the tag and you can take the blessing home.

**CHURCH
WORKDAY!
October 17th
8:00am - 11:59am
There's plenty to do and
many hands make light
work.**

**October 25, 2015 is
Reformation Sunday!
WEAR RED!**

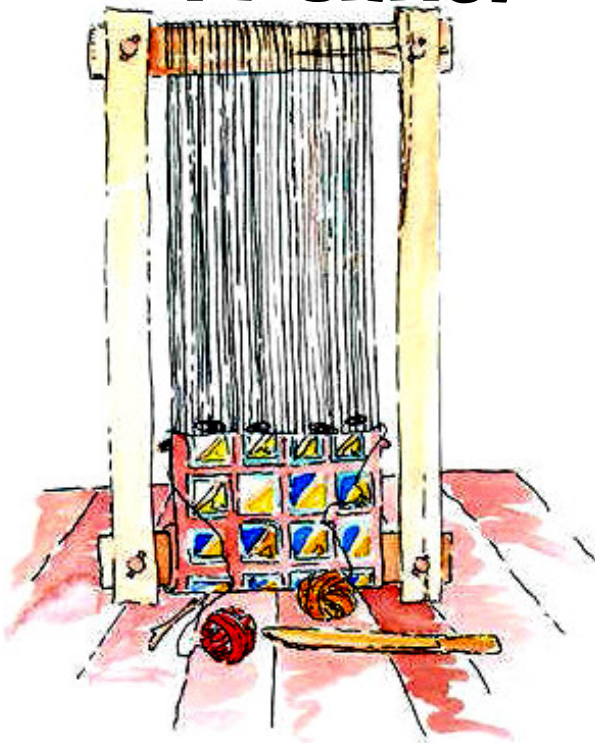
**Was ist das?!?!
Uhh... what?!?!
Why would
I do that?!?!**



Many Lutheran churches have a tradition of wearing red on Reformation Sunday because red is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit and Luther believed the Reformation was born from the moving of the Holy Spirit. This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God even today.

So, if you want to wear red as a commitment to having the Holy Spirit move through you, expressing grace and mercy to all who come to Christ the King, go for it. But it isn't necessary to wear red to do so. May we at Christ the King be open to the Spirit's direction every day, no matter what color we wear.

Woven Together in Christ



A single fiber is weak, incapable of warmth or beauty.
But two fibers together form a cord,
the start of something big.
Many fibers become a strand,
and many strands become one work of art.
We are woven together as part of Christ's Church,
with power to change the world.

Annual Stewardship Campaign October 4, 11, and 18, 2015

Christ the King Lutheran Church is not the bricks and mortar, but the people who gather to form the Body of Christ. As we come, we are woven together into a tapestry of God's creation. In worship, during these weeks, we will be exploring this theme of being woven together. You are encouraged to share your experience of Christ the King during the cottage meetings that take place at 9am. Be sure to join with the rest of the congregation as we make our commitments to the mission work of Christ the King for 2016 on October 18. Please also join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Attention, Choir Members Old and New



Choir Notes

For this program year, we have selected four anthems to sing in worship. We will sing during worship on October 25, December 20, January 24, and March 20. We have scheduled rehearsals so that they do not conflict with other after worship events. Rehearsals have been scheduled for each anthem and there are either four or five weeks of rehearsals before we sing each anthem.

Please keep these dates on your calendar, and look at the calendar printed in the newsletter each month for the dates and times of rehearsals... typically Sunday after worship, but there is one at 9:30.

We welcome any new members that would like to share their talents as well. We are not a professional group by any means, so if you like to sing, please join us. If you wish to offer a musical offering please talk to Muffy.

We will need volunteers to help set up the altar as well through out the year.

In Christian love and fellowship,
Muffy Bratsveen, Worship and Music Chair

**Stewardship
Meal
After Worship
October 18, 2015**



October Anniversaries

- 10 Mark & Amy Dyer
- 12 Dave & Val Johnson
- 22 Bryan & Sheli Rice

October Birthdays

- 4 Jodi Keating
- 5 Diana Welshonse
- 6 Richard Arellano
- 8 Tammy Morrow
- 9 Jeff Kiesel
- 10 Jean Grob
- 10 Ray Fink
- 17 Stephanie Welshonse
- 17 Logan Velazquez
- 21 Lori Kiesel
- 25 Rebecca Rish
- 26 Alexander Palm
- 27 Shelly Pecka
- 28 Bernie Drassal
- 30 Carroll Raven
- 31 Seth Andresen
- 31 Abbey Dyer

November Anniversaries

- 6 Jim & Debi Marx
- 25 Ralph & Aimee Robalik
- 26 Lee & Phyllis Fidelity
- 29 Gary & Ann Hunter

November Birthdays

- 1 Susan Andresen
- 4 Jeff Hunter
- 5 Tammi Palm
- 6 Merna Daniel
- 7 Kirsten Bell
- 8 John Wicklander
- 13 Barbara Myers
- 19 Jon Butler
- 25 Jaxon John Robert Wicklander
- 30 Erik Junker
- 30 Barb Velazquez

girlfriends
@Christ the King

Night on the Town

*We're seeing Dirty Dancing and then
doing dinner in the Old Market
Sunday, November 22, 2015*

There are two tickets in our block left! We have a great group going and if you're interested please let me know very soon! Also, if you'd just like to join us at Spaghetti Works for dinner after the show, get with me so we can coordinate when and where we can meet up. 402-676-3495

Sheli Rice -Coordinator



**hanks-
giving**

S E R V I C E

November 25, 2015

7:00pm

*Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell everyone what he has done.*

What are you thankful for? Sometimes it is easy to answer that question, especially when things seem to be going well in our lives. Other times, when we may be going through a rough time, it may be harder to come up with an answer. One way that we grow in our relationship with God is to share with others in our church family. Pie and other pumpkin desserts will be served after the service.

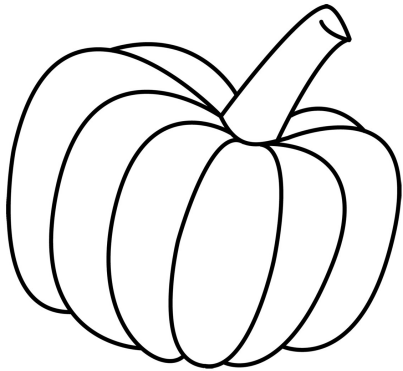
Smoothie Party at Mosaic

October 19, 2015 7pm

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I'm apart.

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I'm a part.

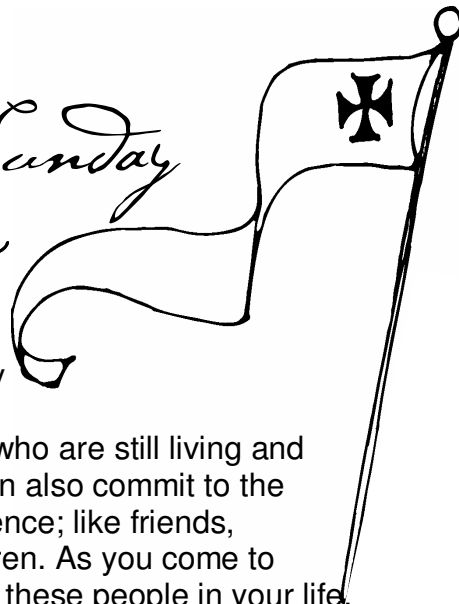
inclusion



Jesus said that sometimes even just offering a cup of cold water was serving in his name. Yes, the residents at the Grandview Duplex are intellectually disabled and many wheelchair bound. Join us as we bring out the blenders and see joy abound! This month we are doing pumpkin as our featured shake! Come share a smoothie or even better bring a blender. See Deb Marx for details.

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2015



During our All Saints' Sunday service you will have an opportunity to honor those people who have influenced your spiritual life: those who are still living and those who have passed on. You can also commit to the Holy Spirit those you hope to influence; like friends, co-workers, children or grand-children. As you come to worship select ribbons to represent these people in your life. There will be a time during worship when we present these ribbons to Jesus by attaching them to the processional cross as prayers of thanksgiving and encouragement.

**A Special Offering
will be taken for the
Mission Endowment Fund
on All Saints Sunday**

The Mission Endowment Fund is an investment fund guided by provisions in our constitution to have regular withdrawals from the dividend income of the invested capital to be used for specified purposes; like new ministry opportunities, outreach in the community, missions of the ELCA, and scholarships or grants. This can be a great way to honor or remember someone you wish to thank God for.



Kindle the Fire

Family Campfire - November 13, 2015 6pm

We'll fellowship around the campfire, do hotdogs and s'mores. (we'll grill the hot dogs... takes less time) When it's little ones bed time, families with young kids can call it a night. We'll have a Bible Study that goes along with our confirmation program and we'll play some games into the woooooooooooooooooooo hours of the night.

Kids spending the night need to bring a Blanket/sleeping bag and a pillow.

October and November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6pm Fitness Club	2 8am LUMS	3 Little Shepherds' Party 10am Pet Blessing 11:30 am
4 Stewardship 9am Sunday School Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	5 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club 6pm Girl Scout Bronze/Silver Award Groups	6 9amCCFoundations 1pm CC Essentials 4:30pm Arts for All	7 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	8 6pm Fitness Club 7pm BOHG Monthly Meeting	9 8:00am – 5pm Lifeline Screening	10 8am Men's Breakfast 10am Confirmation
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