



# KING'S HERALD

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church  
*Connecting the World with God's Grace*  
November, 2009

## FROM PASTOR PAUL . . . . . OPSAHL, THAT IS!

It's a humbling experience for me to step in as your interim Pastor, but I do so with much anticipation. This is a strong, dynamic congregation, and you want to continue that pattern. During our time together - and at this point no one knows how long that will be - we will all need to give our very best and most inspired energies to the work of Christ the King. As I understand it, this interim is meant to be thanksgiving for what has been, discernment for what might be, and anticipation for what is to come. Before you call your next minister, you will be making sure what path of ministry you want to be on. I'll be among you to do whatever I can as Pastor to keep your dedication strong and your enthusiasm high.

I'm aware of how much you will be missing the presence and the ministry of Pastor Gysan and LaVonne. I'm aware, too, that it isn't many months ago that you bade farewell to Pastor Scott and Jennifer. You know better than anyone how fortunate and God-blessed this congregation has been to have had such dedicated, committed pastoral leadership. And now, you have made the closure to Pastor Gysan's ministry at Christ the King and his entry into retirement so very warm and loving and affirming. Be assured, these fond memories will be in their hearts for a very long time to come.

Pastor Gysan has been so very gracious in arranging for this transition. He's scheduled conversations with your leaders - President Brett and the other Council members - so that I can start on November 1<sup>st</sup> with a good bit of background. I know already that it's going to be delightful working with your talented staff: Mike, Deb, Karen, Jane, and Andrew. One way you people of Christ the King can be of help to me immediately is to introduce yourselves - by name - over the next several weeks. For awhile, each time we meet. When I began in the ministry 45 years ago, I could catch on to most names after hearing them once. It's not quite that easy anymore!

By way of introduction, I grew up in the mid-west in a Pastor's family, attended Concordia College and Luther Seminary (both in Minnesota) and did my graduate degree at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. I've been a parish pastor in North Dakota (3 years), Houston, Texas (9 years), and Sterling, Virginia (18 years). Between the first two of those Calls, I led the Theological Studies Division of the Lutheran Council in the USA, New York City (12 years). Three years ago, I retired. My last Call was as Pastor of your neighbor ELCA congregation, Community Lutheran in Sterling. My wife of 52 years, Geri, is also an ELCA Pastor. Many of you know her - she has preached at Christ the King several times. We have three children and 5 grandchildren. They live in Virginia, Georgia, and Texas.

Just one more thought for my first newsletter article. I'd like to have you think of me as accessible. Here - for you. I'll be available to you at any time - day or night - for whatever pastoral needs you might have. We live in the Cascades development, so we're really quite close by. You know the church number; our home phone is 703/444-7270.

Let's make our start together with this promise: "Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9

## Farewell Thoughts

From your former Pastor

At retirement, I take with me many memories of these past 39 years and marvel at God's grace. I've served so many wonderful people, especially each of you at Christ the King! In fact, I'd like to set a date when all of us can meet together beneath the Tree of Life in heaven, and have an eternal picnic – chatting about what a great God and Savior we have in Jesus Christ. I look forward to joining you there, along with the many whose bodies I have laid to rest, in that heavenly home, celebrating the power and majesty of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Ordained on Flag Day of 1970, experiencing in my first congregation some months later the frustration of not being able to please everyone and thinking “God why did you create me with such a sensitive heart,” I realized that this calling as Pastor had both bitterness and sweetness. “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?” Jesus asked James, and John, and me. It was then that I realized the heart of ministry – Service! God gave me that sensitive heart, something that the Tin Man lacked when met by Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. You remember how a girl named Dorothy is transported from her house along with her dog Toto by a tornado and sent to the magical land of Oz. All is fine and well in Oz except Dorothy just wishes to go home. She discovers that to get home she will have to find her way to the magical Wizard of Oz. The path to him is the yellow brick road. Along her journey to the Wizard, she encounters a cowardly lion, a scarecrow, and a tin man. Each of these characters desires something for their life. The lion desires courage, the tin man desires a heart, and the scarecrow desires a brain. They encounter two witches in Oz. One is the good witch of the East, the other is the wicked witch of the West. Dorothy and her crew battle the witch and her monkey like guards in her castle. Dorothy kills the witch by tossing water on her (symbolizing baptism?) and the witch promptly melts. Ultimately the Wizard of Oz is reached and each of the travelers gets their one wish granted.

I came to realize that God had given me a heart that while hurting at times was the gift I as a Pastor needed. God had given me courage like the cowardly lion which came through the power of the Holy Spirit amid those baptismal waters, and God had given me a brain - like the scare crow desired – knowledge filled with wisdom. And while Dorothy whose name means “gift of God” clicked her heels two times and said, “there's no place like home,” I realized that home is where the heart is, and my heart was in pastoral ministry – serving 3 congregations in these 39 years.

Dorothy is told to click the heels on her ruby slippers together two times and say "There's no place like home." and then she will be home. Dorothy awakens in her bed, as if the whole experience in Oz was just a dream. In fact, each of the characters she encountered resembled someone she knew.

These past 16 years at Christ the King I have met so many people who I have come to know and love. This journey has not been a dream, but a destiny in which we have been “welcomed into the body of Christ through baptism and into the mission we share.” And as our baptismal service states, we are to “bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.”

I know that will continue to be done in this corner of the kingdom, as you take seriously your calling, as you welcome Pastor Opsahl as the interim pastor, as you pray for your call committee, and have the heart of Christ. Toto pulled back the curtain and revealed a Wizard that they did not need to fear. God is with you as God will be with LaVonne and me as we move into the future, a future we need not fear!

We will be living close to the Magical Kingdom of Disney, but there will be no greater magical kingdom than that of Christ the King Lutheran Church. I wish that I could personally share with each of you what you have meant to me. I will never forget the moments we have been together – whether within this building, in your home or ours – in the community – in hospital rooms – in funeral homes. God's Spirit was present all those moments and places in time. I thank God for you. I thank God for all those who put together a retirement party I'll never forget. It certainly beats the party Schmidt received in that movie I watched again recently starring Jack Nicholson entitled “About Schmidt.” Jane Cooper's play, “A Day in the Retirement Life of the Gysan's” was fantastic. Special thanks to Jane who wrote this “in fun, with love,” and to Lynne Simmons, Bill Takis, Lynne Roots, Sonia & Julia Toloczko, and to the Cooper's & Swineford's and Thora & Heidi Toloczko who participated in this, and to Dave Tozer who made a video. But...for a real day in the life of the retired Gysan's come and visit us at 2630 Caithness Way, Clermont, FL 34714.

For your meals, your cards, your help in moving, and gifts and words of encouragement – thanks! All of these memories will carry me and LaVonne across the threshold into a new chapter that opens, with the courage from God's Spirit (lion), the knowledge and wisdom from God (scarecrow), and with the same heart (that of the tin man) that I questioned God about in my first year of being a Pastor. I thought it was a burden, but I came to know my sensitive heart was truly a gift from God. It was the gift of love. A love I've been privilege to share with you, and that you have shared with me.

Thank you for your hearts, your courage, your knowledge. As we journey down different roads, we will all arrive at the same destination. And then let's picnic together in heaven, catch up on all news, and have an unending love feast with God and one another!

Love in Christ,

Paul Gysan

## LaVonne's Retirement Reflections

*(shared during Pastor Gysan's Retirement Party)*

I would like to offer a blessing to you from 2 Corinthians 1:2. I'll repeat it at the end but in another Bible translation in a variation of the text. This old familiar blessing is "grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ."

What a walk of faith that we have been journeying together for 16 years. Where should we start on the walk?

From birth – yes, we saw Ryan Anderson at 12 hours old – much to the shock of Lisa and Joe who, when Paul and I arrived, Lisa looked at us strangely and said, "Who are you?" Paul said, "I'm your Pastor." This took place on Paul's first Sunday as Pastor.

Then to Baptism – from infants – many of you children and youth in this room to adults - like Antonia.

Throughout all the stepping stones of faith – SS, Bible school, traveling the footsteps of Jesus, confirmation, at least 7 groups of reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, Eagle Scouts –3 more before the year is out – HS and College graduation, Fall Festivals, Marriage, Farewell Blessings as people leave, and all the steps in between.

More footsteps – to death –the hardest steps - to say good-bye to loved ones on earth – but I am so thankful for the communion of saints – I feel our loved ones presence here.

And then to retirement – or as our Retirement Seminars said – Re"fire"ment. I see quite a lot of "refired" people here.

First I want to thank God for all of you and then to thank you for being our wonderful Christian family for 16 years. As someone said, "Over ½ the life of this congregation." You held us up in our trials and tribulations and our joys and celebrations!

You gave us a beautiful home in a lovely setting. I'm really going to miss those darling chipmunks that Dave Whelan dumped in our backyard! I hope Paul and I have been hospitable enough and shared our home and grounds with you!

You, the church, have built a beautiful edifice to the Glory of God and you share it with the community. May you continue to glorify God in faithful worship, and like my husband likes to say, "wherever you are that's your pulpit."

One of my favorite sayings is "God has given us memories so that we may have roses in December. Now I know with Costco it is easier to have roses in December. But I want to thank you for the tons and

tons, the bushels and bushels, the buckets and buckets, the vases and vases, and the bud vases and bud vases of roses you have given to us!

God is always surprising me. In our new home there is a small rose arbor – and I think God is going to give us real roses in December. If not, we have our memories.

My final blessing today – again from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians – in another Bible translation - the Message Today Bible Translation – "may all the gifts and benefits that come from God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ, be yours!"

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## **GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Reformation Sunday**

*(wear sometime red to church)*

**Farewell Service & Prayer**

**of Godspeed for Pastor Paul & LaVonne**

*Milestone Ministry - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Apostles' Creed - 11:00am*

*Reception for the Gysans in Fellowship Hall  
during the SS hour*

**October 31 & November 1**

**All Saints Day**

*We will remember two saints*

*George Baker, Roy Miller, who died this past year  
and are part of the heavenly saints!*

**November 7 & 8**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Preparation for Consecration – Commitment Sunday on  
November 22 – Christ the King Sunday*

**November 14 & 15**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 21 & 22**

**Christ the King Sunday - Consecration Sunday**

**November 28 & 29**

**Advent 1 – Lighting of first Advent Candle**



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## **GROW IN FAITH**

### **Mother's Day Out News**

Greetings from Mother's Day Out! The sound of happy children has filled the halls of MDO this fall. The children have been having lots of fun working on craft projects, science experiments and are excited to be in school.

During the end of October, the children have been talking about Fall. We've made fall trees, autumn wreaths and painted leaves. Apples have been another big topic. The children have tasted lots of different types of apples - apple chips, a variety of apples, apple finger jello and apple cider. They have also worked together to make applesauce! The Pre-K classes even make apple pizzas!

The children wish Pastor Gysan & LaVonne all the best as they begin their new adventure in Florida. I'm curious how many children will visit the Gysan's and Disney World over the coming years! Pastor Gysan has introduced the other "Pastor Paul" to the children in chapel. We look forward to getting to know Pastor Opsahl in the coming weeks!

Our classes have been hard at work at exploring the alphabet. The younger children will be working on G, H, I and J in November. The Pre-K classes are focusing on C, K, E and H.

The themes for November will be Shapes & Colors, Senses and Thanksgiving.

We are always looking for an extra set of hands. We have lots of craft projects that need "prepped" and always looking for people interested in helping out in that way.

*Peace, Karen Anderson, Director*

### **Men's Bible Study**

A Men's Bible Study will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month thru November, 8:00-9:00pm, in Luther's Lounge. Please mark your calendars and attend with interesting discussions on scripture and application to life. Contact Steve Wilson (Steve\_W\_Wilson@ctihome.com) if you have questions or ideas.

### **Adult Education Schedule**

Come feast on the Word and quench your thirst for Biblical knowledge! Here's what's percolating in Luther's Lounge every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 AM:

**Sep 20-Dec 6** 10-week study of the Gospel of John, led by Gale Bobzien: Created by ELCA as a follow-on to last year's "Opening the Book of Faith" series. Workbooks are here already; pick one up from Gale for \$14 each. Bring your study Bibles along, because John's Gospel gives us an altogether different Jesus than the first three. Visit [www.enterthebible.org](http://www.enterthebible.org) to preview the wonderful resources that accompany this study.

**Jan 9 & Mar 13 & 20** The totally awesome Spiritual Gifts Workshop returns to CTK this year. In January, the format will be offered as a full day Saturday event. In March, we'll offer it as two 4-hour Saturday workshops.

For more details, please call Gale Bobzien 703 444-1171 or Joni Holeman 703 430-4075. Grab some coffee or a cuppa, and join us for Adult Sunday School!

## **YOUTH and Family Ministry**

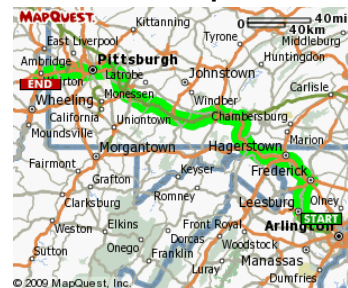
### **The Mission Trip 2010**

### **Destination Finalized**

**June 27-July 2, 2010**

### **7th-12th Grades Participate in Mission Trip**

The destination for the 2010 Mission Trip has been finalized! The 7th grade through 12th grade youth at Christ the King Lutheran Church will be traveling to the *City of Murals*. "The charming, small town of Steubenville, Ohio sits on the banks of the Ohio River.



Residents take pride in the city's history, while also enjoying its current slow-paced and friendly atmosphere. But like other small towns, some residents in Steubenville struggle with poverty."

Students will spend two days working with children and two days painting homes. Students may also serve with local ministries and programs that seek to address the very basic needs of residents.

*Perhaps, God is calling you to help in one of these ways:*

**Financial Coordinator:** This person will help us keep track of all money matters. This is more of a bookkeeping position and probably will not include handling any funds. Primarily this person will keep track of deposits, payments and fundraising funds. Or to put it simply, we will need help keeping track of the debits and credits—hopefully in some sort of spreadsheet. It will be important to send regular updates to the Youth and Family Minister and notify her of any issues which may arise.

**Transportation Coordinator:** The responsibilities of this position would include arranging for transportation for the entire group and helping to recruit drivers. It is our hope we can arrange for use of parents vehicles; however, we will need to discuss the possibility of other options—i.e. rented passenger vans, bus, etc.

**Chaperone:** Should you feel called to make this journey with us, it is likely you will look back with fond memories and with few regrets! *YouthWorks* requires 1 adult leader for every 5 students. If you have never had the opportunity, either as a youth or as an adult to attend a mission trip, you have missed a wonderful opportunity! This trip will provide an opportunity to expand relationships with the youth of this congregation.

**Fundraising Coordinator:** This person will help develop and organize fundraising efforts throughout the year. Please keep in mind, this person is the “coordinator” and should expect the help of *all* the parents and Youth and Family Minister.

**If you can think of any other way, please contact Deb Cantrell at [deb.cantrell@verizon.net](mailto:deb.cantrell@verizon.net).**

**Dates to Remember**

Who: **5th and 6th Grade Youth**  
 What: Service Event and Chili  
 Where: Christ the King Lutheran  
 When: **November 22, 2009**  
 12:30-2:30pm  
 Note: Please wear clothes to work in.  
 Bring: **One Crock-Pot of chili, fresh veggie tray or desert (bars or cookies)**  
 Please email Deb by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, to confirm and let her know what you would like to bring.

Who: **Confirmation Classes**  
 What: GRATE Patrol  
 (Partnership with Salvation Army)  
 Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church  
 Fellowship Hall  
 When: **Saturday, November 21st**  
 3:30pm (Details will be sent via email, later.)



Photo from Salvation Army

Website  
 Bring: **One Crock-Pot of chili, fresh veggie tray or desert (bars or cookies)**  
 Please email Deb by Friday, November 20th to confirm and let her know what you would like to bring.

Who: **7th and 8th Grade Youth**  
 What: Bowling at *Bowl America* in Sterling  
 Where: Meet at church & travel to bowling alley as a group.  
 When: **November 8th**  
 We will leave the church at 4:15pm and return by 6:30pm  
 Note: We need parents to volunteer as drivers/chaperones.



**7th and 8th Grade Youth:** Please set aside **December 13th** at 4:30-6:30 for this year's **Christmas Party.**

Who: **Senior High Youth**  
 What: Setup and Decorate for Pie Fundraiser  
 Where: Christ the King Fellowship Hall  
 When: **November 22nd**  
 6:00-8:00pm  
 Bring: **Decorations for table and room decorations** for the Annual Pie Auction.  
 (Suggestions will be sent via email prior to the event. We would like to keep the decorations and reuse them again next year-obviously)  
**One Crock-Pot of chili, fresh veggie tray or desert (bars or cookies)**  
 Please email Deb by Friday, November 20th to confirm and let her know what you would like to bring.



**Senior High Youth:** Please set aside **December 6th** this year's **Christmas Party.**  
 Who: **Senior High Youth**



What: **J<sup>3</sup>Lock-In**  
 Where: Christ the King  
 When: **November 14th-15th**  
 Sat. 8pm-Sun. 9:30 (Youth will be attending the 8:30 service as a group)  
 Bring: Sleeping Bag/pillow  
 Snacks (signup sheet in narthex Nov.1)  
 Non-perishable food items for food bank  
 Clean/washed white t-shirt (for decorating)  
 Clothing appropriate for church (worn with decorated white t-shirt)

**Please Note: Please bring a signed and completed youth form to the church office before the event.** (If you have completed one this year, please disregard.)



As a committed body of Christ we will  
**EVANGELIZE THE GOSPEL**  
 Welcome New members

**Mary Davis**

Mary Davis is transferring her membership from Paradise Lutheran Church at Treasure Island, Fl. She and her late husband spent 61 years together in the hotel business – 41 years in California, and 20 years on the island of St. Thomas with a bed and breakfast. She lives with her family here in Great Falls. She has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. One of Mary’s great gifts is “hugging!”

**Bill Martin**

Bill and his wife Diane moved to VA and settled in Reston 6 years ago, having spent all their previous married life in San Diego, CA. They came primarily to be near their daughter and two of their grandchildren, who also live in Reston. Their younger son came to Reston also about 9 months later; the older son remains in San Diego. Last December Bill and Diane decided to abandon their three flights of stairs and outside maintenance (leaves!!) and moved to Ashburn. They now live in Potomac Green, an adult community, and are enjoying the multitude of activities that are available there. Bill is a retired insurance company manager. He enjoys playing golf as much as he can, and has become addicted to his new Kindle! The Martins have had a lot of fun exploring the middle Atlantic area, finding new things to see and do. Being near their grandchildren is a special joy. Bill became a Lutheran about 22 years ago, and is looking forward to participating in his new church community.

**Jeff & Yen Wharen & Daughter River**

Jeff and Yen were married by Pastor Gysan at Christ the King two years ago this December. They relocated from Arlington to Reston last year and just celebrated their daughter River’s first birthday on October 9 where they found out she only likes the icing on cupcakes. Originally from Houston, Yen works as an Instructional Coach for DC public schools but loves spending as much time as possible with her family. Jeff works at AOL and is an avid music lover and musician. The Wharens are extremely happy to finally be joining the CTK family.



As a committed body of Christ we will  
**SERVE OTHERS**  
 Halloween Food Drive - Attention All 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

CTK will be hosting a Food Drive to benefit Reston Interfaith’s Emergency Food Pantry on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00pm at the Giant Food Store in the Northpoint Shopping Center in Reston.

Please join us for some Halloween “Trick or Treating” (no tricks really - just treats!) to help the hungry! Wear your costume and hand out flyers detailing the food pantry’s needs and collect food donations. (Please wear a fun, appropriate costume - not scary - no witches or devils!)

This is a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project - but parents and other congregation members are welcome to join us! Please sign up on the bulletin response sheet or contact Tracey Shenk or Deb Cantrell for more details!

**Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Boxes**

CTK is partnering with Reston Interfaith to deliver Thanksgiving Meal Boxes to the hungry in our area. You can help make a family’s Thanksgiving plentiful by donating the following nonperishable items:

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| Assorted canned vegetables                                       | Assorted canned fruit         |
| Large container of juice   | Box of mashed potatoes        |
| Box or bag of rice   | Box of biscuit/muffin mix     |
| Mac & cheese box   | Snack’s: chips, crackers etc. |
| Canned cranberry Sauce   | Canned gravy                  |
| Cake Mix/Frosting  | Canned pie filling            |
| \$20 Grocery Store Gift Card for the purchase of a turkey/entree |                               |

There will be a box in the narthex from October 25<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup> for your donations. You may donate any or all of the above items to help needy families in our area. For more information please contact Tracey Shenk (703) 438-8989 email: Tracey@shenkfamily.com.

**Salvation Army Grate Patrol**

Mark your calendars for November 21<sup>st</sup> - we will be assembling 200 bagged dinners at CTK at 4:00pm and delivering them to the homeless in Washington DC via the Salvation Army van. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Tracey Shenk.

### **Walk For the Homeless - Saturday, November 21**

There are 675,000 people homeless on any given night across this nation. November 21 a group from Christ the King will join others on the National Mall in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon. Registration is at 7am, with an 8:30am pre-walk program, and at 9am the 5K walk begins. Pre-register on the web at [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org)! Pre-print your online event waiver form and bring it with you to the registration. Registration will be between 12 & 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW on the Dept. of Ag. Lawn that faces Jefferson St, directly across from the Smithsonian Station (Orange/Blue). **In registering online be sure to note that you are walking for Lutheran Social Services of the National Capitol Area – DC052. Also, use the Response Sheet in the bulletin to notify us that you are walking, and Tom Kalka**

**([tom.kalka@CustomFitnessConcepts.com](mailto:tom.kalka@CustomFitnessConcepts.com)) will gather our group together that day on the Mall.**

**NOT WALKING BUT WANT TO HELP?** You can donate money via check made to Lutheran Social Services. Place this check in Tracey Shenk's box in the church office. These monies will be sent to LSS on Nov. 9 so that their client's who want to walk, but cannot afford the registration fee, can walk for the Homeless. Those monies will come back to LSS via Fannie Mae who sponsors this event. AND, it shows us the heart of those who are being helped, for they too are thinking of others!

### **Christmas Angels**

The Christmas Angel Tree will be set up in the narthex on the weekend of November 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>. Members of the congregation will be invited to choose an "Angel" from the tree, which describes a Christmas gift wish for a needy child. Purchasing a gift will help to make the holidays brighter for these children and their families. Gifts will need to be returned to CTK by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **National Lutheran Home**

The Auxiliary of the NLH invites you to their Fall Festival on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am - 2:00pm. The Home's Chorus completes the day with a wonderful musical performance beginning at 2:30pm in the Chapel. This Festival and our Spring Festival on May 1, 2010, are the Auxiliary's main fund raisers each year. All money is used to enhance the quality of life for each of our residents. You'll find special jewelry, crafts made by residents, baked goods, candy, handwork, plants. Also featured is a Silent Auction. Lunch will be served from 11:00am - 1:00pm for \$8, or a lighter fare for \$4. If you have items to be sold (used household goods that are in clean and in good condition, Christmas decorations, jewelry, books) - bring them to the home (9701 Veirs Dr., Rockville, Md. 20850) by November 9<sup>th</sup>. We also need people to make candy and baked goods to be delivered November 14<sup>th</sup>. Questions - call our Auxiliary Office at 301-424-9560 ext. 250 or email [auxiliary@nlhv.org](mailto:auxiliary@nlhv.org), or call Alice Daniel at 301-949-4688.

### **NOVACO**

Our NOVACO client and her daughter are continuing to make progress. Our client is going to school five days a week learning English and computer skills and her daughter is thriving in a Head Start program. Our family's two year anniversary with NOVACO is coming up in December, however, they will extend their enrollment in NOVACO for at least six months. As she makes plans to exit the program she is in the process of applying for Housing and a Job Study Program. We are currently looking for someone to provide Math and English tutoring for her to help prepare her for an upcoming entrance examination for the Job Study Program. This is incredibly important for our client so please contact Susan Boruff at 571-434-6272 or [susanbherenow@hotmail.com](mailto:susanbherenow@hotmail.com) if you can help in this area. Our client may be in need of some continued dental work and we will be asking for donations to help pay for this over the next several months.

Christ the King sponsored a LifeSkills dinner in September with the help of the following people: Linda McMillen, Lori Fredette, Mary Kelly, Carol Zmuda, and Tracey Shenk who provided food; special thanks goes out to Lori Fredette and Trudy Fleit for setting up and serving at the dinner. Thank you to all who participated. Other opportunities to serve with the Life Skills dinners will be coming up next year.



As a committed body of Christ, we will  
**CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER IN  
AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY**

### **Christmas Party**

The Christ the King Christmas Party elves are still hoping that a family will come forward and allow us to have our Christmas party in their home this year. All this requires is a desire to share your home with other ADULTS in your church family, and a home that will accommodate about 80 guests. We are hoping to have the party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 12<sup>th</sup>). The elves will be responsible for set up & clean up & working out all the other details. If this is something you feel you would like to contribute, please let us know as soon as possible. If we have no volunteer by November 9<sup>th</sup>, we don't feel it would be possible to put a party together for this holiday season.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Kay Teach, Hilton Patterson, Charles Reges, Sandy Grevey, Lynne Roots, Linda Darrell & Karen Stein, Nancy Ferguson, Jill Patterson, Jayne Ayers & Jamie MacIntosh, Ralph Swineford, Melisa Heinson, Marilyn Grove & Bob Strickland, Barry Bittner, the Lynn Family, Mary Kreyling, Chris Stuart, Ruth Ritchie, Tami Phillips, Prue Welsh, Hunter Presgrave, Fran Beecher, Samuel Von Bank, Artie Wright, Marivi Mata, Stan Andon & Mike Horsey, Cecelia Pachko, John Sandberg, Kristy Parnell, Jack Pertler, Pamela McManman, Thomas Gillen, John Gersic, Peter Yeager, June Birchler, Jack Turner, Cora Hawkins, Bill Landherr, Richard Depalma, Josh Carr, Polly Oakes, Jim Johnson, Cornelius Lokker, Everett Swanson, Fred Brofazi, Carleton Ruthling, Joann Wehrhan, Louis Orta, Steve Smith, Tony Santantonio.

Military Personnel - Stacy Caum, Chris Nogle, Will Boyd & Lt. Jon Cirillo, Capt. Chris Owen, Major Jason Jones.

### **Kingdom Kindred**

Emily Sweet auditioned for the Youth Orchestra of Fairfax...there are 40 students in the Orchestra from 9 - 15 years old and Emily is the Concertmaster...Kyle Schlaich has been offered a paid position as co-editor of Sports and Athletics for the Canisius College yearbook. Kyle is a senior majoring in Digital Media Arts...Brenda Rian recently returned from a Habitat for Humanity build in Macedonia...Mildred Fitzsimmons, mother of Jane May, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 20, and Gloria Rossbach's mother, Millie Palazzo, celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thanksgiving Day. Congratulations! Alex Swineford received the Eagle Scout Award here at Christ the King during a special service on Oct. 24...Congratulations to Justin Eggleton who is engaged to be married...Pastor Scott McAnally was installed as Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Hope in Broomfield, Colorado on Oct. 11. The Rev. Allen Bjornberg, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod presided and preached. Karen and Paige Anderson were privileged to be at the installation and brought greetings from Christ the King...It's a family affair. The entire McKay family was either rowing or the coxswain at the Head of the Charles regatta the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup>. Craig was rowing in the Men's Masters "4" with Steffanie as his boats coxswain, representing Capital Rowing Club (CRC) and Sue was the coxswain for the Women's Club "4" also representing CRC. On the collegiate level, Alyssa was at the helm for the 2.8 mile course in Georgia Tech's Varsity "4"...“Movers” and “Shakers” who have helped at the parsonage with moving and clean up have been: Chris Whelan, David Whelan, Mitch Neaves, Rudy Chatlos, Grant Maxwell, Will Wilson, Patrick Canis...Many thanks to Lynne

Simmons and a marvelous team of works who planned the Gysan's Retirement Party, and to Jane Cooper who wrote “A Day in the Retirement Life of the Gysan's.” Thanks to the cast: Lynne Simmons, Bill Takis, Lynne Roots, Sonia & Julia Toloczko, Cooper's, Swineford's, and Thora and Heidi Toloczko...Congratulations to Scott & Julie Wainner who were married here on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Turning Silver Into Gold**

#### **Update on the Campaign for Christ The King**

We continue to make solid progress on *Turning Silver into Gold: The Campaign for Christ the King*, our three year stewardship capital campaign that was launched in 2007. Through this effort we are reducing Christ the King's current mortgage debt allowing funds to become available so that we can begin new ministries and improve existing ministries. As good stewards, we are also setting aside 10% (the First Fruits) of all gifts given to the Turning Silver into Gold Campaign for additional benevolence to support mission and outreach efforts outside our Church.

Monies from “Silver To Gold” that are being set aside for benevolence are continuing to “bear fruit.” Some “seed monies” were given to the Safe Harbor Lutheran Church at Grand Cayman Island to launch Stephen Ministry. Two leaders have been trained, and Bill Wagner, already a trained leader, has joined them. Seven men and women are now taking the 50 hour course to be Stephen Ministers, and will be commissioned in January. Our prayers continue to be with this congregation and those leaders and future Stephen Ministers.

We encourage you to remember the Turning Silver into Gold Campaign as you do your tax planning prior to the end of the year. Your year-end gift to the S2G Campaign not only will reduce the amount that you have to “Render unto Caesar”, but will also have a multiplier effect as earlier mortgage reductions means even greater interest savings for the Church and also allows us to distribute those First Fruits earlier putting your benevolence to work sooner.

Set forth below is an update on the progress to date and our current status:

- The total amount pledged to the S2G Campaign is \$632,000, with over \$480,000 given to date.
- Over \$400,000 has been applied as additional principal payments to reduce CTK's mortgage.
- These additional payments, in conjunction with the normal monthly mortgage payments, have reduced the principal balance of the mortgage from about \$1.55 million at the start of the campaign to less than \$1 million today.

- This reduction in mortgage principal has significant multiplier effects in interest savings over the life of the loan and in shortening the loan pay-off date.
- \$44,000 in benevolence has been distributed to assist worthy local, national and international causes including donations to assist in the purchase of a church for a mission congregation in Prince William County and to support a medical facility in Haiti serving some of the poorest people in the world.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dave Whelan or Peter Saba (703-444-7222) if you have any questions or comments on the campaign or if you would like further information on how you can participate in this important endeavor for Christ the King.

**November Wedding Anniversaries**

*Congratulations to these members,*

*who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month!*

- James & Gretchen MacMillan 11/13
- Eric & Karen Anderson 11/16
- Don & Martina Goss 11/18
- Henry & Tatiana Lutz 11/23
- Shane & Jeanne McKinley 11/28
- Charles & Sindy Schwab 11/28

**November Birthdays**

*Congratulations to these members,  
who are celebrating a birthday this month!*

- Dale Theurer 11/1
- Tess Davis 11/2
- Andrea Sweet 11/2
- Brittany Fleit 11/4
- Alexis Apostolou 11/5
- Antonia Siebert 11/5
- Brian Boruff 11/6
- Christopher Hendrix 11/8
- Nicholas Hendrix 11/8
- Laura Zimmerman 11/8
- Chloe Ayoub 11/9
- Kyle Chadwick 11/9
- William Wagner 11/12
- Teresa Gattoni 11/13
- Walter Roszbach 11/13
- Aaron Sahn 11/13
- Zachary Sahn 11/13
- Lisa Anderson 11/16
- Karen Anderson 11/18
- Brittany Hendrix 11/18
- James MacMillan IV 11/18
- Thora Toloczko 11/19
- Gary Zimmerman 11/20
- Salome Gaibler 11/22
- Nicole Moran 11/23
- Lorelei O'Connor 11/24
- Vivienne Wardian 11/24
- Lois Holeman 11/26
- Dave Lombardo 11/27
- Pamela Dooley 11/28
- Shelly Hendrix 11/28
- William Kuhnsman 11/28
- Ariana Kuhnsman 11/29
- Mark Schultz 11/29
- Logan Jacobina 11/30