



# KING'S HERALD

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church  
*Connecting the World with God's Grace*  
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## Pastor Paul's Pen

*Rev. Paul F. Gysan*

This is the last time my name will be in this column. The Council has announced that Pastor Paul Opsahl will be the interim Pastor, who will be shepherding the flock at Christ the King until a new Pastor is officially installed.

Two months ago I mentioned that instead of delivering a "last lecture" I'd share one portion of scripture each month that has been a blessing to me. We've looked at Luke 4:18-19, Hebrews 12:1-2.

This month I want to share a prayer by my namesake "Paul." His prayer was for the Philippians, written to a congregation in the town of Philippi. Philippi was on a major road, much like where our church sits. We sit on a major road on which George Washington rode and many others over the years. Paul writes in 1:3-5, "*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.*"

**First of all**, I note that Paul remembers the *believers in Philippi*. It seems he thinks of these believers often, evidenced by the phrase, "every time I remember you." We learn from Paul that a healthy partnership is a heart-to-heart connection which deeply affects what we think about. Partnership is not just a passing experience, devoid of long-lasting impact on our lives. A healthy partnership has "relational staying power."

Only these last 16 years we have accomplished a lot as we have sought to "connect the world with God's grace." But I believe what is more significant is the relationships that we have shared, the people we have come to know, love, and work with toward a common vision!

I will always remember you as we have worked together in trenches of ministry, sacrificially giving ourselves to the greatest mission on earth. Energized by God's Spirit

at worship, we have gathered around the Table and listened to God's Word. We have sought to serve others, and care for one another in authentic community.

**Secondly**, Paul prays for the believers in Philippi - a lot! Paul prays "constantly." Paul thinks about the Philippian church all the time. He is thinking about them and cannot help himself. He is praying for them night and day.

I think this goes far beyond just human friendship. This is a community, a fellowship which has its origin and life in God. And in 1:19 Paul says, "for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ..." Prayer keeps the relationship alive, active, full of the energy of the Holy Spirit, even though they are geographically distant.

LaVonne and I shall be geographically distant from you as we move into our home in Clermont, Florida on November 2. But there is a oneness that prayer allows us to maintain as we continue to remember one another in prayer!

**Thirdly**, Paul is “constantly praying with joy.” It seems that there is great joy in Paul’s memories of them. There’s a healthy partnership that continued to be felt in Paul’s life, even as he was imprisoned. Positive feelings of hope, affection, and joy filled his life.

Packed into my memories are the joys of our ministry together. Even in the midst of challenging moments, some filled with heartache and loss, there has been a joy that I have felt.

We shall be living near the “Magic Kingdom in Orlando, but we’ve felt the magic of God’s Kingdom, present in, with, and among us as partners in the Gospel these past years at Christ the King. That magical joy will continue to be felt as LaVonne and I think of you!

Finally, Paul’s partnership has divine purpose - “because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.” The Gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of salvation from sin and death that is ours. It’s more than a set of beliefs! It’s more that a recitation of the Apostles’ Creed! It’s the dynamic presence of God’s Spirit that is felt throughout our congregation, and shared with others in what we say and do.

As your Pastor this Gospel has required sacrifice, but it has been an adventurous journey that has been quite a blessing to me. With our Lord Jesus Christ at the center of this congregation, the mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church will continue to be a mission of blessing. It’s also the blessing of being on a mission, which we have shared together, that has brought us joy and peace!

I know you will warmly welcome Pastor Paul Opsahl, your interim Pastor. We will set aside some transitional time for us to spend together the last two weeks of October. Continue to pray for your Call Committee in the months ahead, and pray to God as you begin the search process for a new Pastor!

### **From the Council President**

It has been a joy to serve as the church council president and interact with so many who are working for this church community. As I walked around on rally day, it was inspiring to see all of the volunteers that made the day a success. Having so many members willing to step up and help where needed makes me proud to be a member of this community in Christ.

The church council has been busy the last several months. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Paul Opsahl has been appointed as our interim minister. He has been a guest preacher at Christ the King and already has a familiarity and affinity for our congregation. Rev. Paul comes to us with 42 years of preaching. He most recently was the Pastor in Sterling, VA. He has a PhD in theology and will bring his vast experience to help guide us through this transition. And like every good man, he has a wonderful wife, Geri, who is also an ordained minister. Rev. Paul Opsahl will begin in mid October, and will have time to work with Pastor Gysan before his retirement.

While the official start of the call committee does not begin until November, we have already formed a call committee. Our goal was to have broad representation from the congregation on the committee so that everyone is well represented. Please thank the following members who have agreed to serve on the call committee: Ryan Anderson, Louise Babirak, Mark Baker, Mitch Kiffie, Greg Maxwell, Liz Spoto, Lynn Simmons.

Thanks to everyone for your service, help, and support

*Brett McMillen*



As a committed body of Christ we will

## **GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**October 3 & 4**

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

6pm Saturday Service - Blessing of the Animals  
Outdoor worship area.

**October 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Introduction of Call Committee*

*New Member Reception - 11:00am*

*Retirement Celebration After 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*



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## **GROW IN FAITH**

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

Greetings from Mother's Day Out! September has brought much excitement into the halls of MDO. The children are enjoying being in school and playing with their friends - both new and old.

We have over 50 children enrolled and 15 staff members in our program. The children have been enjoying their chapel visits and letting their little lights shine all over Virginia! They have also jumped right into music with Miss Jane - which is another highlight of our program.

All of our classes are hard at work on studying the alphabet. With each letter, we've done science experiments, special craft projects and learned a special rhyme.

Our themes for October will be favorite stories & songs, Fall and Halloween.

We still have a few openings in select classes. Please contact our office and we will give you some details on those openings!

We're always on the lookout for substitute teachers to help us out during the year. If you (or someone you know) might be interested, please let me know. We'd love to expand our substitute teacher list!

*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 at (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.

**Oct 10, Jan 9 & Mar 13 & 20** The totally awesome Spiritual Gifts Workshop returns to CTK three times this year. In October and January, the format will be offered as a full day Saturday event. In March, we'll offer it as two 4-hour Saturday workshops. A fantastic way to disc

**Dec 13-Jan 3** 3-week Advent-ure based on the DVD, "Search for Messiah:" brought to us by Gale Bobzien. This contemporary true story details the journey of an Orthodox Jewish man whose family is split when his mother becomes a Christian. Sure to generate many spirited exchanges and much introspection!

**Jan 10-Feb 17** 6-week study on the Intertestamental Period. Sometimes called “the silent years,” this 400-year period bridges the Old Testament to the New. Delve into the history pivotal to understanding tensions which set the stage for Jesus’ coming as Messiah. Developed by Gale Bobzien & Joni Holeman.

**Feb 28-Mar 7** Our friendly Thrivent Financial rep, Nancy Orta, brings us two one-hour workshops on resource stewardship. These interactive events focus on using your values to help manage your time, talents and treasures. Informational rather than sales-oriented, these are offered at no cost or obligation whatsoever. Highly pertinent topics as we walk our inward Lenten journeys.

**Mar 14 & 21** Leading into Holy Week, can you imagine the outrageous rumors created by the empty tomb? Spend two weeks exploring “Resurrection Myths” with Gale Bobzien as our Lenten journey brings us to the foot of the Cross.

**Apr 18-Jun 20** Our final series is an amazing 3-book, 27-week course on “Biblical Leadership Foundations.” Each 160-page book spans 9 weeks of comprehensive study. Book 1 addresses Self-leadership. We cannot lead others unless we first understand who and what we are. Perfect for anyone looking for ways to witness our faith at work, or how to apply faith principles to our secular lives. Facilitated by Joni Holeman.

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!

## YOU<sup>+</sup>H and Family Ministry



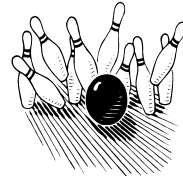
### Senior High Youth Group

Who: 9th-12th Grade Youth  
What: Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast  
Where: Outdoor Worship Area

(behind the church)

When: October 4, 6:00-8:00pm

Bring: “Roasting Stick” and a side dish or desert  
(See sign up sheet in narthex)



Who: 9th-12th Grade Youth  
What: Bowling at *Bowl America*  
Where: Meet at church parking lot  
When: October 18, 6:00-8:00pm

(Leave at 5:45pm & return at 8:00pm)

Bring: \$14.25

(2 games & shoe rental) & money to purchase snacks/supper

### 7th and 8th Grade



Who: 7th and 8th Grade Youth  
What: Service Event-Memorial Garden at CTK and Chili Dogs  
Where: Christ the King  
When: October 11, 4:30-6:30pm

Bring: Fixings for Chili Dogs

(see sign up sheet in narthex)



Who: 7th & 8th Grade Youth  
What: Lutheran Reformation Service  
Where: National Cathedral, Washington DC

When: October 25

(leave church at 2:00pm)

Bring: Further details will be sent per email, bulletin and bulletin board.

### 5th and 6th Grade Youth

We would like to welcome all 5th & 6th grade students to attend our first event.



Who: 5th and 6th Grade Youth

What: Tacos and a Movie

Where: Christ the King

When: October 11, 1:30-3:30pm

Bring: Taco Fixings

(see sign up sheet in narthex)

Usually events are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30pm. Check monthly newsletter for details of each month's event. The 5th and 6th Grade Youth Group will alternate from one month to another—fellowship one month and a service event the next. A calendar will be emailed to all the 5th and 6th grade youth the first part of October. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a chaperone, please contact Deb Cantrell, Youth and Family Minister at the church (703) 759-6068 or deb.cantrell@verizon.net.

### King's Player's Drama and Theater Ministry



Who: Jr. Players (Grades 3rd-8th)

What: Lunch, Rehearsal & Meeting

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: October 4, Immediately after 2nd Service-2:30

Who: Sr. Players (9th Grade-Adult)

What: Rehearsal and Meeting

Where: Sanctuary

When: October 4, 3:00-4:00pm

*The King's Players* will participate in the *Expression of the Word* on the first Sunday of each month. During the service, the *Expression of the Word* will dramatically introduce the gospel for that Sunday's service. In addition, it is the hope of the director to perform a reader's theater in late fall and possibly a musical theater endeavor in late spring. We are considering a collaborative effort which could involve singer, dancers, musicians, actors and scenery/lighting/costume crews. If you feel God might be calling you to participate, please contact Deb Cantrell and we can talk about how you might utilize your gifts to help share the gospel in such a glorious way!



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

**Looking for a church home?**

We will be having a new member class during the first three Sundays in October, with our next new member reception at the 11:00am service on October 18. We will be meeting at 9:45am in Pastor Gysan's office. Please notify Pastor Gysan of your interest.



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**SERVE OTHERS**

**Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Service Events!**

Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming Service Events! Check the Sunday Bulletins for more information and to volunteer or call Tracey Shenk at 703 438-8989.

- Food Drive at Northpoint Giant in Reston - Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 2 - 4 pm
- Help the Homeless Walkathon in Washington, DC - Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>
- Salvation Army Grate Patrol - Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Cedars Luncheon**

The first Cedars luncheon of the season took place on Tuesday, September 15. Those attending enjoyed a very informative program on soil treatment, shrubs and plants indigenous to our area which was presented by American Plant Nursery. The ladies of the Great Falls United Methodist Church prepared a delicious lunch following the program. Many thanks to our CTK volunteers, Tammy Finger, Sheryl McEwan, Al and Audrey Wild who setup and decorated the tables; and to Joyce Weber, LaVonne Gysan and JoAnn Durig for helping to serve and cleanup.

Those over 55 are welcome to join us for the next Cedars luncheon which will be on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, with the program beginning at 11:00am, and lunch served at noon. The cost is \$5.00 and reservations are requested. Please call the GFUMC office at 703 759-3705 by Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, if you are not included on the Cedars call list.

Helpers are always needed and appreciated. CTK ladies setup and decorate the tables beginning at 9:30am, and help to serve the meal and cleanup between 11:45am and 1:30pm. Watch for the announcement in the bulletin and sign-up on the response form. For more information on the "Cedars" volunteer program, call or talk to Audrey Wild, 703 471-6567.

### **CTK Supports Thrivent Builds with Habitat Project**

Six members from Christ the King traveled to the small town of St. Louis in Loudoun County on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, to help build the Lutheran sponsored Habitat house there. Tom Cooper and Charles Schwab installed tile in the bathrooms, Bob Hummel and Al Wild installed baseboard and shoe trim, and Brenda Rian along with Art Evans painted trim and doors. All the volunteers on site enjoyed the lunch prepared by Audrey Wild. Tee shirts and the food for the lunch was funded by the Dulles Chapter of Thrivent Financial. Members of the congregation will be invited to the house dedication which is expected to be in late October or November. Watch the bulletin for the details. It will be a great opportunity to see the fourth habitat home funded and build by local (Fairfax & Loudoun) Lutherans in the last four years.

### **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.

### **Great Falls Ecumenical Council Rep Needed**

After a number of years Milt Critchfield feels because of new work opportunities, he can no longer serve as a representative to the GF Ecumenical Council. We thank Milt for his work these past years. His contributing presence was felt among the body of Christ!

The Council has appointed Deb Cantrell to be one of our representatives. We are looking for another representative who will represent our congregation at the monthly meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at noon). There is a luncheon followed by a business meeting. Approximate adjourning time is 2:15pm. The GFEC sponsors joint Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity worship services. They oversee the Meals on Wheels Ministry and help the Salvation Army at Christmas. Gifts are made to HS graduation parties and other needs.

Jesus prayed that "we all might be one." This is a microcosm of that that dream, as we work together in our Lord's Name.

Please think about serving as a representative along with your Pastor and Deb. You can also talk to Charles Schwab and Susan Boruff who have served in the past.



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**CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER IN  
AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY**

*Gifts for the Gysan's*

A number of gifts will be presented to the Gysan's in appreciation of their building up of CTK over the years. There are a number of ways you can get involved.

First, make a personal family page for the CTK community scrapbooks that will be presented to the Gysan's. Share with them pictures, mementos, a goodbye letter, a story, something of remembrance or special meaning to your family. Thus, they will have something concrete from many families to ponder over in their new Florida sun. Pick up a family page to decorate in the church office, or come to "Prepare Your Page" on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Second, contribute to other gifts that will be given to the Gysan's. You can place checks in your offering envelopes or pew envelopes marked "Gifts for Gysan's". These will be presented at the RiverBend celebration on October 18. If you have further questions contact Rudy Chatlos (rudychat@verizon.net or 703 391-2565) or read the email sent to members.

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 12:15 – 1:15**  
**"Prepare Your Page"**

Families and members can bring their pictures, thank you notes, stories, mementoes, etc to decorate their scrapbook page (front and back) for the Gysan's. We will provide the memories pages, decorative papers, stickers and glue. Enjoy the fellowship – share the fun. Your personal touch will mean a lot of rich memories for the Gysan's as they flip through the pages later.

**Adult Christmas Party Host Needed!**

It won't be long until we are planning for our annual Christ the King adults-only Holiday Party. We have a group of our best party planners ready to decorate, feed and clean up after Christ the King's who want to enjoy each others fellowship at this festive time of year. We need a house, though! The Kelly's have kindly obliged us the last two years, but they deserve a break. Anyone interested in hosting us this year on Saturday night, December 5<sup>th</sup>, (or alternatively December 12<sup>th</sup>)? Please contact Amy Swineford at 703-481-6488, or aswineford@gulickgroup.com as soon as possible to volunteer your home.

**Saying Goodbye!**

Letting go of good friends is a process of coming and going for both the person leaving and the persons not leaving. We at CTK are in the process of saying goodbye to Pastor Paul and LaVonne. They will be giving up many friendships, the CTK community, and Great Falls - that's lot. We will be giving up but one friendship with them. They need our support in their decision and we need to support each other in their absence. Giving voice to your feelings, memories, best wishes, and appreciations makes the parting process easier on both sides.

But have you taken the time to really say goodbye to the Gysan's yet? Now is the time before they get tied up with last minute demands. Here are a few ways you might express your sentiments:

*MAKE A PHONE CALL* – call and just say I am thinking of you. How can I help?

*DROP BY THE CHURCH* – to just say hello. I am praying for you.

*EXPRESS THE LOSS* – say "I will miss you" or I feel a loss in your moving on. This is part of having a genuine connection and feeling it challenged.

*REMINISCE* – Share events you or your family have experienced with Pastor Paul and LaVonne. Recall how your lives have been intertwined.

***BREAK BREAD TOGETHER*** – Invite them over for a meal, dessert, cup of coffee; or just to sit on your deck as the leaves begin to fall. Invite them in the same way they were always inviting to us.

***LAUGH TOGETHER*** – fill their hearts with the joys of a full appreciation of life.

***SHARE MEANINGS*** – let them know what was especially meaningful to you about their ministry or how it touched you in a special way.

***OFFER TIME TO HELP*** - Offer support to sort books, help pack, clean the house....whatever they need. Let them know they do not have to do it alone.

***SEND A CARD*** – saying “You are on my mind!” or whatever message you have to say or memory you have to give them. A handwritten note is so warm to the heart.

***SAY THANK YOU*** – a mere thank you goes a long way. The Gysan’s have been among us for many years and given so much. Let them know you appreciate it.

***PRAY FOR THEM*** – prayer raises us up together. Tell them you are in your prayers.

***DO IT TODAY*** – don’t put it off until tomorrow. Today is the day that God has given you. Take the time to share and lift up each other.

*From Staff Relations Committee*

### **Rally Day BBQ**

Rally Day Sunday '09 was a glorious day, gathering around the Word and Sacrament and then enjoying a tremendous Rally Day BBQ. What fun to see the children so involved with the search for the "Ark"! What fun to see the fellowship around tables! What fun to smell the hamburgers and enjoy the delicious food! AND the ice cream sundaes were fantastic! God provided some beautiful weather and trees, which provided shade. We had some wonderful moments to wrap up our Pep Rally and celebrate the beginning of Sunday School learning for this new year.

Special thanks go out to Kim Kennedy and Kathi Evans and their families who oversaw this event in its entirety. Helpers included: Kim, Jimmy, Kyle and Megan Kennedy, Kathi and Art Evans, Amy and Mike Swineford, LaVonne and Pastor Gysan, Tammy Mitchell, Patti Weaver, Sheryl McEwan, Patsy and Larry Fann, Tracey and Grant Maxwell, Steve, Will and Spenser Wilson, Jamie Carabetta, and many others who pitched in to clean up! It was also great to break in the new CTK BBQ Grill (thanks to Will Wilson for his Eagle Scout project.)

### **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, Earl Perry, the Lynn Family, Mary Kreyling, Chris Stuart, Ruth Ritchie, Tami Phillips, Jacquie Santantonio, Prue Welsh, Hunter Presgrave, Fran Beecher, Samuel Von Bank, Artie Wright, Justin LaPlant, 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, Tony Santantonio, Polly Oakes, Mary Davis, Jim Johnson, Cornelius Lokker, Everett Swanson, Fred Brofazi, Lorretta DiFuria.

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

### **Notes of Thanks**

Sisters and Brothers of Christ the King, Thank you for your gift! We are so grateful for your partnership in this ministry. We continue to change the world one person at a time. Your support of this ministry helps person emerge as faithful leaders in the church and world bearing witness to the good news in Jesus the Christ.

*Peace, Rev. Wayne Shelor*

“The enclosed check is from the Saturday and Sunday nights AA meetings. Thank you and everyone in the congregation for allowing us the use of your church.”

“On behalf the NOVACO, Inc., I would like to thank Christ the King congregation for providing the food for the Life Skills session on Monday September 14. Everyone very much enjoyed the chicken, rice, salad, desserts, and soda. Your generosity was much appreciated. We would like to thank Susan Boruff, Trudy Fleit, and Lori Fredette for preparing such a delicious and nutritious food for our clients. Thanks to your congregation’s helpful volunteers, NOVACO is able to provide childcare, housing, education, and counseling for families. Please visit our website, [www.novaco.org](http://www.novaco.org) for more volunteer opportunities and information on more ways you can be involved.

*In Service Together,*  
*Victoria Neeley, Executive Director*

### **Economic and Investment Outlook Update**

When you have a better understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends, you can make more informed investment decisions.

### **Join us for a free financial education event**

Economic and Investment Outlook Update is an educational event that will provide you with an overview of:

- How the changing economy can impact investment markets.
- How emotions can affect decisions and when to get professional financial guidance.
- The strength of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its prudent approach to investing.

The one-hour event will be presented by Thrivent Financial representatives Lee Daniels, MBA, ChFC, CLU, FIC, and Nancy Orta, FIC.

**When:** Sunday, October 25, 2009, from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

**Where:** Christ The King Lutheran Church

A complimentary dinner will be served after the event.

### **Sign up for this free event today!**

To register for this event, e-mail [nancy.orta@thrivent.com](mailto:nancy.orta@thrivent.com) or call 703-444-9576.

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### **Kingdom Kindred**

Lynda Davis, daughter of Mary Davis who will be joining our church, was the 9/11 keynote Speaker at the GF remembrance service. Lynda recently led reform efforts of case and care management for wounded, ill, and injured members and veterans of the US Armed Forces and their families. Lynda was formerly Undersecretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy...Chris Whelan and Lindsey Rene Welch have formerly announced their engagement. Chris is president and founder of Overtime Athletics and is the head basketball coach at Herndon High School. Lindsey is assistant athletic director at the National Cathedral School. An August 2010 wedding is planned in Vail, CO...Joey Kiffe is one of the 7 captains of the Langley HS football team. He plays outside linebacker. Nick Hanna is also on the Langley team...Pastor Gysan during a children’s sermon Labor Day weekend told a story about his loneliness the first day of school and how as the years went by God final spoke to him and said, “find someone who also is lonely, and become their friend.” Sam Zmuda told Pastor Gysan the Sunday after, “I was lonely at school and I found Caleb, and he is now my friend.” Let the little children lead us!...Eva Kee, a mother who loved our Mother’s Day Out ministry sent six children through our MDO program. Tragically, Eva died at a young age. Please uplift in prayer her husband Will and all the children...Evan Wasser is part of the Corp at Texas A&M. The first Tuesday of the Month is Silver Taps and Evan’s unit sponsors it - so he wears his mid-nights with his formal Cap. Evan is very excited about his freshman year at school...Parents of college students please share email info, school, address with our Youth & Family Minister...

## **Turning Silver Into Gold**

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

As we celebrated the Silver Anniversary of Christ the King Lutheran Church in 2007, we also launched *Turning Silver into Gold: The Campaign for Christ the King* in order to lay the foundation for our Golden 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012. Turning Silver into Gold is a three year stewardship capital campaign. While the campaign has been buffeted by the economic recession, we continue to make progress.

As you may recall, 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.

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

- The total amount pledged to the campaign is \$632,000. This total reflects \$90,000 of pledges that were redirected by individuals who elected to redirect some or all of their pledge in support of the General Fund earlier this year.
- As of mid-September 2009, over \$464,000 has been given in support of the campaign.
- \$414,000 of this amount has been applied as additional principal payments to reduce CTK's mortgage.
- As a result, and in conjunction with the normal monthly mortgage payments, the principal balance of the mortgage has been reduced from about \$1.55 million at the start of the campaign to approximately \$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.

The First Fruits (Benevolence) has had many beneficial impacts. Examples include:

- \$10,000 to Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Prince William County to assist in the purchase of a church for this mission congregation;
- \$11,000 to The CRUDEM Foundation to support a medical facility in Haiti serving some of the poorest people in the world;
- \$5,000 to the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania to help in the purchase of land to expand the Lutheran family program; and
- \$5,000 to Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp for facilities additions and renovations.

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.

### **October Birthdays**

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

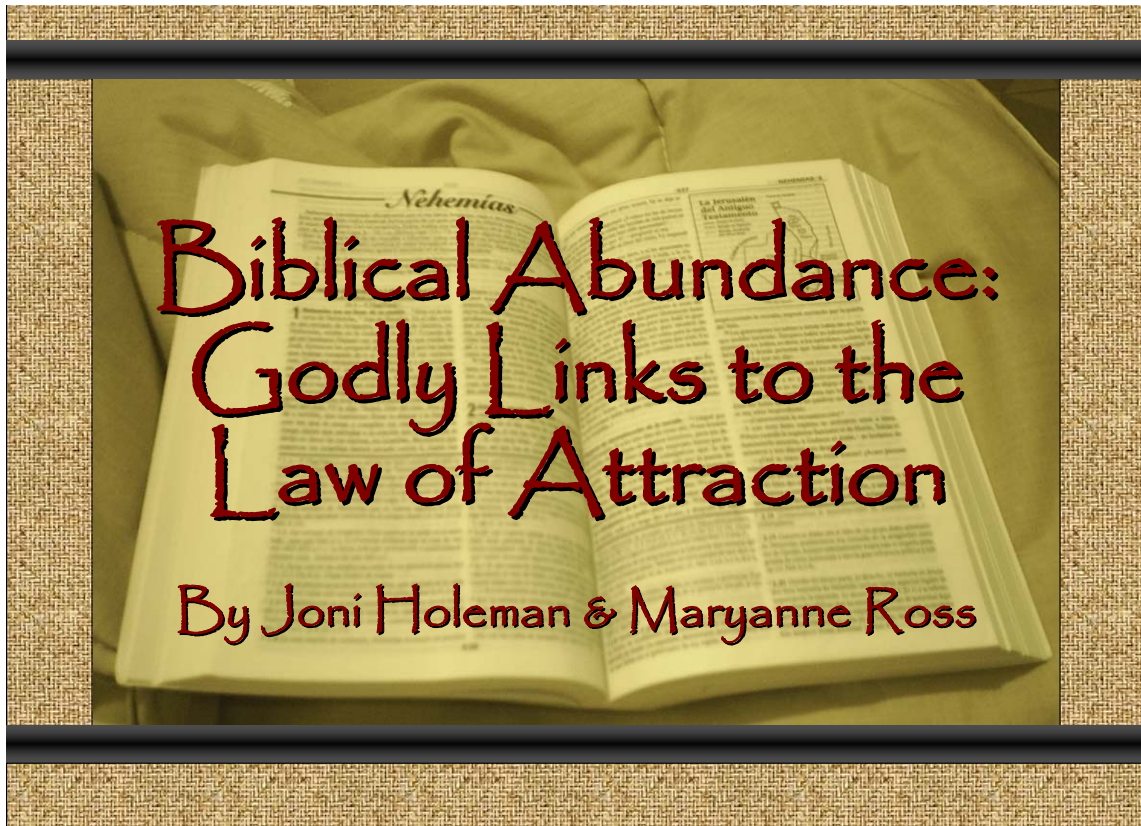
Emma Miller-Cvilikas 10/2  
Rebecca Porte 10/2  
Sherry Watkins 10/2  
Christina Starr 10/3  
Donn Davis 10/4  
Kim Macher 10/5  
Melanie Miller-Cvilikas 10/5  
Eli Sahn 10/5  
Tom Kalka 10/6  
Brett McMillen 10/6  
Richard Wardian 10/7  
Bob Blessing 10/8  
Rick Hendrix 10/8  
Sara Hilgartner 10/9  
Tomas Siebert 10/9  
Tom Cooper 10/10  
Patrick Canis 10/11  
Peggy Chapman 10/11  
Craig Wainner 10/11  
Katherine Boruff 10/12  
Audrey Wild 10/13  
Paul Foretich 10/15  
Ryan Anderson 10/16  
Peter Hilgartner 10/16  
Ian Anderson 10/17  
Alexander Hanna 10/17  
Natalie Wilson 10/17  
Samantha Ritchie 10/19  
James Bashar 10/20  
Daniel Sahn 10/24  
Rob Shenk 10/24  
Robert Knight 10/25  
Cameron Lopez 10/25  
Cameron Carabetta 10/27

### **October Wedding Anniversaries**

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

Jon & Kim Buckingham 10/2  
Craig & Susan McKay 10/2  
Stephen & Antonia Siebert 10/2  
David & Kathleen Chadwick 10/3  
Greg & Tracey Maxwell 10/11  
Mitchell & Donna Kiffe 10/13  
Jeffrey & Peggy Poindexter 10/14  
William & Victoria Wagner 10/21  
Tom & Jane Cooper 10/23  
Hansen & Sherry Watkins 10/25  
Robert & Lois Strunce 10/29

*God gives abundantly to us, His children...*



**Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2009

**Location:** Christ the King Lutheran Church

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm

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