



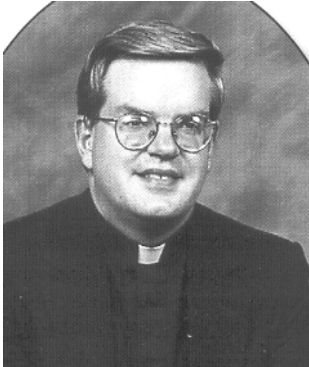
Christ the King Herald

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We are called by God to be a caring partner, serving our neighbors by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, compassion and opportunities for growth



From the Pastor

There is a day coming this month when many people will take the opportunity to give their sweetheart a token of their love for

them, most often a card with a big red or pink heart printed on it.

And there is another day this month where many people will go to their churches for a service in the middle of the week, a service that will find them on their knees, having a mark of gritty black ashes spread on their foreheads.

And, until recently, I've thought that these two days didn't go together very well. It felt like they were at polar opposites, as a matter of fact.

But that's changed since I began to reflect on those cards covered with hearts. Because what is the heart but the center of all that we are? When we say that we love someone with all our heart, when we give someone our heart, we know that really means something because we are giving away ourselves.

The Bible understands that, too. "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," we hear in the Ash Wednesday gospel. "Return to me with all your heart, rend your hearts and

not your clothing," God speaks through the prophet Joel on that same night.

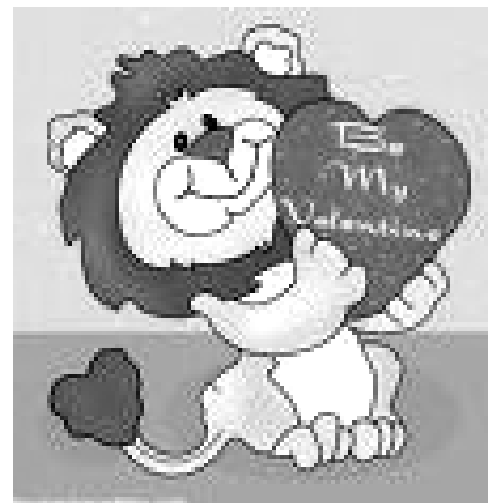
And that's a reminder that God wants more than just a token of our affection for him. God wants all of us, all of who we are. And when we give our hearts to God, Psalm 51 reminds us that God wants to give us a new heart. When we return to the Lord with all our hearts, God replaces our hearts with God! God becomes the center of our lives, the center of all that we are. God becomes the one without whom we cannot live, the one to whom we are drawn in love.

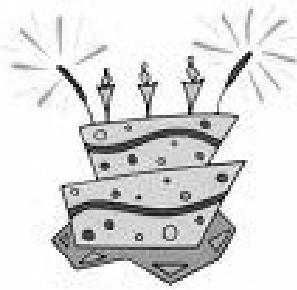
That's what Lent is all about. It's about turning away from our selfish ways and letting God become our center. I've heard people praised in Christian circles for having "the heart of Christ." I pray that you may find that heart within yourself, this Valentine's Day, this Ash Wednesday, this Lenten season.

May God bless you as we begin this journey together!

Peace
and love,

Pastor Jim





Happy February Birthdays

- 1 Jane Breed
Jim Moss
Lisa Parsons
- 6 Kay Hornbecker
- 7 Oleta Chew
- 8 Elizabeth Hedrick
- 10 Sandee Brundige
Abigail Hunter
- 11 Bob Simpson
- 12 Bernie Swieso
- 14 David Gonzales
- 15 Bobbie McCartney
- 18 Emily Leith
- 19 Darline Harris
Daniel Lind
- 20 Ruth Peterson
- 21 Michael Leith
- 23 Meghan Burke
Mildred Rose
- 24 Griffin Bradley
Maryann Valentine
- 26 Travis Edmiston
- 28 Tamara Castellano
Tyler Castellano
Donald Schneck
Steve Taylor



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February 17th!

Join us for the beginning of the Lenten season and two opportunities to worship on Ash Wednesday! On

Wednesday, February 17th, a brief Service of the Word with the imposition of ashes will be offered at noon, with the complete, traditional service taking place at 7 p.m. Both services will offer the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Prior to the 7 p.m. service, a soup supper, sponsored by members of our Altar Guild will be held in Fellowship Hall. Soup will be served starting at 6 p.m.



Lenten Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer

You are invited to be a part of our Lenten journey on Wednesday evenings throughout the season! Once again, we are offering community soup suppers followed by an evening prayer service, starting February 24. Soup suppers begin at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to bring a pot of soup on one of the Wednesdays this year. A sign up sheet is available in our church narthex. Evening prayer begins at 7 p.m., also in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy Holden Evening Prayer again, and this year's theme is "A Journey to the Cross." The weekly themes are as follows:

February 24: The Road

March 3: The Way of Forgiveness

March 10: The Valley of the Shadow of Death

March 17: Walking in the Light

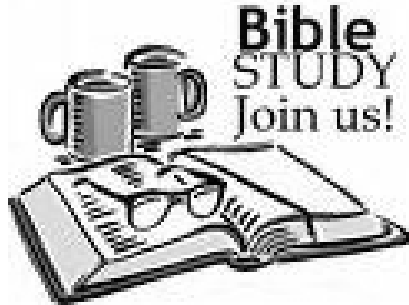
March 24: Journey's End

We hope that you can join us!



Lenten Prayer Banner

Once again our congregation will make available our Lenten Prayer Banner throughout the season of Lent. To use the banner, simply take a paper cross from the basket at the base of the banner stand and write on the back of the cross your prayer request. Then, using the backing tape on the cross, stick your cross on the banner. Each week at church we will be praying for all the prayer requests on our banner and they will be remembered by Pastor Jim in his personal prayer as well.



This Lenten season we will be discussing the book Lenten

Journey: Marks of the Christian by David L. Miller. Participants are encouraged to work through the book on their own throughout the week and then come to Adult Forum at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings in the church library for reflection and discussion on the week's readings. Our first session will be held on Sunday, February 21st. Please join us!



Coming this month: Our next lock-in! The theme? Pajama Party! Come in your pajamas or your sweats, bring a favorite stuffed animal and get set to play games all night long! The fun begins at 7 pm! See your February Youth Newsletter for the date and more information!



Baptisms

December 27, 2009
Cole Thomas Yaley, son of Tom and Christine Yaley, grandson of Tom and Lu Yaley.

January 10, 2010
Killian Lee Scott Spafford, son of Drew and Stephanie Spafford, grandson of Fred and Janet Spafford.



Friendship Sunday

Bring a friend and celebrate a special Friendship Day on Sunday, February 14. During coffee fellowship we will serve coffee cakes and fruit. Pastor Jim will have a game. We will also be treated to a "Visual Talent Show." Come and see some of the special "visual" talents of our members. Did you know our members have talents in crocheting, quilting, painting, and carving, etc. If you have one of these talents, please call Lynette in the church office to reserve space to show your items.



During 2009, Christ the King donated 1,987 lbs. of food valued at \$3,179.20. In December (tomato sauce), we donated 135 lbs. of food, valued at \$216. Thanks for your continued generosity!

The food item for February is any canned food. We are also participating in the canned soup collection for "Souper Bowl Sunday" on February 7. Please place your items in the shopping cart outside of Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to bring the unclipped coupon inserts from the Sunday newspaper. We are one of the best donators of coupon inserts. Keep it up! The collection box is above the coat rack outside of Fellowship Hall. The coupon clippers service a company who gives Community Ministry 5% of the value of the coupon. This is a free and easy way we can all help. They earned almost \$8000 for Community Ministry in 2009!

Don't forget the pizza fundraiser at CiCi's Pizza in the Bear Valley Shopping Center. A portion of the proceeds from meals sold on the first Tuesday of the month benefit Community Ministry. Just place your receipt in the marked container at the cash register. This month's day is Tuesday, February 2.

Community Ministry also takes donations of children's clothing. Especially needed is new underwear and socks for 0-12 years. Sorry, they DO NOT take donations of adult clothing.

Volunteers are needed on a regular basis:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with back door receiving help from 9:30

a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

- Thursdays to help as an intake counselor from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Friday mornings to help stock shelves from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Call the Community Ministry office at 303-935-3428 or talk to Jan or Angel Ruiz for more details.



Pauline Shebesta

August 10, 1921 – January 2, 2010

Pauline was born on August 10, 1921 in Longmont, Colorado. She married Frank Shebesta on November 4, 1944. She and her husband joined CTK in 1968. Frank died in 1976. For the past six years, Pauline has been living at Holly Heights Nursing Center in Denver. She passed away on Saturday, January 2, after a long illness. Her service and burial were held at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary in Littleton on January 6.

Ralph Toren

December 8, 1926 – January 12, 2010

Ralph was born on his parent's farm in Brocket, North Dakota. He graduated from Iowa State with an Agricultural Engineering degree and obtained a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Utah State. He married Elizabeth Dudley in January 1956. Ralph and his family joined CTK in 1963 and he was Council President, council member, Sunday school teacher, usher, lector and assistant minister. Ralph worked many years as a Civil Engineer, including jobs in Afghanistan and Haiti and retired at the age of 75. He passed away on January 12 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Betty, four daughters Mary, Margot, Carol and Kristen, and nine grandchildren. His service was held at CTK on January 17.

Did you know?—

- Mary Paper wishes to thank Pastor Jim and her friends at Christ the King for their prayers, visits and concern during her recent illness.
- Vernita Payne has moved to the Lakewood Meridian with other CTK members: Irene Dietz, Marge Boettcher and Bea Furrer. Her new address is 1805 S. Balsam St., #480, Lakewood, CO 80232, phone 303-989-1788.
- David Judson, son of former CTK members, Merne and Betty Judson, passed away in Oregon on January 18. You may send cards to them at 2722 S. Zenobia Street, Denver, CO 80219.
- Don't forget! You can also read the Herald online at www.ctlc-denver.com

Faith Advocacy Day 2010

Please mark your calendar and register today for the 2010 Faith Advocacy Day, which will be held on Monday, February 15 (President's Day) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Colorado History Museum, 1300 Broadway.

This year's theme is Budgetary Apocalypse, with speakers looking at the cuts that have been made to Colorado's budget at the impacts they have on Colorado's vulnerable populations. This year also features a breakfast with Bishop Allan Bjornberg discussing "Advocacy as Evangelism" starting at 8 a.m.

Registrations forms are available in the church office, on the narthex bulletin board or online at www.lam-co.org.



Lutheran Family Services

Amy Grant will perform a benefit concert for Lutheran Family Services on Friday, February 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Denver. Tickets range from \$40 to \$150 (\$150 are limited tickets that include a dessert reception with Amy Grant). Tickets may be purchased at www.tickethorse.com, the Paramount box office or by calling 1-866-461-6556.

LFS continues to resettle refugee families on a weekly basis and is greatly in need of kitchen type tables and chairs. Call Rita Harding at 303-389-2336 to schedule a pick-up.

Other Upcoming LFS Events:



- Saturday, April 24, 2010 – LFS Annual Gala – Inverness Hotel & Conference Center, Englewood, Colorado – Details announced soon.



- Monday, July 26, 2010 – LFS Golf Tournament – Hiwan Golf Course – Evergreen, Colorado – 7:30 a.m. -- Now recruiting new committee members –

both men and women welcomed – for more information contact Danette Goldhammer at 303-217-5860 or danette.goldhammer@lfsco.org



ELCA Disaster Response Following Haitian Earthquake

Following the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, the ELCA is prepared to help. ELCA Disaster Response partners have survived the quake and are already working to serve the people of Haiti. Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the relief efforts in Haiti. If you would like to donate, please make your checks payable to CTK marked for "ELCA Disaster Relief" and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. You may also donate online at www.elca.org.

From the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod on January 14, 2010:

"Abiding Hope Pastor and Interns Currently in Haiti.

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, Littleton, CO, is part of a national Lutheran movement whose mission is to create an alternative future of hope, sustainability, and dignity for the children of Haiti and those associated with the Naitian Timoun Foundation (HTF). The new from our "family" and partners there is not good. On behalf of all, I invite your prayers and support."

In addition to all the prayers for our "family" and partners there, please note that HTF has an immersion team right now in Haiti consisting of Pastor Doug Hill from Abiding Hope, Professor Brad Binau of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, two ELCA interns at Abiding Hope (Laura D'Angelo and Sarah Thomson), and nine seminary students who journeyed to get a first-hand experience with how HTF does grassroots mission. All we know at this point is that they are safe in Jacmel with the UN and

working on ways to get home. Please keep them in your prayers.

There is a Haitian proverb, "Piti piti zwazo fè nich li." It means, "Little by little the bird builds the nest." In the aftermath of this incalculable devastation, we will all need to do our parts to help our "family" and the people of Haiti rebuild their lives, buildings, hearts, and hope."

January 19, 2010:

The ELCA has received word that one of its member may be one of the casualties. Three senior students at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, went to Haiti to teach Lutheran theology to members and pastors of the Lutheran church during the seminary's January term. The students are Renee Larson, who served as an Urban Servant Corp volunteer in Denver prior to attending seminary, her husband Ben Larson and Ben's cousin, Jonathan Larson. The day of the earthquake, Renee and Jonathan escaped from a crumbling building at St. Joseph Home for Boys. Ben did not escape and is believed dead.

Ben Larson's parents are the Rev. April Ulring Larson, senior pastor of First Lutheran Church, Duluth, and former bishop of the ELCA LaCrosse (Wis.) Area Synod, and the Rev. Judd W. Larson, retired and serving as an interim at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Duluth. Please pray for this family.

What Do You Think?

Do your thoughts make it to the right ears in the church? Or do they just stay in your head, or with a friend or two? A new little box is now in the narthex of the church for your ideas, comments, suggestions, compliments and complaints – big or small – signed or anonymous. Use the back of a communion card from the pew, or use your own paper. The council will read these monthly and discuss them. This is your church – let's make things happen!



Celebration of the Heart

Please join us in supporting Community Ministry at their annual Celebracion del Corazon (Celebration of the Heart). It will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 7-11:00 p.m. at the El Jebel Shrine Center, 4625 W. 50th Ave., All proceeds from this event will support the programs of Community Ministry. There will be a Silent Auction, Dancing, Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 each. Ticket order forms are available on the narthex bulletin board or by visiting the Community Ministry's website at <http://www.comministry-denver.org/celebration.htm>.

New Sponsor Ad Page

Did you notice the new Advertiser's Page? Please make it a point to check it out and call on them when you have a need. The money we receive from these sponsors helps pay to print and mail this newsletter.



Women's Dinner Out

All women of CTK and their friends are invited to get together for food and fellowship. Our next women's dinner out will be on Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. at Tott Talk of the Thai Asian Grill at 9208 W. Alameda (Alameda and Garrison). Plan to join us and bring your friends. We welcome your ideas for future places to meet. Check for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

CTK Financial Update

January 1 to December 31, 2009

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	166,918	166,109	810
Expenses	160,713	166,108	5,396
Net Income (Loss)			6,206

Church Council Elections

At the annual meeting on January 24th, three new members were elected to serve two year terms on the Congregational/Church Council. Lu Yaley was elected Secretary, Marianne Law was elected Treasurer, and Sue Burke was elected to represent Congregational Life. Beth Leith was re-elected to a second two-year term representing Worship. Council members continuing in the second year of their two-year terms are Dick Brundige-Vice President, Marilyn Naper-Financial Secretary, Tricia Sanders-Outreach, Jan Ruiz-Church in Society, and Don Jensen-Facilities.

There were no nominees for the positions of President and Christian Education & Youth, so the responsibility goes to the Church Council to identify and approve someone to serve in each of those positions. Approval of those individuals will then be ratified by the congregation at the next annual or semi-annual meeting. Vice President, Dick Brundige, will fulfill the responsibilities of the President until someone is approved by the Council to fill that position and Marianne Law will temporarily oversee Christian Education & Youth.

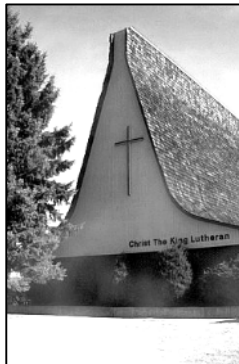


Signs of our faithfulness

(December 20 – January 17)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number at Worship</u>	<u>Number Communing</u>	<u>Financial Offerings</u>
12/20/09	111	104	\$6,120.00
12/24/09 5pm	90	80	
10 p.m.	91	88	
12/27/09	90	85	\$3,181.06*
1/3/10	74	71	\$4,698.00
1/10/10	88	83	\$1,752.50
1/17/10	88	83	\$3,395.50

*includes 12/24/09 offering



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Council Representatives

New members being elected at the annual meeting.

Updated roster will be included in next month's *Herald*.

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