



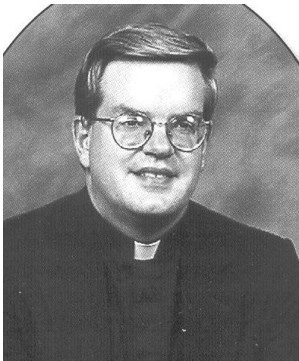
# Christ the King Herald

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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

I think I've mentioned to you before that this month is my absolute favorite in the whole year. It's not because

there are any special holidays this month to look forward to-obviously, there are not, although I was both ordained and married within this month.

The real reason why I like June so much is because of all the wonderful promise that it holds. The summer is just getting started-the lion's share of it is still ahead of you.

Everything is growing, green and alive. You can really break out the shorts and the t-shirts this month, and yet, more often than not, the days haven't turned too uncomfortably hot yet. And the days themselves are a wonder-the longest days of the year-and days filled with so much sunshine would seem to be what summer is all about.

And yet these June days bring with them their own peril, if you are paying attention. Especially when you're a child and you start to run out of things to do. "I'm bored," "What can I do?," "There's nothing to do," are all familiar refrains in the life of a child.

At certain times in our life, we can all find ourselves confronted by the luxury of too much time. Although there are certainly also very busy times in life for all of us, times when we may long for too much time, when we find

ourselves in the midst of that kind of situation, we may not quite know what to do with ourselves. What to do with all of that time?

I read a quote once by a scientist named Susan Erta, who wondered at the irony of the millions who long for immortality, but who also don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon. And I had to wonder about that. Will we all, one day in the fullness of God's kingdom, come to feel that we have too much time on our hands?

Complain that there's nothing to do? The hymn "Amazing Grace" contains that line: "When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun." The question is, will we get tired of that?

My answer is no, we will not. If heaven is nothing more than lying in a backyard hammock on a June afternoon, then the answer would be yes. It would get old after awhile. But within eternity, we will have the chance to experience God-to behold God and to share in God's knowledge. And because I believe that for all eternity, God will be a mystery ever unfolding, it will never get old for us. Every moment there will be a wonder-and a moment full of promise, of all that is to come. Sort of like a perfect day in the month of June.

Whatever your circumstances this month-whether you still have too little time or too much of it, I pray that you will find the time to truly enjoy these June days. And as you do so, that you will also find the time to look forward to eternity.

God bless you this June!  
Peace and love, Pastor Jim

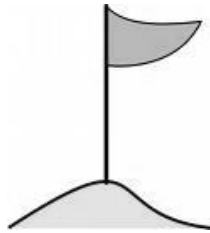


## Happy June Birthdays

- 3 Nicholas Hyatt  
 6 Joe Johnson  
 Duane Oak  
 11 June Reinfeld  
 18 Ted Breed  
 Bob Oswald  
 Dominic Mestas  
 Vern Swieso  
 20 Anna Lisa Reynolds  
 21 Jenny Parks  
 22 Nancy Henning  
 23 Steve Dietz  
 27 Connie Gibson  
 28 Donna Olson  
 Karen Weissenbuehler



Morning Bible Study meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays (June 2 & 16) 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the church library. We are studying The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. Please join us—even on a drop-in basis! Please call Bonnie Brundige (303-988-2036) for information, and call Bonnie or the church office to confirm that we are meeting.



## Lutheran Family Services Golf Event

*Golfers!* You are invited to participate in the annual Lutheran Family Services (LFS) golf event, which this year will be held at the renowned Hiwan Golf Club, in Evergreen, Colorado on Monday, July 27th. It would be great to have several men's and women's teams participating. If you are interested in forming a team and playing in the event, contact LFS at [www.lfsc.org](http://www.lfsc.org) or call Doyle Lott at 303-217-5860. Deadline for entries is July 14, 2009.

Lutheran Family Services is the largest private child placement agency in Colorado and each year provides 73,000 nights loving foster care, and helps dozens of these children find placement homes through adoption. LFS is also Colorado's largest refugee settlement agency. LFS needs our support through these fund-raising efforts to continue their ministry throughout Colorado.



## Urban Servant Corps Family Carnival

Saturday, June 13 (5-9p.m.)

St. Francis Center, 2323 Curtis Street (Denver).

Entry fee is \$10 for individuals and \$25 for family units.

Instead of the annual Prayer Walk for which the CTK youth usually raises funds, USC is holding the above event. Come and learn about the ministry while you play unlimited carnival games, eat cotton candy and get motivated to serve your community. Funds raised will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

For more information please contact the USC at 303-894-0076, [servantcorps@earthlink.net](mailto:servantcorps@earthlink.net) or [www.servantcorps.org](http://www.servantcorps.org). You may want to consider making a contribution even if you do not attend.

At the St. Francis Center, USC volunteers serve homeless individuals everyday!



## Congratulations to Our Graduates

### High School Graduates

**Jeremy Johnson** graduated from Bear Creek High School on May 21. He has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and will be headed to boot camp at Camp Pendleton, California, on June 15, 2009.



**Anna Giles**, daughter of Mary Giles, and granddaughter of Karen and Wayne Weissenbuehler, graduated with Honors from Englewood High School on May 29. She will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College, a highly-regarded ELCA Liberal Arts

College in St. Peter, Minnesota. She has received over \$20,000 in academic scholarships and will be double majoring in Music Education and Psychology. She intends to pursue a career in Music Therapy.



**Amy Vance**, daughter of Tom and Mary Vance, graduated from Bear Creek High School on May 21. She will attend the University of Washington in Seattle in the fall. Her future plans include Medical School.



**Kaitlyn Reynolds** graduated from Miami Yoder High School in Rush, Colorado, on May 23. She was active in basketball and cheerleading. She will attend Adams State College in Alamosa in the fall to major in Nursing.



**Morgan Hedlund** graduated from ThunderRidge High School in Highlands Ranch on May 22nd. In her 4 years at ThunderRidge, Morgan lettered 4 years in Speech

and Debate and 3 years in Color Guard. She was Captain of Speech and Debate her junior and senior years and Co-Captain of the Color Guard her senior year. Morgan also participated in Coexist and FCCLA. At the Johnson and Wales Competition for FCCLA she received a silver medal in the Pantry Division. Morgan wrote for her school newspaper for 2 years and was Editor her senior year. She plans to attend Arapahoe Community College to pursue a degree in Business/Culinary Arts.

### College Graduates



**Shannon Warren** graduated May 16th from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in French. She graduated with honors from the Order of Omega, a Greek honor society. In October, she will begin a job with the French Government teaching English in French schools in Nice, France.

**Sandra Mader** graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a GPA of 3.54. She graduated with honors distinction, a history minor, and majored in earth sciences with an emphasis in geology. She plans to attend graduate school in fall 2010, studying geochronology, the dating of rocks.



**Dr. Kirsten Adkisson** graduated on May 8th from the University of Northern Colorado with a Doctor of Audiology degree. Kirsten was one of nine recipients of the "Graduate Dean's Citation for Excellence" awarded for superior academic achievement. She was presented with a medal and certificate as part of the graduation ceremony. Kirsten's doctoral research was *Prevalence of Idiopathic Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss Among Hearing Healthcare Professionals* and she plans to publish and continue the research. She will be working as an audiologist.



Children from preschool age (3 and up) through those who will be starting 6th grade this fall are invited to

join us for another fun week of Day Camp this summer! Day Camp will be held from July 13 through July 17 here at Christ the King, and this year's theme is "Taking It Down the Mountain." The cost to attend Day Camp is \$25.00 per child, with a family maximum of \$50.00. Registration forms for Day Camp are now available in the church narthex. And remember: registration deadline is July 1st!

### Day Camp Scholarships

Would you like to help a needy child in our neighborhood attend Day Camp this year? You can by donating a Day Camp Scholarship! Scholarships are \$25.00 per child. Simply write a check to Christ the King in the amount you'd like to donate, make a notation on your check that says "Day Camp Scholarship," and drop your check in the offering plate! We appreciate your help!

### Middle School, High School and College Students!

Want to help with Day Camp this year? Then let Pastor Jim know no later than July 6th!

### Day Camp T-Shirts

If you would like to order a souvenir T-shirt from Day Camp for yourself or your child, we are now taking advance orders! T-shirts are \$10 each and are available in youth sizes small, medium and large, and in adult sizes small through extra-large. See Pastor Jim if you'd like to place an order!

## Atonement Vacation Bible School



Children from Christ the King are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Atonement Lutheran Church! The dates for Atonement's VBS are June 8-12. VBS will be held each day from 9 am to noon. If you need more information, call Atonement Lutheran Church at (303) 985-1122!



### Women's Spring Tea a Success!

On Saturday, May 16, 70 women enjoyed a "History of Weddings" Spring Tea. Guests were treated to a large wedding memorabilia display, which included wedding dresses, photos and other mementos of CTK members and their families. The program featured the history of various wedding traditions. Guests enjoyed wedding cupcakes, fruit, tea and nuts and mints. Musical entertainment was provided by the String Duo of Kera Tafoya and her friend, Megan Buettgenbach.

A special offering was taken to benefit Mi Casa Resource Center, 360 Acoma St. a nonprofit organization that helps to advance the economic success of Latino families with career development, business development, and youth and family development. Donations totaled \$363 and were supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans "Care in Communities" money.

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### Did you know? —

- Daniel Eaton was recently the recipient of an Academic Letter at Thomas Jefferson High School. This is the first year this award has been given at T.J. The letter recognizes students with a 3.5 or higher GPA for three consecutive semesters.
- Former member, Crest Cummings, son of Neal and Dolores Cummings, died on April 28. He was 56 years old and the nephew of Jean Rein.
- In April, Pat Masoner and Bob Holmes spent a week fishing for walleye on Lake Erie.
- The Colorado Rockies 5th Annual Faith Day will be Sunday, August 23, 2009. *Mercy Me* is this year's musical guest. If you would like to attend as a group from CTK, call Lynette in the church office at 303-935-4669 and she will arrange for tickets.
- On the way to the Synod Assembly, Pastor Jim, Fred Spafford and Bonnie Brundige enjoyed a visit with Fred's son and family in Albuquerque. On their return they stopped at a pistachio farm.



CTK's item for June is diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes. Remember, this is only a suggestion. They are also in need of empty egg cartons (12-count only) and large copy paper boxes with lids. All of these donations may be placed in the shopping cart outside of Fellowship Hall. During the month of April (tomato products), CTK donated 102 lbs. of food valued at \$163.

Please continue to bring the unclipped coupon inserts from the Sunday newspaper. The collection box is above the coat rack outside of Fellowship Hall. Coupon Clippers meet every Monday from 9:00 a.m. until about noon at Brentwood United Methodist Church, 1899 S. Irving. Their job consists of taking the uncut coupon booklets from the Sunday papers and cutting out specific coupons ordered by a company in New York. Between \$4,000 and \$10,000 is raised each year with this effort to help Community Ministry meet the needs of many hungry families. For more information on how you can become involved call Sue Albers at 303-798-4669.

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, June 2.

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.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD ASSEMBLY

This year's synod assembly was a unique and wonderful event and Fred Spafford, Bonnie Brundige and Pastor Jim appreciated being able to attend and be your delegates. Being held in El Paso, Texas, it gave participants opportunities to experience and learn about issues involving the border (*la frontera*) and the ministry of Christ in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico and the struggles of our brothers and sisters on both sides of the border.

One of the highlights was immersion trips into Juarez or to various ministries in El Paso. Bonnie visited Cristo Rey clinic and a women's co-op in the *colonia* of Anapra (one of many impoverished communities of Juarez.) Fred visited Iglesia Luterana El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) in Juarez where his group was served lunch; then they went to one of the *colonias* ministered to by the Church. There they got to participate in a Bible study/Sing along for the children of the *colonia*. Pastor Jim visited Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey (Christ the King Lutheran Church) in El Paso. We were all moved and inspired by our experiences in these places.

Some key information and issues presented:

- RMS Budget—Serious budget cuts for both the 2009 and 2010 budgets are having to be made because of lack of incoming funds with \$65,957 needed from the reserve fund for this year, and \$60,219 for 2010. One of the cuts that will have the most impact is a \$5000 cut in the committed \$10,000 we send to Betela Seminary in Madagascar for their operating budget. When comparing our funds to Malagasy funds the ratio is 1:100, so one can see that this is a large portion of their budget. The assembly did amend the

2010 budget to take an additional \$5000 for Betela Seminary and another \$5000 for Campus Ministry from reserves, if other ways are not found to raise these funds. Also, support for the ELCA will be reduced by \$175,500 (the percentage of giving to the ELCA remains the same—50 % of every dollar from congregations is passed on to the ELCA.) Staffing positions in the synod office are being cut back and rearranged to save money.

- The Social Statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift & Trust* and the Recommendation on Ministry Policies—These will be considered at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, which meets August 17-23 in Minneapolis. The four Recommendations for Ministry Policies relate to recognizing and supporting publically accountable, life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships in congregations who wish to do so, and finding ways to enable people in such relationships to serve as rostered leaders in the church. You may review these items on the ELCA web site or talk to Pastor Jim about these issues.
- Immigration—There is the need for justice and compassion in our call to “serve God as agents of God’s reconciling love in the world” in regards to Immigration. Both keynote speakers spoke to us about reaching out and “crossing cultural & theological borders” in relating to our neighbor.



## Signs of our faithfulness

(April 19 – May 17))

Date	Number at Worship	Number Communing	Financial Offerings
4/19/09	76	72	\$3,839.05
4/26/09	91	85	\$2,133.00
5/3/09	74	72	\$5,475.00
5/10/09	89	85	\$2,484.00
5/17/09	70	68	\$2,372.00

## The Shack – A Book Presentation

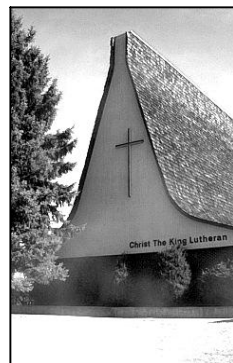
Wm. Paul Young, author of the book, The Shack, which we studied in adult forum, spoke at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church. His presentation was very interesting & inspiring. You may view his presentation on line at: [www.eventbuilder.com/theshack](http://www.eventbuilder.com/theshack) or at [www.abidinghopelutheran.org](http://www.abidinghopelutheran.org). (The access code is Papa.)

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