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# THE ENLIGHTENER

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Windsor, CT 06095

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### For Unto Us



### a Son is Born...

## Your Pledge to CTK

If you have not already submitted your pledge for 2010, please do so as soon as possible so that our Finance Committee can compile the 2010 budget. Even if you give regularly but don't usually pledge, this information is crucial in the financial planning of CTK. Thank you for your support.

FROM THE EDITOR: Deadline for the January 2010 Enlightener is **Sunday, December 27th**. Submit your articles via email me at [jmburke840@comcast.net](mailto:jmburke840@comcast.net) or put it in the "Newsletter" mailbox in the church office

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:-**

- 4 Susan Courtemanche  
Jean Hoagland
- 7 Janis Hawkins
- 11 Corey Jones
- 17 Edward Lukstas
- 19 Peter Arnold
- 21 Michael Wotus
- 23 Gail Maziarz
- 26 Eric Karstensen
- 31 Karen Cook  
Susan Podgurski

*. **Dear God**...Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:*

Ivadine Barley, Francis Benevides, Ed Burke, Ginny Horne, Denise Matern, Angie Nock, Maxine Pincott, Catherine Ryniewicz, Frances Schwentke, Al Schwentke, Betty Steen, Sandie Vik, Mary Alleyne, and Billie F. Jackson.

Special prayers go out to Barbara Steen and her brother Lloyd, and their families as they mourn the death of their mother, Betty Steen on November 8, 2009.

Best Wishes to Rodney Plath and Mona Lane as they begin their new life together as husband and wife.

### **Contact Lists**

The *Outreach Committee* is in the process of compiling two contact lists, an email and a phone number list. These email addresses and phone

numbers will be used to contact our members in case of an urgent matter regarding CTK or one of our members. The two lists will be posted in the Narthex through November. Please indicate how you would like to be contacted by signing up on one of these lists. If you want to sign up, but are unable, or if you have any further question please call Anne Marie Nock @ 860-697-6364. This is voluntary, if you don't want to be contacted you don't have to sign up.

### **Committee Meetings:**

**Christian Educations** – December 3rd at  
7pm

**Outreach** - Thursday December 17th at  
7:00 PM  
Please join us

### **Chancel Acoustics**

The Worship and Music Committee has received feedback that some people need more organ accompaniment to enjoy singing the hymns and Liturgy.

The Church Council approved the following recommendation:

The W&M Committee is authorized to explore possibilities for optimal chancel acoustics to enhance choir and congregational singing.

With the following conditions – start with no cost options, announce changes as they occur, and poll members for reaction to the changes.

Starting October 25, a base setting was performed to the organ volume. This low setting was announced and will be maintained for three weeks. Church members are asked to provide feedback (is the Organ too soft, just right, or too loud) to Church Council members, Worship and Music Committee, the choir, or Pastor Doug.

On November 15th, another adjustment will be made to the organ which will last for another three weeks. This process will continue until we determine an optimum organ volume setting.

The Worship and Music Committee will continue to consider other options (and possible costs). Some suggestions for consideration are: More or different banners, repositioning or replacement of the organ speakers, working with local colleges that might be willing to do a study of the acoustics

of our worship space. Other suggestions are welcome.

## **The Windsor Food Bank Needs Your Help**

As you begin to plan your holiday menus, please remember those in the Windsor Community who do not have the luxury providing the variety that others do. Please remember to make a regular donation to the Windsor Food Bank box located in the Narthex.

## **THANK YOU**

Holy Zion Church of the Jubilee would like to thank Christ the King Church for supporting The Scholarship Fund Breakfast. God Bless You.

## **Looking Ahead.....**

### **Joint Choir Concert and Pot Roast Dinner**

Holy Zion Church of the Jubilee and Christ the King Lutheran Church choirs will hold their second annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 6, 2009**. The evening begins with Christ the King's annual Beef ***Pot Roast dinner at 5:00pm***. The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person for both members and non-members. Reservations for the dinner are required and may be obtained from Rita Rohr at 741-8157. The public is invited to attend, but seating is limited, so please make reservations early.

The joint choirs of Holy Zion Church of the Jubilee and Christ the King Lutheran Church will present the Nine Lessons and Carols at 6:30PM in the church Sanctuary. There is no charge for attending the Lessons and Carols, and no reservations are needed to attend. The public is invited. It is not necessary to attend the dinner to be able to attend the choral presentation. Seats will be held for those attending the dinner.

Dessert and coffee will be available for all who attend Lessons and Carols program following the concert.

The choirs are under the direction of Edward Barnes of Holy Zion Church of the Jubilee and Richard R. Charron of Christ the King Lutheran Church. This is the third joint presentation by the two choirs.

There are still some seats available for the delicious Pot Roast Dinner – please see Rita Rohr.

**BLOCK PARTY PLANNING** - Beginning in January we will begin the planning of the Spring Block Party.... We want EVERYONE'S input and would like as many people as possible to come to the meeting to take part in the planning. The date and time of first meeting will be in January's Enlightener.

## **Upcoming Pot Luck events:**

**January Pot Luck Dinner and Concert** will take place on Saturday January 16th, 2010. The potluck dinner will begin at 5:00 P.M. There will be a Concert at 6:30 P.M. to be held in the Sanctuary. The concert will be a performance by ***the Choir of Phillips Metropolitan C.M.E. Church***. They will be doing a selection of Gospel Music and Spirituals. Both the Pot luck dinner and concert will be open to the public. Please sign up early for the pot luck dinner and save yourself a seat!!! This event is a great opportunity for our church to get our neighbors and the surrounding community to come to an event at our church. We will be making up posters for the event and we PLEASE ask everyone to help put up and give out posters throughout Windsor.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Brunch - following the Congregational meeting. The date will be set at the Dec 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> or Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Saturday evening - Game night sponsored by the Susan and John Foote. They are becoming famous for providing games that involve everyone – young and old, athletes in their prime and others in between.

Anyone with ideas for the months ahead contact a member of the Outreach committee or the Church Council.

## **CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS CAROLERS**

December 19th, 5:30 P.M. CTK Christmas Caroling. It has been requested by many people in the congregation that the Worship and Music and the Outreach committees organize an evening of Christmas Caroling for the Shut-ins of CTK. On December 19th at 5:30 we will be meeting at church to go out Christmas Caroling. We want everyone in the church to feel welcome to come out and participate in this event. Further details will follow. Please let someone on the W&M or Outreach committee know that you want to participate.

## Altar Flowers

As announced at the June Congregational meeting, our florist has resigned and we have not been able to find another florist who would provide live flower arrangements at a reasonable cost.

The Altar Guild and other volunteers have been using a variety of methods to provide altar decorations each week.

During the summer, we were blessed with members sharing flowers from their gardens. Some people have donated money for celebrations, memorials, or honorific occasions. On these Sundays, the Altar Guild buys flowers locally and arranges them. If no one donates flowers or "memorials" on a specific Sunday, there are two sets of silk flowers for use on the altar.

For "Memorial" flowers, a donation of \$40 is suggested for the two vases. The Altar Guild was not able to find any local provider who could match the previous cost, which was \$30 for two vases.

Please use the sign up book if you wish to donate flowers for a specific Sunday.

### December Anniversaries

10	Peter & Elsie Sorensen	43 years
23	Jan & Jacqueline Moller	23 years

## FALL CLEANUP DAY

Thank you to those who came out on *November 7th* to help with the cleanup of our church grounds.

### Sharing of the Peace

**Please remember** that CTK will continue to share the peace using words and non-contact gestures with those seated near us.

**PROPERTY UPDATE** - Steve Pincott, Paul Rohr, Wayne Suple and John McVey attended the "Savings Through Energy Management" meetings. The meetings were held at different area churches with the purpose of discussing how we can be more energy efficient and save money. A tour of the host buildings was

conducted with specific problem areas identified. The biggest issues at CTK are the older windows and the lack of insulation. Christ the King has done quite a bit over the years to be more energy efficient. The Property Committee is working on some of the smaller items; the larger items will be major maintenance items.

***CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>.***

## Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate – or – return it to the church office NO LATER THAN

**Sunday, December 6th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND

\$10.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ per poinsettia = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Christ the King Lutheran Church

- I'll take my poinsettia(s) home after the 12/27 worship service
- Please use my poinsettia(s) to brighten someone's day