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Dated Material – DO NOT DELAY

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Did the Sunday school students “Stump” the Pastor?

Was Our 2010 Budget Approved?

What Have We Done Lately?

What Are We Planning?
CHECK INSIDE FOR THE ANSWERS

Stump the Pastor (or not)

Nancy Farooque, one of our very fine Sunday School Teachers at CTK asked the children in her class to submit questions about anything having to do with our Faith, our Worship, and The Bible etc.

It was a brilliant idea, and it made me want to show you the questions and the answers I gave. This may inspire YOU to (anonymously if you'd like) ask questions each month in the Newsletter under a new section called **Stump the Pastor...or Not**. Give the paper with the question to me at any time and it may appear in the following month's column.

Here are the children's questions:

When is Jesus' real birthday?

Well you're right, December 25 was picked by the Christians as a day to celebrate because on that Solstice Day the earth is threatened with darkness and shorter and shorter days of cold winter. Yet, on this day Light triumphs over Darkness (get it?!) just as God triumphed over the darkness of the human heart and the darkness of fear by giving us the Brilliant Light of God's Son, Jesus. NOBODY knows when the real date of Christ's birth was and there are absolutely no clues in the Bible to help us.

But that's o.k. What's important is lifting up and proclaiming the heart of our faith: Messiah has come, is here and will come in fullness again.

How does water become holy?

There is a joke I could answer this question with but I better keep it only to adults who want to ask me to hear it! Actually, water and all of creation is holy because it was created and is sustained with God's Life.

Martin Luther, a great teacher in the Christian church said that when water is combined with God's Word, Holy Baptism can happen.

But Luther says, it is not magic or special or even specially holy water, Luther says it's the same old water that the maid boils potatoes in (Luther liked potatoes!) or that we can take a bath in. When we use it at church we should feel free to dip our fingers in it and trace the sign of the cross with it on our foreheads to remember the awesome gift of our Baptism.

Do we have to use special bread for Holy Communion?

Almost all Christians are free to use any old kind of bread they want for celebrating the Lord's Supper. Only Roman Catholic Christians have strict rules that only bread made purely out of nothing but flour and water (no yeast, no extras) may be used. In most countries these altar breads are called "hosts", small, round, flat discs that are white or brown (if whole wheat flour was used.)

Why do the pastor and acolytes not wear their hoods during church?

Hoods come from ancient Hebrew and Christian times when those who prayed could avoid distractions and "go into their room and close the door" as Jesus asks to shut out noise and distraction. Jews and Christian monks still pray this way. But our hoods are more like a left-over decoration, reminding us that the church is ever ancient ever new, that we are tied to a great Tradition that's gone before us. I also think that we'd look pretty darn scary, even spooky if we pulled those hoods up and kept them up for church although, hoods are becoming very popular in youth culture and African American culture as well!

Thanks for the GREAT Questions! Now ask YOURS! *Pastor Doug*

FROM THE EDITOR: Deadline for the March 2010 Enlightener is **Sunday, February 21st**. Please submit your articles via email jmburke840@comcast.net or put it in the "Newsletter" mailbox in the church office

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:-

6	Marguerite Schoenewolff
7	Melissa Cote
11	Michelle Guillerault
12	Angeline Nock
14	Noelle McElaney
16	Kyle Sumple
17	Katherine Ellis
20	Jon Butterick
21	Matthew Wallek
21	Nathan Wallek

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

Ed Burke, Pastor Joe Ekeberg, Ginny Horne, Denise Matern, Angie Nock, Frances Schwentke, Al Schwentke, Francis Stiles, Richard Tillona, Sandie Vik, Mary Alleyne, and Billie F. Jackson.

We pray for God's healing power to all those who are sick and mourn the death of a loved one.

The Windsor Food Bank Needs Your Help

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.....

Feb 20th POT LUCK & GAME NIGHT

with Susan and John Foote. More details from Susan and John.

March 28th Joint Palm Sunday Choir Concert and Dinner

April 16, 17, and 18 Congregational Retreat at Koinonea in Vt. Pastor Doug will be the retreat leader. More details to follow - Pastor Doug

April - Tea Cup auction, dates being checked.

An off shoot of **The Outreach Committee** has been a Fish Fry Committee. Pete Arnold presented to Council the idea of holding a **Fish Fry** which is open to the public. The Fish Fry Committee has had great response from the congregation along with some good enthusiasm and excitement about trying something new! The committee has held two meetings and we have decided to move forward.

There will be a **Friday Night Fish Fry** once a month, which will be open to the public and will begin in April. We have a great group of volunteers to help cook and serve, but we still need more help.

There will be a training session (for cooking and serving) on Saturday, February 27th for anyone volunteering to help. So if you are interested please contact John McVey or Carol Grockowski for further information.

On Friday, March 12th 5-7pm, A "Test Run" will be held for the congregation we will be doing a test run and doing the Fish Fry for the congregation.... so we can get your feed back. There is a lot of good energy from this group about this event. So.... please consider joining. It is a great opportunity for outreach and fellowship among our members. *Peace Anne Marie Nock*

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Hosts:

**World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 5, 2010
11:00 AM**

Windsor area people are invited
To pray with us as we join with
people
of 170 churches around the world in
a program written by the
women of Cameroon.

If you have African musical
instruments
bring them with you.

A light lunch will be served at the end
of the service.

Weekly Flowers – Just a reminder - There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to make a donation for flowers in memory or in honor of someone or some event. This donation will provide live flowers on the altar on the Sunday you designate and will purchased and arranged by the Altar Guild.

Also, there is a signup sheet for anyone who is able to deliver flowers to shut-ins.

Electrical Energy Savings

Based upon the participation with other Lutheran churches in the Hartford area in the Savings Through Energy Management (STEM) process this past Fall, the Finance and Property Committees decided to change how CTK is billed for electricity. The Electric bill has two parts: approximately half for distribution and generation. Distribution is the responsibility of CL&P and includes maintaining the lines, billing, and performing energy conservation education. CL&P no longer owns any power plants that generate the electricity. There are other companies that generate the electricity which CL&P buys and resells.

At the present time, there is a decrease in demand for electricity which is causing a competitive market for selling electricity. Calls to companies listed on the state website (http://www.ctenergyinfo.com/display_rates.htm?type=res) found that CTK could save between \$25 and \$30 per month by switching to another generator option. There will be no difference in the electrical service by choosing a new electrical generation supplier.

CTK found a savings of approximately 20% on the generation rate which translates into about 10% on the total electrical bill.

These options are also available to residential customers as well. See any member of the STEM group (John McVey, Steve Pincott, Paul Rohr, and Wayne Sumple) for more details. You, too, should be able to save around 10 % on your total electrical bill.

February Anniversaries

12	Lisa & Gary Guillerault	24 years
14	Diana & William Riedi	40 years
26	Nancy & Mohammed Farooque	10 years

CTK NEWS

Audio Recording of the Service

The Worship & Music Committee is working on recording the sermons for inclusion on the website. Once the electronic file is captured, a format can be determined for sharing with shut-ins.

DULUTH, Minn. - The widow of a seminarian whose parents are pastors in Duluth says he

"spent his last breath singing" as he died in the rubble of the Haitian earthquake.

Renee Larson was in Port-au-Prince with husband, Ben Larson, and his cousin, Jonathan Larson, when the quake struck.

She told the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America news service Monday the two floors above them collapsed. Renee and Jonathan escaped onto the roof, but Ben couldn't. She says they called to him and heard him reply, but his singing stopped after the words "God's peace to us we pray."

Ben Larson is son of the Rev. April Ullring Larson, former bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod, and the Rev. Judd Larson of Duluth. Ben, his wife and cousin were students at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

He also went to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, which plans a memorial service Friday.

Worship & Music Highlights

Lenten Services

ELW Setting 10 will be used for Lent and Easter Sunday.

This is a setting which has been previously used for Lent and has familiar hymn tunes for parts of the liturgy.

Ash Wednesday	2-17	2 services	Noon and 7PM
Maundy Thursday	4-01	2 services	Noon and 7PM
Good Friday	4-02	2 services	Noon and 7PM
Easter Sunday	4-04	1 service	9 AM

Midweek Services:

Discussion on brief midweek service including light soup meal. The congregation was polled at January meeting to see audience for Noon (7) Evening (14). More details will follow.

TEACUP AUCTION

It is again time to de-clutter your closets, drawers, basements, and attics. Our Annual Teacup Auction will be held in APRIL at part of a Pot Luck Dinner. The date will be announced shortly.

Your donations of unused or gently used items may become someone else's treasure!! Examples: candles, kitchen items, games, toys, sport equipment, knick-knacks, crafts, holiday items, artwork, etc.

COLLECTION BINS will be provided beginning in March. If you have any questions, please

contact Nancy Farooque or Susan Courtemanche.

2010 BUDGET

Once again, our Finance Committee has prayerfully considered the pledged and other income for the coming year and developed a balanced budget to offset the anticipated expenses for the coming year.

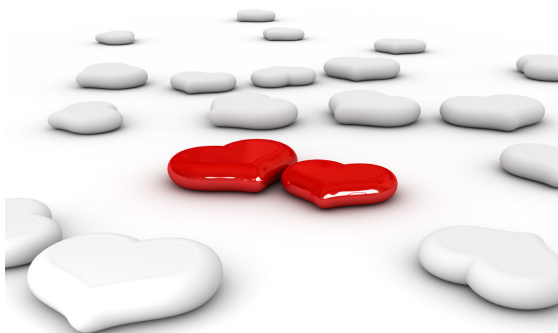
At the end of 2009 it was noted that we under-spent our approved budget. The 2010 proposed (and approved budget by Congregation vote on January 24, 2010) is less than the 2009 budget.

Thank you to the Finance Committee for all their hard work and thank you to members of CTK for continuing maintain your faith and financial support of CTK and the larger church.

On January 16, 2010 CTK hosted Spiritual & Gospel Music in Honor of the Rev's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as presented by the Choir of Phillips Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Hartford.

A Pot Luck Dinner preceded the concert and both were very well attended. Thank you to Richard Charron, organist and CTK readers; Lorraine Harrison and Judith Barlow-Roberts. Also thank you to all the other "Behind the Scene" volunteers.

A beautiful program was printed for the evening and included a brochure about Christ the King Lutheran Church. Thank you to Anne Marie Nock and John McVey for their work on this program.



Be the heart of Christ's body and show someone that you care.