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*Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the LORD your God
is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9*

Be sure to check the Holy Week Service schedule
Check the date for the shared Concert with Holy Zion Church
planned for the evening of Palm (Passion) Sunday.
Don't miss it! – See you there

Words From Pastor Doug

OK I'll admit it. I still feel badly about this. When my friend Glen had surgery on his face for a cancerous growth, we were in eighth grade. I didn't come to the Prayer Service at Glen's house the night before his surgery. I was kind of freaked out back then about death and disease. I didn't visit Glen when he was recuperating, several of our class got rides or biked over to Manchester Memorial Hospital to see him. I was too busy. When he began radiation, others took him homework. I didn't offer. I heard he had horrible purple tape and bandages on his eye and nose. Terrifying!

Back in hospital again, I *meant to go* but never got the chance. Glen got better and returned to a full life. A year after his surgery his sister threw a big Celebration Party to honor Glen and his loyal classmates and friends. I was the first to arrive at his home!! I played the fellow loyal friend. Glen had too much class, was too big a person to expose my falseness. His parents weren't. They cold shouldered me and let me feel my disgrace. I was a fair-weather friend eager to celebrate the Victory not the suffering before it even though I knew my friend needed me.

Every Easter Sunday churches are packed to the rafters with people eager to celebrate their friendship with Jesus the Winner. Celebrate the happy ending. We love you Friend! Alleluia! Every year though, ***those same churches are empty*** on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, days when our Friend needed us to stand by Him in his journey to the cross, to his Passion. We are too busy for that on a week night. We forgot (as too many have said to me over the years) it was Good Friday. Our families are coming for Sunday we have a lot of preparation. I don't like all that suffering. He is Risen, right? I don't like to dwell on his dying. Yet, when we see the "Jesus Movies" or hear the Passion Story we think, *if I had been there I would have stood by Him, would have comforted Him. False friends get exposed here too don't they?*

Make it a point to grow up spiritually this year. Fill the church on Thursday and Friday as you will on Sunday. Stand with and beside our Friend when He most needs you. You see, it didn't all just happen long ago. It happens now. Every year all over the world. Show up for a Friend. Sure. Much more than even Glen, He's too big a Person to make you feel bad if you only come on Celebration Day. But you'll know inside. I did. I still sorrow over that. Don't repeat my mistake.

This year when they sing/ask: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" You'll say with joy, "Yes, this year I was."
Shalom - Pastor Doug

Sunday March 15th is being celebrated as Calumet Sunday throughout the New England Synod (NES). Camp Calumet (known officially as Calumet Lutheran Ministries) works with the congregations of the NES to provide programs for people of all ages. Many people of CTK have been exposed to Calumet. There are programs for people from 8 to 80 years. Some of our members started going to Calumet before 8 and are continuing after 80. At CTK on that date, there will be a special temple talk, a Calumet video during coffee hour, and Summer 2009 camp brochures available. Speak to Paul or Rita Rohr if you have a story to share.

Happy MARCH Birthday to:-

- 1 Jessica Joseph
Mason Stabile
- 3 Sara Longworth
Charles Nunnally
- 6 Jodi Jones
- 7 Samuel Lane Mather
- 9 Stephen Pallotti
- 12 Lori Butterick
- 19 Linda Ryan
Sandie Vik
- 21 Sandra Gustafson
- 22 Harry Larson
- 23 James Karadimas
- 29 Victoria Cook
- 30 Ben Wallek
- 31 James McVey

FROM THE EDITOR: Deadline for the April Enlightener is **Sunday, March**. Submit your articles via email me at jmburke840@comcast.net or put it in the "Newsletter" mailbox in the church office

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

Ivadine Barley, Ed Burke, Ginny Horne, Jim McVey, Angie Nock, Richard Rydingsward, Frances Schwentke, Al Schwentke, Betty Steen, Mary Alleyne and Billie Jackson, John Metka, and Dennis Harrison, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - The Christian Education Committee purchased individual boxes of Offering Envelopes for Sunday School students. Each weekly envelope has a Bible Trivia question on the front. The committee feels that the kids should have the opportunity to become regular givers to the church both locally and to the church at large.

Hunger Awareness

Lent 2009 will have a focus on Hunger Awareness. There will be no mid week Lenten Soup and Bread services this year.

The following information explains how a Windsor organization is working to support those that need physical items to combat hunger in our community.

Please pray to consider how you can support Windsor Community Service Council with donations of staples, money or your time.

Windsor Community Service Council provides the means to help the hungry in our local area. Volunteers make up the Executive Board and the general members, as well as two staff liaisons.

Approximately 400 households in Windsor qualify to use the Food Bank.

The Windsor Food Bank is located at L.P. Wilson, 599 Matianuck Avenue, and is no more than a large walk-in closet stocked with canned goods, non-perishable foods, paper goods, personal items, and household products. There are two freezers and a refrigerated room to stock frozen meats and vegetables, and fresh produce. Windsor Food Bank is open Monday -Tuesday from 9:00-11:15 am, and Thursday-Friday from 1:00-3:15 pm.

Meat, produce and other goods are purchased in bulk from the regional branch of Food Share, located in Bloomfield. Everything else is donated... from the postal carriers, companies, grocery stores, churches, schools, civic organizations, clubs, sporting events, etc., and individuals.

Volunteers drive the Windsor Food Bank... picking up food at the grocery store chains, day-old bakery goods, pick-up points at Windsor Library, and several churches... helping with food drives at the local grocery stores, transporting food and goods to the Food Bank... filling orders when the Food Bank is open... stocking and restocking shelves... and more.

You can help:

Donate food and goods at any time – there is a box in the narthex near the stairs.

Cake mixes, brownies, quick breads, muffins, pancake mix, syrup, salad dressing, mayonnaise, ketchup, fruit juice, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, toilet tissue... anything.

Write a check to Windsor Community Service Council and put it in the offering collection – it will buy food and goods from Food Share, buy needed

items for the Food Bank, pay heating bills through the Windsor Fuel Bank, provide clothing vouchers for those in need, buy stamps and stationery to thank those who help, and support a variety of other ways relative to the health, safety, and well being of those in need.

Volunteer – there are many opportunities to help on a regular basis, or get on the list to be called when volunteers are needed for a special event. Call 285-1839 to offer yourself.

Easter Flowers

Lent started on February 25, 2009 and we are already looking forward to Easter. An order form is enclosed for those who wish to donate Easter flowers. Please fill out the form and return it to CTK on or before Sunday March 29th.

Pot Luck Dinners

March 21 -

Christ the King is doing a Hunger Emphasis during Lent. For the pot luck dinner and program on Saturday March 21 we will start at 5PM. That night we will have several ways to experience hunger awareness. The options include:

1. No desserts for the pot luck (Lent Only)
2. There will be a Christmas tree with decorations that remind us that hunger is a year round need.
3. Attendees will have the opportunity to make a contribution to the local food bank (staples or cash) or make a donation to ELCA World Hunger. See the article (elsewhere in this issue) that describes the work being done by the Windsor Community Service Council.
4. The program will include the Hunger Story Tellers (Maude Carpenter and Christine Rothe). This program has appeal for all ages. Maude and Chris are excellent story tellers and can bring the message to everyone in the audience.

Be sure to bring your whole family to experience these talented women who can be very entertaining, while raising the consciousness for hunger awareness.

April 5 - An early afternoon program

followed by a finger food potluck. The **Combined Choir Program** will feature the choirs from Christ the King and Holy Zion with special arrangements by Richard Charron.

Late April or May - TEA CUP AUCTION.

Save those gifts that someone else will love and start on making those craft projects. The proceeds will go towards the gardens around the church building. Nancy Farooque and Susan Courtemanche will host the event, call them to volunteer in making this event a success.

Other Pot Luck Possibilities:

Hymn Sing, Barbeque, Board Game night, Challenge Games, Dominos Game night, Wii Night, Oktoberfest, Bee program -

If any of these sound interesting to you and you are willing to host an event, please contact Paul or Rita Rohr.

March Anniversaries

7	Susanne & Randy McClure	11 years
20	Linda & Michael Ryan	10 years

CANCELLATION OF WORSHIP

Please be advised that, due to severe inclement weather, there may be an occasion when we will have to cancel worship service. If CTK has to cancel service, **WFSB – Channel 3** will include the cancellation in the emergency closings. OR go to www.wfsb.com

ELW Setting for Lent - ELW setting 4 will be used for Lent. It is very familiar setting that we used in the green hymnal. Thank you to Julie Janchuk who will produce a new booklet.

Joint Choir Concert - The Choirs of Holy Zion and Christ the King will be presenting a joint concert on the afternoon of Sunday April 5th. Richard Charron is preparing an Easter based concert, similar to the Lessons and Carols presented in December. These two talented groups of singers will share their own unique musical heritages and then combine for some combined numbers. Plans are still being formulated. One idea is to have an afternoon program followed by deserts. I'm told that Palm Sunday is not a day of Lent, so Deserts are OK. The Combined Choir Program will feature the choirs from Christ the King and Holy Zion with special arrangements by Richard Charron.

(the following reflection was included in the February Enlightener, however the page was inadvertently not included in the mailing.)

Reflections of the Presidential Inauguration

We pulled into a Mobil Station on Connecticut Avenue in Northwest DC on Monday, January 19th. The media had been scaring people about the lines to get gas and the traffic to be dealt with in trying to leave after the inauguration. It was a full service station. I haven't been to one of those in years. A gentleman in his late 60's with chocolate brown skin came out and I asked him to please fill it up. He noticed our CT plates and asked if we were here for the big event. I said yes and he proceeded to wash our windows with such care so "we could be

sure to see everything!" I was surprised that my response was to cry. Tears sprang from some place deep inside, the place where we would say the Spirit or Jesus resides. The place that does not understand division but is connected to everything. I wanted to express my apologies to this man for the injustices that he had surely experienced growing up through the civil rights movement. I thanked him for his service and we drove off. I will never forget his face. Clare reached out and held my hand.

On Tuesday, we walked 5-6 miles to join the throngs of strangers on the mall to witness history and be in the thick of it. The most impressive part of the experience was the respect shown by everyone. (Not a single arrest in the largest gathering on the national mall.) 1.8 million people – helping each other negotiate getting over walls and jersey dividers, sharing blankets and food and stories and most of all listening with rapt attention. I was struck by the biblical image of the loaves and fishes with the crowds sharing what they had. I was left with the words of Micah, "To do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God." We have a new opportunity to join in this movement for change. We are so grateful to have been a part of the day, and so thankful for Doug's love and support.

Noelle and Clare McElaney-Ryniewicz

Adult Forum - What have rabbits, chocolate, peeps, hats, egg hunts, eggs and new clothes, ham or colored dyes have to do with Easter? Is Easter in the bible?(ok hint: it isn't) Don't know? Always wanted to know? Join the Sunday after church adult learning time and find out!

What's a Masonic Lodge? What is a Mason? Do Mason's belong to another religion? Join us in a few weeks as Rod Plath and others share with us in the adult Learning time after church.

Thursday Bible Study - The Bible Study Group on Thursdays has begun a study of the Book of Genesis. All are welcome to join us.

Lenten Service Schedule

Maundy Thursday - April 9

One service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 10

Service at noon. Decision on an evening service to be made based upon the turnout on Ash Wednesday.

Easter Sunday - April 12

One service at 9:00 AM.

Easter Plants

If you would like to order Plant 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, March 29th

Name _____
In Memory of: _____
In honor of: _____
Other: _____

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND

\$10.00 X _____ per Plant = \$

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Christ the King Lutheran Church

- I'll take my Plant(s) home after the 4/12 worship service
- Please use my Plant(s) to brighten someone's day