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What are you Thankful for?

November provides many opportunities To consider this question and... respond

November is Pledge Month

**Windsor Community Thanksgiving Service
On the Green – November 22**

FALL CLEANUP DAY

Due to the fact no leaves have fallen by our October Cleanup date.... the date was changed.

Saturday, November 7th @ 9:00 A.M.

Please bring rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, trucks and trailers, or anything else we can use to haul the leaves the Windsor Landfill. Any questions call John McVey at 697-6364

YOUR PLEDGE TO CTK

November is the month the church asks that we remember the gifts that God has given us. For the last four years the church council has brought forth to the congregation a balanced budget. This year it will be a little more difficult to balance our budget.

The Morlock School of Dance has had to close down; their classes were getting too small to make it a profitable business. We feel sadness for the teachers losing their jobs and at the same time, feel the impact of not having that \$4,000 rental income to support our budget. The council is working on ways to replace this income but, I'm afraid nothing will be in place by January. We as a congregation need to consider increasing our pledges.

The pledge card itself is a means where by the Finance Committee can take all the pledges, in addition to other income and develop a realistic operating budget. This is the only way to create a spending policy that is sound. If the church could tax its members there would be no problem we would just raise the tax levy but we come to church because we want to, not because we have to.

So all the Finance Committee can do is to ask the members to consider the need. A pledge is not written in stone, it is a guide, if family situations change notify the Finance Chairman with what you need to do so that, we can implement changes to the budget.

Bob Gustafson
Finance Chairman

FROM THE EDITOR: Deadline for the September Enlightener is **Sunday, November 22nd**. Submit your articles via email me at jmurke840@comcast.net or put it in the "Newsletter" mailbox in the church office

November Birthdays:-

- 1 Kurt Riedi
- 2 Ruth Nunnally
- 3 Stephanie Lane
- 8 Patrick Ellis
- 9 Todd Hart
- 15 Morgan Stabile
- 16 Rachel Elam
- 23 Dorothy Alleyne
- 23 Diana Riedi
- 27 Margaret Tillona

. 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.

John Metka, (a friend of Bob and Sandy Gustafson) passed away in October. The Metka family sends their thanks to CTK for our prayers during his long illness.

Communion Flow

It has been observed that there is congestion in the center aisle during Communion. The Worship and Music Committee and the ushers have developed a process to improve the flow of people going to and returning from Communion.

The group that is at the altar rail to receive Communion is called Group 1. Group 2 will be invited forward to stand behind Group 1. The center aisle is then clear. As soon as Group 1 is dismissed, they will leave the altar rail, deposit glasses – if necessary, and return to their seats.

Group 2 will then fill in at the altar rail to receive communion.

After Group 1 has returned to their seats, the next group is invited forward to stand directly behind those receiving Communion at the altar rail.

The process is then repeated until all have communed.

One usher will be at the head of the aisle and direct the next group to come forward and

stand behind those at the altar rail – leaving the center aisle clear.

The other usher will wait until those being dismissed have returned to their pews. Then the next group of people will be invited to move forward, keeping the center aisle clear.

Please notify an usher (who will inform the pastor) if there is anyone who wishes to have Communion brought to them in the pew.

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.

Outreach committee Meetings:

Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM
Thursday December 17, 2009 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.

Looking Ahead.....

Faith and Finance

On Saturday, **Nov 21st** there will be a speaker after **the potluck** which starts at **5:00 pm**. Alan Druckenmiller will speak on "Faith and Finance". Alan is an ordained Lutheran minister who worked as a mission developer. He is currently working as a financial advisor.

Please bring your general questions and be prepared to discuss how your faith and your finances can be interwoven. The financial turmoil of the last year has been very distressing to many. Alan will bring facts and humor to blend our Christian faith with the hard financial realities of the unpredictable world in which we now live.

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.

Please join us and invite your friends.

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.

November Anniversaries

15	Wayne & Coreen Sumple	29 years
17	Robert & Margaret Wallek	25 years
18	Susan & Joseph Courtemanche	14 years
23	Milton & Dorothy Alleyne	7 years

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Tune in to wfsb.com or WFSB television for weather related closings regarding CTK

Energy Audit – Members of CTK have been participating in Energy Audit Workshops during October and November. On November 9th we are hosting the workshop. Members of CTK are invited to attend – light refreshments will be served following the workshop. See Bob Gustafson or John McVey.

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.

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