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Sunday School Planning Meeting – September 11 following worship

Council & Congregation Meeting with Pr. Ted Asta – September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in
the Fellowship Hall

September Council Meeting – September 21, 2011

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. THANK YOU!!!

CTK News- Best wishes to all of our students who are beginning the new school year. Special wishes to all of our college students who have also moved back to school to begin their new semesters. We would also like to remember Clare McElaney (Ryniewicz) in our prayers as she begins her semester abroad in Jordan.

Youth News

Tristan and Amanda Courtemanche recently spent a week at Camp Calumet. They enjoyed making friends from all over the country and enjoyed a variety of activities including pottery, singing, and water games. Their favorites were canoe-tipping and "fun-yakking". They would like to thank everyone who made this possible. Especially Mrs. Johnson and the Joergenson/Burke family. Erin Burke also spend two weeks at Calumet enjoying the many friends she has met over the years and the peace that can only be found at Calumet.

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

Susan Ackerman, Becky Brucker, Ed Burke, Mary Jane Cooper, Riley Cooper, Sharee Culin, Carol Ellis, Madison Frueh, Andrea Gustafson, Ginny Horne, Billie F. Jackson, Cindy Johnson, Don Johnson, Deb King, Shirley Larson, Ken McKnight, Pastor Eugene Mitchell, Bob Moras, Angie Nock, Ruth Nunnally, Pat Peczka, Rebecca Pincott, Norman Phillips, Catherine Ryniewicz, Frances Schwentke, Al Schwentke, Peter Sorensen, Francis Stiles, Gladys Stiles, Roland Thayer, Shirley Theriault, and Harry Zeuschner.

Enlightener Deadline: The deadline for the OCTOBER, 2011 Enlightener is **Sunday, September 25, 2011.** Please submit your articles via email jmburke840@comcast.net or put it in the "Newsletter" mailbox in the church office.

Sundae on Tuesday – On **July 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** many of us gathered for an ***outdoor worship service (which was actually held inside)***. It was nice to gather for the informal communion service and enjoy *ice cream sundaes after*.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Heather Johnson and Rachael Elam will be co-chairing the committee. If anyone would like to participate but doesn't drive or doesn't like to drive at night then please give Rachael a call, (860) 899-5994, we'd like everyone to feel they can be a part of the group.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS - The backpacks were a HUGE success! In a little over a week, were able to put together a total of 25 completed backpacks with some supplies left over. I'll be storing the extra supplies for any last minute requests, which I've been told happens a lot after the children have started school. Even if they are not needed right now we'll have a great start for next year.

A lot of planning is being done for Outreach starting in October. More details to be provided as it all comes together. We are all very excited to get CTK's name out there to our neighbors & invite them to our church.

Worship and Music Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM

Bring Ideas for the next program year. We'll lay out events and group the planning necessary for completion. We would like to be able to meet fewer times during the year. If issues arise between meetings, they can be addressed at a short meeting on Sunday following the Worship service. All are welcome

September Council Meeting - DATE CHANGE

When: Moved from Wednesday 9-14 to September 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Why: This will give Council a week after the meeting with Synod for prayerful consideration, feedback, and discussion. - All Council meetings are open to the congregation.

Pot Luck Dinner– October 8, 2011 at 5:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

As you know, Richard Charron, our Organist and Choir Director for fifteen years, accepted a position with an Episcopal Church starting in September.

Over the years, Richard has enriched our worship life with challenges to the choir and has worked with our ministers to choose Sunday music and anthems which reflect the lessons for the day. He has also arranged for Joint Concerts with Holy Zion for both Advent and Palm Sunday. These concerts provide an educational opportunity for our Congregation and the greater Windsor area.

Richard was instrumental in getting a choir from Phillips Metropolitan CME Church in Hartford to perform several Martin Luther King memorial concerts at CTK. In addition to the publicity (both before and after the concerts), Richard arranged for CT State Representatives to bring the MLK, Jr. proclamation from the Governor.

Richard has performed many necessary “behind the scenes” activities, such as ensuring that the heat is turned on in sufficient time that the sanctuary is warm on cold winter mornings. He has included write-ups in our bulletin to provide us with background information about various Preludes and Postludes. He ran a multi-month Adult Forum on the history of church music from the Psalms to Bach to the modern day.

This Pot Luck Dinner will honor Richard Charron for all his dedication over the past 15 years and to wish him well. Please bring a food dish to share, dessert will be provided.

Sunday Church School Planning Meeting

Sunday, September 11 following Worship

This is a meeting for parents and potential teachers to discuss schedule, program (curriculum) materials, and team teaching assignments. If you are not able to attend and would like to have input, please talk to Pastor or Susan Courtemanche. If you know anyone that would like to volunteer as a teacher; part-time, occasional, or substitute, please invite them to this meeting.

Can you make coffee? Bake cookies? Count money?

Just a few more volunteers would make a huge difference in sharing coffee hour hosting. The same people have been making all the same treats for years... we need new recipes! No training required. Many supplies provided. Find a friend and sign up... many hands make light work (and cookies, and cakes, and muffins, and...)!

Several of the coffee hour people are also counters– a few more volunteers would a huge help. Counting the offering is very easy... one person counts, one person writes it all down and adds it up. All supplies provided, including training, plus coffee and munchies (see above).

Can you help a lot? See Susan Courtemanche to get on the coffee hour or counter rotation schedule.

Can you help a little? See Susan Courtemanche to be a substitute to fill in when needed for coffee hour or as a counter.

Susan Courtemanche is now coordinating the volunteer schedules and is looking for volunteers in the following areas: Lay Assistants, Lay Readers, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Offering Counters, and Coffee Hour helpers. If you would like to assist with any of these duties, even as a substitute, please contact Susan Courtemanche in person or you can e-mail me at Susangranby@AOL.COM. I'm sure any of the current volunteers will joyfully help to train any new volunteers!!

MDA – Jailbird - Richard Charron was chosen to serve as an Muscular Dystrophy Association Jailbird and was put behind bars to help Jerry's Kids© on August 18th. In order to be released on good behavior, he needed to reach a \$1,600 bail amount. Richard was excited to help out in this fun event benefiting many individuals and families who are affected by neuromuscular disease and was honored to partner with MDA for this event.

SYNOD NEWS

The following letter was received from Doreen Rinas, co-chairperson of the New England Synod's World Hunger Committee, at 978 433 2645 or doreenrinas@yahoo.com

Dear Congregational World Hunger Advocate:

More than any time in the recent past, we need your leadership and action at helping your congregation be aware of what's happening in the world and inviting a response.

With the worst drought in 60 years, 12.4 million people including 2.3 malnourished children are at risk in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti. Many are abandoning their homes and walking for weeks in desperate search of food and drink. Lutheran World Federation, managing the refugee camps in Dadaab, Kenya, greets its new residents with cups of clean water. For the very young and elderly, fortified porridge is given, an ideal food for these malnourished populations at special risk. In Dollo Ado, the Ethiopian camp also run by LWF, 87% of the camp's residents are under the age of 18.

ELCA World Hunger funds help provide water, food, livestock assistance, training, and clothing and shoes for girls. World Hunger also works with partner churches, Mekane Yesus in Ethiopia and the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church, where people outside the camps are also helped.

The next few weeks are especially critical. Please lift up in prayer these individuals who are at risk and those who are caregivers. Share out of God's abundance to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for "Horn of Africa Drought," where 100% of the money goes for immediate relief in Africa. Money can be sent through our churches.

This is our story, the story of the ELCA doing what matters, God's purpose.

For more info:

ELCA Disaster Response Offering Envelopes can be ordered for free either online at <http://resources.elca.org> or by phone at 1-800 638 3522 x 2580

<http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/category/horn-of-africa>

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster>

<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Office-of-the-Presiding-Bishop/Messages-and-Statements/081211.aspx>

Thank you so much for your help with this! Doreen (*Donations can be made online by clicking on either of the two links above.*)

Bishop Payne to retire at end of term

Election of new bishop scheduled for Synod Assembly 2012 Bishop Margaret Payne, spiritual leader of the New England Synod, announced this month that she will not seek re-election at the end of her second term in 2012. Bishop Payne has served the synod faithfully as a visionary leader, advocate, and pastor for twelve years.

In a recent letter, the Bishop wrote, "Our recent Synod Assembly was filled with proof that the people of the New England Synod cherish word and worship, care deeply about the world and those who suffer in it, and want to make a difference. This synod is coming together for mission in ways that are radically inclusive and filled with Spirit-led urgency and grace. It is an exciting time of renewal and planning boldly for the future...I ask that you commit to a prayerful transition that will be as open to the Spirit's guidance as it was the last time."

Voting members to the 2012 Synod Assembly in Springfield, MA will elect the next bishop of the New England Synod.

Sending Windsor to Our Troops Windsor Community Involvement

For several years now, Ann Walsh and the WIN-TV Community have coordinated efforts to send monthly care packages to our troops abroad. Joyce Phillips is coordinating efforts here at CTK to receive donations for a special mailing on November 12, 2011 that will be sent out for Christmas. These are some special items requested for the Christmas mailing:

- Homemade cookies, breads (banana, pumpkin) - Can be frozen. A piece of bread is send in the packaging to keep everything fresh, however brownies do not travel well. Cookies like hay stacks, pretzels with kiss, date nut balls, etc are great and keep well.
- Men's and women's body wash, mesh scrubbies (face cloths and bar soap get sandy – these two items are better for their climate)
- Fleece throw blankets - winter is far worse than here. They use fleece to line the sleeping bags and for extra warmth.
- Twizzlers, hard candy of all kinds and chocolate. Watch for Halloween sales and you can get a lot at ½ price.
- Socks – white high or dark colored socks. NOT dress socks.
- Also beef jerky, Sudoku and other puzzle books, Pringles, pretzels, fruit snacks, power bars, tootsie pops, granola bars, flilp top can of fruit, breath mints, baby wipes, tooth paste, Blistex or Carmex lilp salves (sticks melt), writing paper & pens, Febreze, boot laces 72” or longer, dental floss, playing cards, women's items.

Also cards and letters from “home” to our brave men and women is always appreciated.

Troops with a Windsor connection are:

**Kevin Angell
Sonita Duffy
Brendan Cutler
Francis Bateman
David Backhaus
Richard Allen
Ambyr Ferguson
Alvaro Cucuta
Patrick Kidwell
Kayla Gegetskas
Chris Cangemi
Nick Cangemi
George Pires.**

There is a box in the Narthex to collect these items. There is also a general list available. Cards and letters, newspaper articles about local activities are also always welcome.



September Birthdays

- 1 Janet Burke
- 4 Auguste LaFreniere
- 6 Juliette Janchuk
- 9 Lorraine Harrison
- 19 Claire McElaney
- 21 Erin Zeuschner
- 27 Albert Filmore

September Anniversaries

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| 15 | Gail & Tom Maziarz | 38 years |
| 21 | Stephanie & Richard Mather Lane | 13 years |
| 26 | Paul & Rita Rohr | 46 years |
| 29 | Marji & Paul LaFreniere | 32 years |

October Anniversaries

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| 12 | Susan & Jeff Podgurski | 25 years |
| 14 | Carol & Patrick Ellis | 22 years |
| 14 | Anne & John McVey | 16 years |
| 16 | Ruth & Carl Ackerman | 68 years |



October Birthdays

- 1 Herbert Van Alphen
- 3 Jan Moller
- 3 Joan McVey
- 3 Harry Zeuschner
- 5 Laura Karstensen
- 6 Larry Burleigh
- 7 Lawrence Shaw
- 11 Erica Burke
- 11 Kelly Maziarz
- 13 Alfred Schwentke
- 13 Jill Johnson
- 17 Robert Wallek
- 17 Milton Alleyne
- 19 Norma Smith
- 19 David Hawkins
- 22 Emma Butterick
- 22 Patricia Ellis
- 25 Barbara Kahoun
- 27 Susanne McClure
- 29 Violet LaFreniere