



The CTK
HERALD

Christ the King Lutheran Church

June 2013

Wilbraham, Massachusetts

"PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL"

FROM THE PASTOR

God on Vacation

When my grandmother passed away last month, several people asked me if I would be presiding at the funeral. Honestly, the thought had never crossed my mind. Eventually, I settled on the response, "no, I just need to be the grandson right now". Pr. Sharon Hughes of Holy Trinity in North Easton did a wonderful job proclaiming God's resurrection promise, and commending God's child, my grandmother Virginia, to God's eternal care. In addition to that time in worship, during our recent vacation, I also worshiped at my brother-in-law's church, First in Brockton. There my brother-in-law, Pastor Mark, led worship, and our Bishop, Jim Hazelwood, preached. In both instances, it was wonderful, simply to worship.

When we travel, Carolyn sometimes laments that we "can't take even one Sunday off". When we are on vacation, we almost always attend church. I love to do this because I have a chance to sit in the pew and oftentimes be incognito. But I also enjoy worshiping in another place – seeing how other Lutherans and Episcopalians and Methodists worship.

Sometimes it can be quite uncomfortable to worship in a new place. I remember once when Carolyn and I attended a Lutheran church when they weren't celebrating Holy Communion that Sunday. To Carolyn's great embarrassment, I insisted we sneak out and go to the



Episcopal church next door where I knew they would have Communion. I don't think she's yet gotten over that one.

Once during college, we were in New York for a choir tour. Instead of joining our choir mates going up to the "Top of the Rock" on Sunday morning, we decided to go there later in the day, and instead find a church. We walked down 50th St. towards what appeared to be a big church, turned out it was St. Patrick's cathedral. Knowing we wouldn't be allowed Communion in that church, we strolled down 5th Avenue and stumbled upon St. Thomas Episcopal Church, a beautiful church whose worship features their world-renowned "Choir of Men and Boys". That chance church experience was one of the most beautiful either of us have ever experienced.

Someone once told me they try to never miss church on Sunday, because they didn't want to take away an opportunity for God to shape and form them. This summer, I hope you'll take the time on your Sundays away to explore different churches and ways of worship. If you're actively involved here at CTK, it will be an opportunity to simply worship. You may discover something new you'd like us to try here. If nothing else, worshiping God in our travels and in our time off reminds us that our God is not just the God of weekdays and school years. Our God is the God of all time and space, of all people; even the God of vacations.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Nathaniel

We strive to be a congregation so empowered by the Gospel message and our unity in Christ that we work together to minister to those in need and proclaim the Good News to all.



Christ the King Council officers are:

President - Kevin Hinkamaper, Vice-President - Catherine Olson
Treasurer - Peter Van Beaver, Financial Secretary - Melissa Springer



Other Council members:

Tom Henry, Martha Mensing, and Jessica Henry (youth representative)

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS

Summer Worship Services . . .

Christ the King's worship services will continue to be held at **10:00 a.m.** throughout the summer months.

Parish Choir . . .

June 2nd is Bring A Friend Sunday! If your friend would like to join the choir for the anthem that day, please invite them to warm-up and rehearse before the service at **9:30 a.m.**

The final Wednesday night choir rehearsal will be on **May 22nd**. Summer pick-up choir will begin on **Sunday, June 2nd, at 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome to come learn a quick, easy song to perform for the service that day.

Wilbraham Men's Glee Club . . .

On **Sunday, June 16th**, the Wilbraham Men's Glee Club will be performing for the 10:00 a.m. worship at Christ the King under the direction of Ray Drury. Don't miss this chance to hear beautiful sacred music sung by local musicians, including some members of CTK!

Concert Series . . .

On **Saturday, June 22nd at 7:30 p.m.**, The Joy of Music Concert Series concludes the 2012-2013 season with a special Red Hot Saturday night performance featuring powerhouse vocalists Mark Hightower and Bryan Hoyos. Dress in red to spice things up! The singers will present a dynamic concert of classical, jazz, and show tunes. The concert will take place outside on the front lawn (weather permitting), with elegant lighting and seating, but please bring your blankets and lawn chairs as well. There is a suggested donation of \$10, and desserts will be served fol-



lowing the performance. Please invite your friends and family to come celebrate our concert season with a fantastic finale!

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY!!

June 2 will be our first "Bring A Friend to Church" Sunday. As we focus on evangelism this year, think about all the people you encounter that could enjoy and benefit from sharing the special experience we have in Christ at Christ the King. Surveys have shown that many people who do not attend church would do so if invited by a friend. Reach out and ask! Who knows? Maybe they have been waiting for just the chance. You could change a life!

CONFIRMATION

We congratulate **Sarah Dybas** and **Taylor DiGiorgio** on their confirmation on Sunday, May 19, and welcome them into adult membership at Christ the King!

Reflections of Confirmation Class . . .

During their Sunday morning confirmation class, the confirmands and their younger classmates were asked to reflect on what this means. The following are just a few of the questions that were discussed. What does it mean to be confirmed? What is a Christian? What are some of the responsibilities and benefits of being an adult member of our church? They were then asked to write a paper on this topic. Here are some of their excerpts. (Following the excerpts is a creed that they wrote collectively as a class, after studying the Apostle's Creed.)

CONFIRMATION Continues . . .

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CONFIRMATION Continued . . .

To be an adult member of the church, you have to put time into the church and help others – like loaves and fishes or baking communion bread – and you have to treat others with kindness.

A Christian is somebody who was baptized in the Christian church, who believes and has faith in God and Jesus, and who does God's will by being kind to and helping others.

To me being an adult member of the church is pretty cool because then I get to help pitch in with giving money to the church so we can help the hungry and the homeless....and I get to give my time to the church.

My response for what Jesus and God have done for us is that I am speechless! God is always there for me and will never leave me no matter what. I love Jesus because He died just so we can live. That's incredible!

We as Christians believe that God loves us, saved us and will help us in our daily lives....So our response should be giving our time and money for others who need it.

To be confirmed means to become an official member of the church...I will volunteer my time towards the church and charities. I will give money to those in need and become part of SHOE. I would like to see Christ the King invite anyone who wants to join the church to come in and be a part of it.

If we are ever in a situation where we need someone, we know that God is always there for us....God loves us and that is something that every Christian should know.

When I think about being confirmed, I think of it as making my own choice to continue in the Christian faith. After I am confirmed, I would like to keep coming to church because confirmation is not the end, but where I start as an adult member of the church.

2013 CONFIRMATION CREED

I have faith in God
the creator of all life
the creator of heaven and earth
who forgives our sins
I have faith in Jesus,
who taught us about God and led us to belief
who showed us how to live
who helped us and saved us
who is our King and lived and died for us
I have faith in the Holy Spirit,
who is with us in times of need
who guides us in times of uncertainty
who strengthens us in our belief & guides us in our actions.



PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM AT CTK



Some of you may have heard about an exciting new program we're beginning at Christ the King, called Prayer Partners .

It's a program designed to match a youth with an adult member of the congregation for the purpose of helping our youth build relationships with people they would not normally interact with. Commitment to participate in the prayer partner program may be the simplest and yet among the most important things that you can do with and for your church family.

Here's how it works. During the education hour on **Sunday, June 2**, we will

share breakfast together. Prior to breakfast, youth and adults will be given the name and basic information about their prayer partner. If your prayer partner is at the breakfast, say hello, introduce yourself, and spend a little time getting to know each other. Then, for the next year, you will have two commitments: (1) Pray for your prayer partner on an ongoing basis and (2) Say hello when you see each other. That's it. You may choose to do other things, like send a note or a card, ask your prayer partner for special prayers should you feel such a need, or check in with each other regarding interests and activities.

Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, we have planned several intergenerational activities where you and your prayer partner can learn, serve, and grow in your faith together. Participation in those activities is not required. Again, the requirements are to pray for one another and say hello.

Research has shown that building these types of intergenerational relationships is crucial to helping kids grow in their faith, as well as maintain their faith once they graduate from high school. Some of our kids have relationships with grandparents and other adults that share their faith, but many do not. Even those who do, would benefit from more adults genuinely investing in their lives.

PRAYER PARTNER Continues

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Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:

9:00 a.m.—noon

Tuesday: 1:00—5:00 p.m.

By appointment

Please call the church office, as Pastor Nathaniel from time to time will have specially scheduled events or pastoral emergencies.

Pastor Nathaniel's online tools:

Twitter: www.twitter.com/PastorNanderson

Blog: <http://pastornanderson.blogspot.com/>

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PastorNanderson

Fran's Hours . . . Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to noon.

PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM AT CTK Continued . . .

If you and/or your children would like to participate in our prayer partner program, please contact Barbara Fisher at 596-3085 or barbara.fisher@grandprixintl.com, with the following information by May 31st:



*Name, Address, *Birthday, Family (youth: siblings, parents; adults: children, grandchildren), *Interests/sports/hobbies, Youth: School and grade

- Please provide the information with a *.
- All other information is optional.
- Please provide separate information for each member of your family who will be participating.

You don't have to attend the breakfast on June 2nd in order to participate. If you would like a prayer partner, send your information to Barbara by May 31. You will be matched with a youth/adult and notified regarding who your prayer partner will be.

From *Becoming Intentionally Intergenerational*, Spring, 2009 by John Roberto:

Bringing generations together within the church provides benefits and blessings on a variety of levels. Insights from research and pastoral experience tell us that being intentionally intergenerational:

- reclaims God's intent for faith to be shared in community and across generations.
- affirms each person's value in the total community (regardless of age).
- fosters a foundation of support of each other's concerns, interests, and activities.
- provides "up close and personal" formation in faith as children, teens, young adults, middle-aged adults, and older adults engage in sharing faith, teaching, learning, and praying for one another.
- teaches us to care for one another.
- provides role models for children and youth.
- teaches us to value older adults.
- allows us to pass on the traditions of family and faith.
- enhances people's identification with their congregation and integration within the community.
- encourages greater faith in all generations.

- creates special relationships between adults and youth.
- fosters leadership regardless of age or stature
- utilizes the strengths (the wisdom, experience, and knowledge) of one generation to meet the needs of another generation.
- promotes understanding of shared values and respect for individuals in all stages and ages of life.
- utilizes the creative talents of younger and older generations to provide service to the church and community.
- overcomes the age-segregated nature of our society, taking a pro-active, counter-cultural stance in the face of the countless ways society separates and pigeon-holes into age-specific groups.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Thank you to all who have volunteered to shop or cook for the meal sent the first Wednesday every month to Loaves and Fishes in Springfield. If anyone else would like to help, please contact Ellen Henry at thehenrys6@charter.net. There are only a handful of volunteers, so all are welcome!! Ellen will be sending out an email to all shoppers and cooks with instructions regarding what needs to be purchased and what will be cooked for the menu.



June 4 Cook/June 5 Food Delivery

Shopper: Ann Setnes

Cooks: Kelly Comeau/Catherine Olson

July 2 Cook/July 3 Food Delivery

Shopper: Fran Johnson

Cooks: Martha Mensing/Fran Selva

August 6 Cook/August 7 Food Delivery

Shopper: Fran Johnson

Cooks: Andrea Hinkamper/Ellen Henry

September 3 Cook/September 4 Food Delivery

Shopper: Buffy Mayo

Cooks: Kelly Comeau/Barb Fisher

LOAVES & FISHES Continues . . .

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October 1 Cook/October 2 Food Delivery

Shopper: Buffy Mayo

Cooks: Linda Van Beaver/Melissa Springer

November 5 Cook/November 6 Food Delivery

Shopper: Fran Johnson

Cooks: Martha Mensing/Fran Selva

December 3 Cook/December 4 Food Delivery

Shopper: Fran Johnson

Cooks: Linda Van Beaver/Melissa Springer

December 31 Cook/January 1 Food Delivery

Shopper: Ann Setnes

Cooks: Catherine Olson/Andrea Hinkamper

February 4 Cook/February 5 Food Delivery

Shopper: Ann Setnes

Cooks: Barb Fisher/Kelly Comeau

March 4 Cook/March 5 Food Delivery

Shopper: Buffy Mayo

Cooks: Ellen Henry/Martha Mensing

QUILTING NEWS

Dedication and Thank You . . .



Many thanks to our Lutheran World Relief quilters, who constructed 86 quilts this year. The quilts were dedicated during the May 5 worship service at Christ the King. Those that participated this year are: Maryruth Gerfin, JoAnn Hopkins, Fran Johnson, Cathy Kirby, Ruth Kruger, Ruth Lindahl, Linda Palmioli, Marilyn Powers, Ginnie Rickert, Fran Selva, and Ann Setnes. Also, thank you to Nancy Pickett, who donated money for quilt batting; Kevin Hinkamper who transported the packed boxes of quilts to the Lutheran World Relief pick-up location; and the Hopkins family who packed the quilts into boxes.

Fabric Needed . . .

The quilters are in need of fabric! Suggested sources are old blankets, sheets, and curtains. Please place donated fabric in the last Sunday School room. Thank you!

FAITH ON TAP



Faith on Tap is a monthly gathering of Christians, seekers and everyone in between. We share a couple pints and a lot of laughs as we explore our faith and what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century. Look for the next event sometime at the end of summer! The event originally planned for June 9 has been cancelled.

ECUMENICAL VBS

WHAT: Gospel Light's *SON WORLD* Adventure Park VBS

THEME: A Thrilling Ride With Jesus

WHERE: Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham

DATES: August 5 to 9

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

CONTACT: Jeanne Westcott at 596-2511 ext. 105

Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall at Christ the King.

CTK PEOPLE

Congratulations, Graduates . . .

The following students will be graduating from Minnechaug Regional High School in June: **Kory Caster, Sam Fisher, Georgea Leslie, and Ethan Springer.**

Kory Caster will be attending Western New England University. His planned major is Civil/Environmental Engineering. He plans to play soccer.

Sam Fisher will be entering a one-year postgraduate program at Mitchell College in New London, CT.

Georgea Leslie will be studying Music Industry Business through the Honors Program at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, beginning in the fall.

Ethan Springer will be attending Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT next fall, currently with an undecided major. He is working at Calumet this summer as a senior counselor.

Kayla Sturgeon will be graduating from the High School of Commerce in Springfield, as Valedictorian of her class. She will be attending Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, as a mathematics major.

Congratulations . . .

The following students achieved honor roll status at Minnechaug Regional High School during the Third Term.

Ninth Grade High Honors: **Sarah Springer and Allison Van Beaver**

Ninth Grade Honors: **Jenna Bredvik**

Tenth Grade Honors: **Joshua Henry and Dakota Robinson**

Eleventh Grade High Honors: **Abigail Hinkamper**

Eleventh Grade Honors: **Hanna Bredvik, Abigail Hakala, and Liam Rothschild-Shea**

Twelfth Grade Honors: **Georgea Leslie and Ethan Springer**

Congratulations to all of these fine young people!

CTK PEOPLE Continues . . .



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Remember in your prayers . . .

A complete prayer listing is available through the Prayer Chain. If you wish to be added, please e-mail Fran at office@ctkwilbraham.org or call 596-3045.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

The Rev. Nathaniel Anderson, of Christ the King Lutheran Church; the Rev. Meredyth Wessman



Ward, of Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham; and the Rev. Peter Swarr, of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in East Longmeadow, held a Blessing of the Bikes Sunday, May 5, at Fountain Park on Tinkham Road.

Recognize anyone?

Pastor Nathaniel arrived in his clerical collar and spandex shorts on his bike. The Rev. Meredyth Wessman Ward was pleased with the turn out for the first blessing of the bikes. The Rev. Peter Swarr commented that events like these are common in large cities. The three congregations have recently held other adult study events together and hope to hold another "Blessing of the Bikes" next year. Photographs courtesy of Church of the Epiphany.



Jake and Barbara Fisher with Jake's shiny new red bike, and Rev. Ward and Pastor Nathaniel.

NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 7-9, 2013
MassMutual Center,
Springfield, Mass.

The 2013 New England Synod Assembly, "God's Word, Our Voices," will be



held June 7-9, 2013 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, Mass. Through panel conversations, work projects, workshops, and café conversations, we will hear from the many voices throughout New England how God's Word is proclaimed through our ministry.

The churchwide representative will be Kathryn Lohre, Director, Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations for the ELCA. Additional information about the assembly can be found on the constantly updated synod website: www.nesynod.org.

Taylor DiGiorgio, Pastor Nathaniel, and Sarah Dybas on Sunday, May 19, Confirmation Sunday.



June 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost "Bring a Friend Sunday" 8:45 Education Hour 9:30 Pick-up Choir 10:00 Holy Communion	3	4 6:00-7:30 Cooking for Loaves & Fishes	5 Noon Loaves & Fishes	6 3:00-4:00 Daisy Troop	7 <i>New England Synod Assembly (6-7 to 6-9)</i>	8 Run for Rice's
9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost "High School Grad. Recog." 9:30 Pick-up Choir 10:00 Holy Communion	10	11 Barnabas, Apostle	12	13	14	15
16 4th Sunday after Pentecost "Wilbraham Men's Glee Club" 9:30 Pick-up Choir 10:00 Holy Communion	17	18	19	20	21 Flag Day	22
23 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Pick-up Choir 10:00 Holy Communion	24 John the Baptist	25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	26	27	28 Summer Begins	29 Peter and Paul, Apostles
30 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Pick-up Choir 10:00 Holy Communion						



Christ The King
Lutheran Church

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ASSISTING MINISTERS/READERS

6/2 Sara Trecker Helene Pickett-reader
6/9 Brian Bredvik Dave Silva-reader
6/16 Don Sienkiewicz York Mayo-reader
6/23 Kevin Hinkamper Kevin Hinkamper-reader
6/30 Bill Leslie Mike Fisher-reader

ACOLYTES

USHERS

GREETERS

6/2 Dave Silva
6/9 Fran Selva
6/16 The Trecker Family
6/23 Paula Wilke
6/30 The Bredvik Family

NURSERY

(We welcome children in worship! If desired, parents and children are invited to use the nursery, where the service can be viewed via streaming video.)

ALTAR GUILD

Karen Moreau, Melissa Springer

COFFEE HOST/HOUSTESS

6/2 Buffy Mayo
6/9 Fran Selva
6/16 Bob & JoAnn Hopkins
6/23 Andrea Hinkamper
6/30 Kelly Comeau

COUNTER for June

Melissa Springer

ASSISTANT COUNTER

6/2 Sara Trecker
6/9 Brian Bredvik
6/16 Don Sienkiewicz
6/23 Kevin Hinkamper
6/30

