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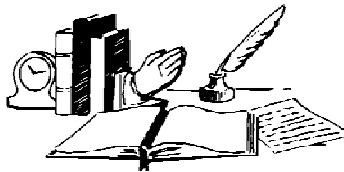
"PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL"

FROM THE PASTOR

The Church in the World (Wide Web)

In our adult forum a couple weeks back, we considered some recent trends that impact how we do ministry as a congregation. One obvious trend was the rise of social media and electronic communication. In your senior year of seminary, students no longer have Sunday field-work assignments and are able to worship wherever they please. When deciding where we would attend worship, Carolyn and I went to the internet, searching for local ELCA congregations. This surprised some in the adult forum – many assumed that people go first to the phone book. Instead, not only did Carolyn and I first go to the internet, but if a congregation didn't have a web site, we didn't even consider attending.

The internet is an incredibly important tool in doing ministry these days, and like many innovations, the Church as a whole has lagged behind. Our congregation of Christ the King is in the process of reworking our web site, providing a more intentional and attractive internet presence on the web. Immediately, however, I would like to introduce you to some of the tools I have begun to use:



- Twitter: You can now follow me on Twitter at www.twitter.com/PastorNanderson
- Blog: I have begun blogging at <http://pastornanderson.blogspot.com/>
- Facebook: Everything will be linked, and interaction made possible, on my Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PastorNanderson

The internet cannot serve as a substitute for our real-life interaction at church and real conversations one-on-one. However, these tools can help to support the ministry we are already undertaking together. On Twitter I'll be posting short messages throughout the day and "following" those of you who also use the service, keeping us in touch on a more immediate basis. The blog will allow more thoughtful reflection on current events and other topics. I'll also post my sermons, so we can continue the conversation and reflection on the week's texts. Facebook will provide a convenient location to access all content.

I hope that you will join me in these conversations online. Discerning what God is up to in our world and in our lives is something that follows us everywhere, during our days and throughout our lives.

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 - Mike Fisher, Vice-President - Tom Henry,
 Secretaries - Melissa Springer, Ethan Springer,
 Treasurer - Kevin Hinkamper, Financial Secretary - Melissa Springer



Other Council members:
 Don Sienkiewicz and Paula Wilke

Pastor's Office Hours

The internet is important, but not a substitute for face-to-face interaction.



Pastor Nathaniel's office hours are:

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Lessons . . .

During the month of October, our Sunday School will be finishing our unit on Creation and moving on to learn about "Joseph and his Brothers." If you have questions/feedback about the new curriculum, or if you'd like to volunteer to teach, please contact Barbara Fisher.

Acolyte Training . . .

On **Sunday, October 2nd**, immediately following worship, please join Pastor Nathaniel for an acolyte training/refresher session. CTK members in 4th grade and above are welcome to serve as acolytes. Please contact Pastor Nathaniel for more information.

CROP Walk . . .

Also, on **Sunday, October 16th**, we hope to have a group of Sunday School students participate in the annual CROP Hunger Walk. The walk will be held at Post Office Park in Wilbraham at **2:00 p.m.** Please arrive at approximately **1:45 p.m.** to offer your donations. The Rev. David Hurst of Grace Union Church will gather participants at 2:00 p.m. for a brief prayer. The walk is intended to be 5 miles, which is equivalent to 10 times around the circle at Post Office Park on Boston Road in Wilbraham.

We will be collecting financial donations/sponsorships for the walk on **Sunday, October 9**, immediately following worship. We are also looking for adult chaperones to walk with our children on the 16th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Barbara Fisher.



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WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS

On **Sunday, October 23**, Pastor Nathaniel will hold a *an assisting minister training/refresher session* following worship. All confirmed members, who are presently assisting ministers or would like to serve in this capacity, are asked to attend.

On **Sunday, October 23, at 4:00 p.m.**, *pianist, Corbin Beisner*, returns to Christ the King for another virtuosic performance of solo piano works. The program will be sure to include some of your favorite repertoire, including works by F. Liszt, whose 200th birthday is being celebrated that weekend. Refreshments will be served!

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YOUTH NEWS



A special thank you to the Hinkampers for hosting our Youth Planning Session on Monday, September 5th, and thank you to all who attended. We had a total of 17 people present, and the kids came up with some great activity ideas! Based on that brainstorming session, we have put together a calendar of events for the year. Below are our fall activities. Watch for e-mails that will give details for each activity, and feel free to contact Mrs. Hinkamper or Mrs. Van Beaver with any questions.

OCT 2 - Hike Minnechaug Mountain

16 - Crop Walk - please join us, as we walk to raise money for World Hunger.

30 - Somers Golf Center, Somers, CT

NOV 20 - Bible Scavenger Hunt

DEC 3 - Baking for bake sale to raise money to sponsor foster children for Christmas.

DEC 4 - Bake Sale – to raise money for Christmas gifts

7 - Foster Kids Christmas Party

11 - Shopping for gifts for Foster kids

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship in its most basic sense is a giving back to God of our time, talents, and resources, as a response for the many ways God has and continues to bless us. It should be a joyful response of thanksgiving for all that God has done. So, this year in Stewardship, we need your help. How will we, the people of Christ the King, joyfully give thanks to God as a community?

Last year, we agreed to add 10% to our budget, and use it to further our mission. We did that and the response was very positive. This year we are proposing to do the same. We would again build our budget centered on God's call to us to be His presence - in our church, our community, and even globally.

The church Council would like to see us continue to focus this mission work in the same three areas we identified last year: social ministry - local and global; fellowship and outreach - opportunities to bring people together in Christian service, education, and fellowship; and property - using our building and grounds to share God's presence in our community. Here is where we need your help.

All adult members will be invited to join us for dinner (yes, another gourmet spread!) at Christ the King on **Saturday, October 29th**. At that time, not only will we enjoy good food and fellowship together, we will discuss each of these areas and how we believe God is calling us to live out our mission through them. We hope to come up with a specific plan of action to implement for 2012, that allows us as a congregation to joyfully use our time, talents, and resources to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Invitations will go out in a few weeks, but please mark your calendars now and make every effort to join us as we determine a course of giving for 2012.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Thank You Letter from The Community Survival Center . . .

August 15, 2011

Dear Pastor Anderson and Members of Christ the King Lutheran Church,

It is with the deepest gratitude that I write to thank you for your recent monetary gift of \$1,518.

When Chris Cargile, our Executive Director of 23 years, retired on June 9th, one of the last things she said to me was "Do not worry about money or anything else that you need for The Center. It will come to you." On the very day that your check arrived, I was not heeding her counsel and was quite worried because monetary donations to The Center have decreased since the June 1st tornado. Nor was I paying

SOCIAL MINISTRY Continues . . .

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attention to what I myself know from experience to be true: those of you who heard me speak in March may remember that I shared with you that I had learned that when you are doing His work, He always provides you with what you need. I must confess that upon opening the envelope and reading Ms. Van Beaver's letter which accompanied your gift, I closed my office door, sat down at my desk and cried....Chris is a very wise woman.

As the new Executive Director taking on the responsibility of caring for so many in crisis, it is a great comfort to me to know that there are people in the community such as all of you who care deeply about The Community Survival Center and who support its work. The Center's staff is ever mindful that we cannot accomplish our mission alone: that we need the help of everyone in our community who feels responsible for their neighbors' quality of life. Love is a powerful, positive force in the world. Those of us who work at The Community Survival Center are blessed to be able to witness it in action on a daily basis.

Thank you for being there for The Center. We will continue to work hard to honor your trust in us and your faith in our efforts, and most importantly, to take care of those who need our assistance.

With heartfelt thanks,
Holly A. Farrar
Executive Director

Calling All Quilters . . .

The next quilting session of the fall will be **Wednesday, October 19, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** No sewing experience is necessary. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

THE RICE FARMER'S MARKET

Enjoy the opportunity to sell/buy high quality, fresh nutritious, affordable farm products directly from our local farmers. You might find fresh baked goods, dried fruits and nuts. There could also be local artists with original artwork, as well as local musicians. The possibilities are endless!

If you are a farmer, gardener, baker, craftsman, or simply want more information about having a booth at the Market, please contact Glenroy Buchannon at (413) 586-6947. We hope to fill the lawn with an abundance of God's gifts and continue the work Jesse Rice would surely have been a part of.

~ ~ ~ Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ~ ~ ~

Until October 30, 2011

Christ the King Lutheran Church
758 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA

(across the street from Rice Fruit Farm)

CTK PEOPLE

"Happy Birthday to You"

It is planned that each month there will be a listing of birthdays of CTK people. Our apologies if your birthday has not been included or there is an error. We invite you to let us know either.

Happy Birthday and best wishes to all those born in the month of October.

*Ruth Lindahl, Hanna Bredvik, Dave Silva,
Lori Roberts, Joan Monrad, Esther Lindwall,
Abigail Hakala, Anders Nygren, Zachary Stoddard,
Peter Van Beaver, Buffy Mayo, Elizabeth Fontes,
and Melanie Campfield.*

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 ctkwilbraham@verizon.net or call 596-3045.)

Fran's October Hours . . .

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon, except week of October 9 – Tuesday to Friday.

ELCA Bishop extends support for Lutherans In Jordan, Holy Land

(The following article was obtained from the ELCA website.)

ELCA NEWS SERVICE
September 23, 2011



CHICAGO (ELCA) - The presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Mark S. Hanson, sent a letter on Sept. 22 to Bishop Munib Younan and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), expressing the support of this church for a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Hanson drafted the letter in response to growing tensions in the Middle East as Palestine submitted a formal proposal for full membership in the United Nations. The United Nations Security Council is expected to consider the request next week.

“As leaders of government debate Palestinian membership in the United Nations, we want you to know of our continued commitment to accompany you on the road to a just two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” Hanson wrote. He noted the ELCA’s commitment runs deeper than national interest and reflects “active engagement in Palestine and Israel as it is articulated in the ELCA Peace Not Walls Campaign.”

Earlier in the week Hanson wrote to President Barack Obama, asking the United States not to block an initiative to admit Palestine as a member state of the United Nations. Such a move, the bishop observed, would be acting not only in the best interests of the United States, but of all people in the region.

Outbreaks of violence have been escalating in the region, especially around security checkpoints, which have raised concerns about the 14 ELCA church workers currently supporting the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy

Land. Robert O. Smith, area program director for the Middle East and North Africa, and coordinator of the Peace Not Walls campaign, reported that the ELCA has been involved in security and contingency planning for several weeks.

“We are concerned not only for the safety and security of our ELCA church workers, but for the well-being of our companions in the ELCJHL and all persons who may be caught in potentially dangerous situations,” Smith said. “Our Young Adults in Global Mission are especially concerned for the safety and security of the Muslim and Christian children they accompany every day in the schools.”

Of the 14 ELCA church workers serving in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, five have long-term assignments, six are Young Adults in Global Mission and three are with The Lutheran World Federation program in Jerusalem.

The ELCJHL and the ELCA are members of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion with 145 member churches in 79 countries representing over 70 million Lutherans.

“At such a time it is important to reach out to sisters and brothers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land,” said Hanson. “For the unity we share in Christ is stronger than all the forces that might divide us. That unity calls for our public witness as we join with other Christians, Jews and Muslims advocating for a lasting and just two-state solution for Israel and Palestine. It compels us to reject violence by any party to the conflict.”

The presiding bishop said, “It is my hope that ELCA members are praying for peace even as they deepen their awareness of the issues and advocate for a peaceful and just resolution. We join with Muslims, Jews and other Christians trusting it is God’s will to hold heaven and earth in a single peace.”

www.ELCA.org/peacenotwalls

<https://www.ELCA.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Issues/Israel-Palestine.aspx>

The Palestinian bid for recognition at the UN

*(The following is from
Bishop Margaret Payne’s blog:
<http://bishoppayne.blogspot.com>.)*

Thursday, September 22, 2011

The Palestinian determination to seek full membership at the United Nations is long overdue. The Palestinian people have endured, not always patiently or peacefully, but endured, decades of encroaching settle-

ments, land theft, occupation, human rights violations and lies while waiting for the international community to hold Israel accountable. Why should they put off this effort any longer? The promises pouring out of Israel that peace-talks will resume, the threats from the U.S. that such a bid will make things worse – none of them are anything but an effort to support the ongoing falsehood that Israel will allow a viable Palestinian state if they can find a way to get out of it.

Turkey and Egypt are wearying of support for a nation that will not engage in honest negotiation. It is a love for Israel and the Jewish people that makes me want them to transform their victimhood into a new reality of partnership and sharing of the land. Of course there is anti-Semitism, and that is as wrong as it ever was. But the world is witnessing other genocides and famines and plenty of other isms that compete for our compassion. As they should. It’s time finally to put the Israeli-Palestinian dispute into another realm and look for new ways to solve it fairly.



CTK FAMILY FALL DAY

OCTOBER 8, 2011



Join us for the Second Annual Family Fall Day. This was a fantastic event last year, at which apple pies were made and donated, the church property was cleaned, and a meal was shared. Let's plan on doing the same this year, but making it an afternoon/evening event to include a cookout and bonfire to end the day.

Anyone interested in making pies, please bring paring knives, cutting boards and large bowls. All interested in working on the yard, please bring a rake. **Everyone**, bring an appetite!!!!

Any questions, please contact Ellen Henry at 596-9833 or thehenrys6@charter.net

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

START TIME: 3:00 P.M.

- 3:00 p.m. - Apple Pies prepared in the Fellowship Hall. All pies donated to our local Fire/Police stations to thank them for their service.
- 3:00 p.m. - Church property to be raked and cleaned of any brush.
- 5:30 p.m. - BBQ on the Lawn.
- 6:00 p.m. - Bonfire-Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and marshmallows!!

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30-9:45 Education 10:00 Holy Communion 11:15 Acolyte Training/Refresh Youth Minn. Mt. Hike 11:30-3:30 Farmer's Market	3 6:30-7:30 Bell Choir	4 6:00-7:30 Outreach	5 Noon Loaves & Fishes 7:00-9:00 Parish Choir	6 2:45-4:00 Daisy Troop	7	8 FAMILY FALL DAY 3:00 Apple Pies prep. 3:00 Property Clean-up 5:30 BBQ 6:00 Bonfire Yom Kippur
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23 19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30-9:45 Education 10:00 Holy Communion 11:15 Assst. Min. Train/Refresh 12:00 Confirmation Class 11:30-3:30 Farmer's Market 4:00 CTK Concert	24 6:30-7:30 Bell Choir	25	26 7:00-9:00 Parish Choir	27	28	29 Simon and Jude, Apostles
30 Reformation Sunday 8:30-9:45 Education 10:00 Holy Communion Youth Somers Golf Ctr. 11:30-3:30 Farmer's Market	31 6:30-7:30 Bell Choir Reformation Day					



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ASSISTING MINISTERS/READERS

10/2	Brian Bredvik	Brian Bredvik-reader
10/9	Kirsten Bredvik	Kirsten Bredvik-reader
10/16	David Fontes	David Fontes-reader
10/23	Kara Fontes	Kara Fontes-reader
10/30	Chris Hakala	Chris Hakala-reader

ACOLYTES

Ethan Springer
Emily Sturgeon
Sara Trecker
Allie Van Beaver
Rachel Van Beaver

USHERS

GREETERS

10/2 Helene Pickett
10/9 Dave Silva
10/16 Fran Selva
10/23 The Trecker Family
10/30 Paula Wilke

NURSERY

Barbara Fisher, Carly Fisher
Buffy Mayo, Abby Person
Melissa Trecker, Sara Trecker
Linda Van Beaver, Ethan Springer
Kate Wurm, Kayla Sturgeon

ALTAR GUILD

Karen Moreau and Melissa Springer

COFFEE HOST/HOUSTESS

10/2 Kara Fontes
10/9 Fran Selva
10/16
10/23
10/30 Bob & JoAnn Hopkins

COUNCIL COUNTER

Paula Wilke

PRIMARY COUNTER

Peter Van Beaver