

The CTK  
**HERALD**

Christ the King Lutheran Church

March 2012

Wilbraham, Massachusetts

"PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL"

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Our Need for Repentance

On Ash Wednesday, we gathered here at Christ the King to enter into this 40-day journey known as 'Lent.' Part of that service was the "Invitation to Lent" – a few paragraphs that the pastor reads to invite people into the practices and discipline of this annual journey. At first I found this title strange – having your attendance requested to fast, give alms, and pray is not likely high on your wish list. But further into this unusual invitation, I was struck by these words: "We begin this holy season by acknowledging our *need for repentance* and for God's mercy".

Repentance doesn't seem to be something we talk about needing all that often. If anything, repentance seems to be something that is required of us – an expectation that God has for us when we fall short. But at its heart, repentance is as much for us as it is for God. Put a different way, repentance isn't some hoop we have to jump through, but rather a real and tangible step toward reconciliation with God.

We live in a society that doesn't talk very much about sin and brokenness. We tend to put on good faces, ignore the pain in our lives, and enjoy the benefits of living in a wealthy community in a wealthy country. It's easy to ignore the emptiness we sometimes feel inside because there is so much stuff to distract us!

But despite our best efforts, we are unable to completely distract ourselves from the brokenness we feel inside. Within each of us is the desire to worship and serve our God in all we do. That's where repentance comes in. Reconciliation isn't something we do to appease an angry God, repentance is something we need to help us feel human again. Lost in the wilderness of our world, it's easy to forget who we are and why we are here at all. Repentance is getting back in touch with our God and the people God has designed us to be.



Repentance, reconciliation with God, all of this is possible only because our Lord Jesus gave himself fully for our sake. As St. Paul writes, "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Our reconciliation with God and one another is only possible because Christ first gave himself for us. Repentance is something we do, but only in response to the ultimate expression of God's love for us: the cross.

And so we enter into this season of Lent, a time we set aside every year to examine ourselves, to note where we've turned from God, and to turn back in repentance, to receive God's mercy. Our loving God welcomes us with open arms. This season isn't about simply appeasing God or checking a box. Lent is about "enjoying the life our creator intended." Who wouldn't want that?

*Grace and peace,*  
Pastor Nathaniel

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*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.*

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS



### *Congratulations . . .*

We congratulate all new members of our church Council, and we thank those who are continuing to serve out their terms. The Council is comprised of the following people: Brian Bredvik, Mike Fisher, Tom Henry, Kevin Hinkamper, Catherine Olson, and Carly Fisher (youth representative).

**Council officers are:** Mike Fisher, President; Tom Henry, Vice-President; Peter Van Beaver, Treasurer; and Melissa Springer, Financial Secretary.

A thank you to Don Sienkiewicz, Ethan Springer, Melissa Springer, and Paula Wilke for their participation as Council members. We wish to thank Mike Fisher for his service as Council President during the past year.

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Thank you to the following people who are the chairpersons for Christ the King's committees:

*Caring Friends Committee* – Buffy Mayo

*Christian Education* – Barbara Fisher

*Finance* – Brian Bredvik,

*Outreach/Fellowship* – Ellen Henry  
and Barbara Fisher

*Property* – Kevin Hinkamper

*Staff Support* – Kevin Hinkamper

*Stewardship* – Linda Van Beaver  
and Melissa Springer

*Youth* – Linda Van Beaver and Andrea Hinkamper

Much thanks the following past heads of committees: Kevin Hinkamper, who served as the chair of the *Call Committee* and to Kara Fontes, who chaired the *Worship and Music Committee*.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS

### *Wednesday Lenten Services . . .*

Wednesday Lenten services will be held each week at **7:00 p.m. until March 28**. All are encouraged to participate in these meditative services that will last no longer than one half hour.

### *Concert Series . . .*

On **Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.**, guitarist, Jeff Snow, returns to Christ the King for a Celtic Cafe featuring traditional Irish and Scottish folksongs, great food, and a lot of laughs. Don't miss this fantastic event!

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## STEWARDSHIP

At Christ the King's Annual Meeting on January 22, the congregation voted to again allocate 10% of the budget for mission in the same areas as last year: social ministry, fellowship, property, and the synod. Of the money allocated, \$4,612 has been set aside to donate through our Social Ministry Committee to agencies helping those in need. We will hold our second annual "Big Give" once again inviting everyone in the congregation to be a part of determining how our money is given. Here's how it works.



The Social Ministry Committee has chosen three organizations that CTK has contributed to in the past and that they believe are important to support in 2012. They are The Community Survival Center, Lutheran Social Services, and Lutheran World Relief. Over the next three months, each of these organizations will be highlighted as a "Mission of the Month", both with speakers during worship and in the Herald, helping to educate us on the mission, the people it serves, and their needs.

## STEWARDSHIP CONTINUES . . .

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## STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED . . .

At the end of the three months, we will hold “The Big Give”. During two different worship services, each member of the congregation (children included) will be given 4 CTK dollars. During the service, people will have the opportunity to give their CTK dollars away, placing them into offering plates marked: Survival Center, Lutheran Social Services, and Lutheran World Relief. Dollars can be given in any way a person chooses, one in each agency’s plate, all to one agency, etc. Through this literal act of giving, the congregation will choose what proportion of the designated money will go to each organization. The \$4,612 will be distributed to the agencies based on the percentage of dollars in each plate. So, if for example, 50% of the dollars were in the Lutheran World Relief offering plate, then Lutheran World Relief would receive 50% of the mission money or \$2,306 from Christ the King. Essentially, it offers every CTK member the opportunity to have a say in how we determine our mission giving.

Stewardship is partnering with Social Ministry and kicking off this year’s “Big Give” by focusing on The Community Survival Center as our March Mission of the Month. Read on to learn more about the Survival Center.

### MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: THE COMMUNITY SURVIVAL CENTER

The Community Survival Center is located at 240 Main Street in Indian Orchard. It is the only food pantry in greater Springfield open 32 hours a week, Monday through Friday. A monetary donation designation may be made to the first three programs. The following is a summary of its programs for the needy.

*Emergency Food Program* - Its food programs serve the communities of Ludlow, Indian Orchard, Wilbraham, Hampden, and Sixteen Acres. The Survival Center has refrigerators and freezers. Participants receive a four- to five-day supply of bagged groceries six times per year. The Center can purchase food for 19 cents a pound at the food bank. 1,000 men, women, and children are expected to need assistance in the current month.

*Preschool Breakfast and Lunch Program* – The program currently assists the families of 40 toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarten children with a large variety of nutritious well-balanced food items for breakfast and lunch. Participants receive twenty days-worth of bagged groceries each month.

*Senior Outreach Program* – This program assists the disabled and seniors (65 and over). The Center is open for ALL seniors regardless of where they live on a monthly basis. 140 individuals receive a four-day supply of a large variety of food every month, including meat. The Center has volunteers who deliver food, and representatives from area agencies offer assistance. Also available to them is a large clothing and household goods program.



*Clothing and Household Goods Program* – Clothing for all seasons and a large variety of household items are available to families in need. The program is arranged in a store-like environment, so that they can shop for the items they need. Clients are expected to donate \$3 for a bag of merchandise. This is open to all with a three-bag limit.

*Bridge of Hope Thrift Shop* – This shop carries a large variety of men’s and women’s clothing appropriate for back to work, casual wear, and job interviews. Many brand names and some new items are available. All are welcome with items priced at \$2 apiece.

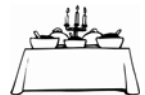
### TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS

THANK YOU to everyone who has completed a Time and Talent Survey. If you have not yet had a chance to complete one, there are extras available on the information table in the Koinonia Room. Please do so as soon as possible, and return it to the church office. Some of you have actually completed two surveys, because we have given them out following worship at several different times. If that is the case, information from both surveys has been included.

At the beginning of March, volunteer lists will be given to committee chairs, so that they can begin contacting anyone who has indicated an interest in becoming involved in a new activity. Again, to all who filled out a survey, thank you for your support of this effort!

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Easter Dinners . . .



We will continue our tradition of collecting food items and monetary donations for Easter dinners for the needy. Donations will benefit The Community Survival Center. Grocery bags with attached shopping lists will be distributed beginning **March 18**. Please help fill the bags with as many items as you are able, and return them to the church on **Palm Sunday, April 1**. Thank you!

### Calling All Quilters . . .

The next quilting session is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

The quilters are in need of materials for making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We need old sheets, curtains, blankets, throws, and large pieces of fabric. If you have any of these items, please leave them in the last Sunday School room or speak to Ruth Kruger. The blankets and throws do not need to be perfect, as they will be on the inside of the quilts. Check out tag sales and resale shops for some of these items also. Thank you for any help you can give us.

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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](http://www.twitter.com/PastorNanderson)

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

*Facebook page:* [www.facebook.com/PastorNanderson](http://www.facebook.com/PastorNanderson)

**Fran’s February Hours . . .** Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to noon.



## Easter Breakfast

Please join together for an Easter Breakfast held in the Fellowship Hall. We will be looking for people to sign up to cook and others to clean after breakfast. Each family will be asked to provide their favorite muffin or biscuit to share.

Please see sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall.

Following the breakfast and prior to our Sunday Service, an Easter Egg Hunt will be provided for children on the CTK lawn. Join in on the fun!

**Date:** April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
**Time:** 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

Any questions, please contact Ellen Henry at [thehenrys6@charter.net](mailto:thehenrys6@charter.net)

## 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 March - Allison Campfield, Andrea Whitman, Kara Fontes, and Emily Oswald

### In Sympathy . . .

We extend our sympathies to the following who have lost loved ones:



**Lisa Person and family**, as they mourn the death of Lisa's father, **Greg Miklasiewicz**.

**Linda Oswald and family**, as they mourn the death of Linda's mother, **Virginia Palladino**.

**Family and friends of Sue LaPointe**, friend of **Catherine Olson**.

### Remember in your prayers . . .

**Lisa Person and family, Linda Oswald and family, family, and the family and friends of Sue LaPointe.**

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

## YOUTH NEWS

During the month of March, we plan to schedule a Sunday afternoon to compete in a rousing game of Glow-Golf at the Holyoke Mall and to participate in a service project with one of our community organization. Details will follow.

Mark your calendars to participate in the **Prayer Vigil** with Mrs. Bredvik on **Good Friday, April 6**, beginning after the church service which will be held at **7:00 p.m.**

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

It's time to once again enjoy the extended daylight hours! Daylight saving time begins on **Sunday, March 11**. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before retiring on Saturday night!

## CISA AWARD

**Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA) strengthens local agriculture by building connections between farmers and the community.**

At CISA we take a grounded visionary approach to all of our work by solving today's problems while looking towards future challenges. It is a world where more food and farm products are locally produced, farmers have the skills and resources to sustain their businesses and the land and all community residents have access to locally grown farm products. (Taken from CISA's website - [www.buylocalfood.org](http://www.buylocalfood.org).)



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*The following is an article from the CISA website. Glenroy Buchannon, the market manager for the Rice Farmer's Market at Christ the King, has recently been awarded the 2011 CISA Local Hero Award.*

As a child in Jamaica, Glenroy Buchannon could step out into the yard and pick papaya, bananas, and avocados from the trees. Even if you didn't have these things in your own yard, he says, you knew someone in the community who did, and was willing to share. Buchanan emphasizes that he didn't grow up on a farm, but rather in a community with a strong tradition of food self-sufficiency and cooperation.

Today, Buchannon's life revolves around making fresh locally grown food widely available. In 1988, he approached a Hadley farmer about farm workers growing vegetables for themselves on unused land. The farmer was receptive, and when other farms followed, the Pioneer Valley / New England Growers Co-op was born. Today the Co-op includes growers who have the skills and knowledge to grow food but lack the



Glenroy Buchannon,  
Pioneer Valley / New England Growers Co-op  
2011 Awardee

land. They grow food for their own consumption and for sale at farmers' markets. In exchange, landowners receive a share of the crop and benefit from assistance with the harvest and sale of their own crops.

Buchannon sells his own vegetables at the Holyoke Farmers' Market and in Mason Square, a market he helped launch to serve one of the most racially diverse communities in Springfield. He worked with Hampden Bank to establish farmers' markets in West Springfield, Wilbraham, and Indian Orchard, serving as the market manager for all of these, as well as a fourth in Three Rivers.

Buchannon circulates to farmers' markets in six different urban communities every week. In one there is a large Polish and Portuguese population; in another, many of the families originally came from Italy. "In all these places, people appreciate food that is well-grown, fresh, and reasonably priced." CISA recognizes Glenroy Buchannon for his leadership in promoting diversity of crops grown in the Valley and for ensuring access to fresh food for underserved communities.

## Lutherans Break Ground for a New Resettlement Village in Haiti

*The following article is from the ELCA website.*

February 7, 2012

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The commitment between members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the people of Haiti was celebrated Feb. 2 at a groundbreaking ceremony in the nation's Gressier municipality, where a new resettlement village is planned for 2012.

eration, the village will provide housing for 1,200 people in Gressier displaced by an earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010.

The ELCA is funding the project with \$3.5 million through ELCA Disaster Response and is further engaged with the Lutheran Church of Haiti in responding to the needs of earthquake survivors. The ELCA is the only U.S. Lutheran church in The Lutheran World Federation, a

A project of The Lutheran World Fed-

global communion representing more than 70 million Christians worldwide.

The village will include the construction of 200 solar-powered homes with indoor plumbing, a "green" sanitation system and community space that includes a children's playground and multipurpose community center. Women-headed households and people living with disabilities will be among the village residents. They will lead an association to manage the village's

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common assets and allow for the ongoing participation of all involved in the project.

"We are a church that is deeply rooted in God's mission to restore community and address the brokenness in our world," said the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director of the ELCA's global mission work who, along with other ELCA leaders, attended the groundbreaking.

"Through The Lutheran World Federation and the ministries of our companion church, the Eglise Luthérienne D'Haiti (Lutheran Church of Haiti), members of the ELCA have been walking with the people of Haiti in addressing the economic marginalization that has prevented large sectors of the Haitian society to reach its full potential," he said.

Gressier is west of Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. The 2010 earthquake nearly reduced the capital city to rubble. As in Port-au-Prince, a majority of the 63,000 inhabitants of Gressier continue to live in tents since the earthquake, according to The Lutheran World Federation.

More than 58,000 square meters of land in Gressier was donated by the government through the municipality's mayor. The contribution was validated by Haiti's Ministry of Finance and the State Domain. Land ownership rights are registered for development and will be transferred to village residents.

According to ELCA leaders, the construction project is more than building homes.

"It is a sign of hope," said Malpica Padilla at the groundbreaking.

While the project "is an attempt to offer a new start for families who lost their homes in the earthquake," he said, it "is not isolated from other work being done by the Lutheran Church of Haiti."

"Just a short distance from this place, the (Lutheran church) has a vocational training center. Here we are not engaged in brick and mortar construction, but (we are) engaging the minds and spirit of Haitians through education to lay the foundation for the rebuilding of this nation, using sustainable and durable solutions, and building on the human potential through empowering people," said Malpica Padilla, adding that the devastating effects of poverty and economic stagnation "can rob people of their hope for a brighter future."

Other expected results of the housing project include employing local construction workers, providing construction experience for students at the vocation training center, opportunities for micro-enterprising, training community members in managing assets and building a community-based, disaster risk reduction team.

The village project also serves as a model for relief, rehabilitation and development work in other parts of Haiti, in an effort to promote "a dignified life" for community residents.

"Before many people were suffering in Gressier," said Jean Merilus St-Urbain at the groundbreaking. "But today this new project can let us say that 200 families among the vulnerable can have hope." Merilus St-Urbain is a beneficiary of the housing project.



## Lutherans continue their work to reduce cholera infection

Since the earthquake, the Lutheran Church of Haiti also has been active in responding to an outbreak of cholera in Gressier and neighboring Sapotille.

Cholera is an infectious, contagious disease transmitted through contamination of food or water. Symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain can lead to dehydration and acute renal failure that is fatal without treatment. The outbreak has resulted in more than 5,000 deaths, according to the Lutheran Church of Haiti.

ELCA Disaster Response has invested more than \$1 million worth of work with the Lutheran Church of Haiti to contain the outbreak, care for patients and support two temporary health posts in Sapotille and Gressier. The response strategy between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church of Haiti further addresses access to clean water and basic sanitation services for about 17,000 families in both municipalities.



## About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with 4.2 million members in 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.



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<b>4</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:45-9:45 Education Hour 10:00 Holy Communion 11:30 Confirmation	<b>5</b> 6:30-7:30 Bell Choir	<b>6</b> 6:00-7:30 Outreach	<b>7</b> Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:45 Christian Faith Class 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30 Parish Choir	<b>8</b> Purim	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>(Turn clocks forward)</i>
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3/4 Faith Lund	Catherine Olson-reader
3/11 Dick Oswald	Helene Pickett-reader
3/18 Don Sienkiewicz	Buffy Mayo
3/25 Dave Silva	Allie Van Beaver

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Ethan Springer  
Emily Sturgeon  
Sara Trecker  
Rachel Van Beaver

**USHERS**

**GREETERS**

3/4 The Bredvik Family  
3/11 Chris and Kory Caster  
3/18 The Dybas Family  
3/25 The Fisher Family

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Melissa Springer, Sarah Springer  
Linda Van Beaver, Allie Van Beaver  
Fran Selva, Kory Caster

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Melissa Springer

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3/25 Lisa and Abby Person

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