

# The CTK HERALD

Christ the King Lutheran Church • November 2011 • Wilbraham, Massachusetts

"PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL"

## FROM THE PASTOR

### *Our Resurrection Hope*

Many of you know that Carolyn and I have had a tough month. Carolyn's grandmother, Ruth, and my grandmother, "Mamie," both entered hospice care the same week. It has been a time of dashing on planes to be with our families, attending funerals, and comforting one another during a difficult time. We're both relatively young, and simply haven't had to deal with death as much as most eventually do. And while I thought being a pastor, and constantly heading to hospitals, would prepare me for the death of my grandmother, it did not. When someone you love dies, it hurts.

When we're confronted with death, it's not a matter of "getting over it". There is no way to completely "get over" the death of someone we love – a whole is left that it is impossible to completely fill. "Getting over" death implies that we no longer care about the person we have lost; that we are simply able to forget about them. But when we lose someone very close to us, it is impossible to forget them. It will be impossible for me to forget my Mamie. She has been such a huge part of my life, from the day I was born, and her absence will be deeply felt by all of my family. I suppose that is the price we pay when someone we love dies: it hurts precisely because of how much we loved them, because of how much they meant to us.

When I traveled down to South Carolina to be with Mamie, we were blessed with three wonderful days. Myself, and all of Mamie's grandchildren gathered around her bed. We opened up the French doors of her hospice room, and let the warm South Carolina sun and gentle breeze blow in

over her face. We told stories, gave an infinite number of kisses, and even scratched her head for her and rubbed her feet. It was holy time together. During that time together, I sang Mamie some of her favorite hymns. I was, as I always am, struck by the rich words of *Abide with Me*. In that hymn, the author echoes Paul's words in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians:

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!*



In Holy Baptism, we are promised that, though we die, that reality is only for a time. Through the cross and resurrection, Jesus has swallowed up death, and one day, we will be raised. Quite simply, this is the most amazing news the world has ever known. Death will not have the final word! We will be raised, and live forever in the peace and love of God's holy reign. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Yes. But, it still hurts. Death is still a horrible adversary, and the pain is undeniable. The sadness we feel in death does not mean that we lack hope in the resurrection, it means that we understand just how awful death really is. It is because of this horrible reality, because of the sting of death that we need our resurrection hope. If death were easy, if loss didn't faze us, what need would we have of God's redeeming love? We need God's grace and love when faced with the reality of death. We never forget those who die, we never "get over" them, but instead look to the last day with hope, when all will be raised, and God's children are gathered into the Kingdom.

"In life, in death, O Lord, abide with [us all]." Amen.

*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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**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**

**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:**

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classes. A special thank you to our teachers this fall, including Catherine Olson, Bill Leslie, Mike Fisher, Brian Person, Melissa Springer, Kate Wurm, Tom Henry, and in the Pre-K class, Lisa Person and Andrea Hinkamper. In November our children will finish up their lesson on Joseph and his Brothers and move into Advent lessons. All adult members of our congregation are invited to teach. Materials are provided, and you can teach for just one lesson. We have an excited group of first through sixth graders, who would like to spend an hour on Sunday morning with you! In addition, our Christmas pageant is quickly approaching! If you would like to teach a Sunday School class and/or assist with the Christmas program, please contact Barbara Fisher.

***Blankets . . .***

On **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, our Sunday School program will be creating "no-sew" blankets for foster children associated with the Center for Human Development. We are accepting donations of fleece for this project. Each blanket will use two 2-yard pieces of fleece (approximately 50-60 inches wide). If you are able to donate fleece, please notify Barbara Fisher prior to **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will be creating blankets during the Sunday School hour. Please join us for this fun project! (And bring scissors!)

***Christmas Party . . .***

On **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, Mike and Barb Fisher will be accompanying a group of our youth to serve at the Center for Human Development Christmas party for foster families. This has been a fun and rewarding

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**WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS**

On **Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m.**, oboist, David Cyzak, comes to share his talent for the Christ the King Concert Series. He will be accompanied by pianist, Rasmus Torngard, and their program will include works by Telemann, Schumann, Britten, and Saint-Saens. Refreshments will be served following the program.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

***Curriculum . . .***

Sunday School is off and running with our new Spark Curriculum, thanks to the support of so many people who have been willing to do everything from share ideas and offer feedback to those who have taught

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS Continued . . .



service opportunity for several years and we are happy to have been invited back. CTK will again sponsor and staff the arts and craft table. The party takes place around the dinner hour – exact times of departure and return to and from CTK to be announced. This service opportunity is best suited for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. If you are interested in joining us this year, please contact Barbara or Mike.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of the nursery volunteers who have agreed to help out again this year. Your time means so much to both the children and the parents.

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## STEWARDSHIP

For Want of a Nail

*For want of a nail the shoe was lost.  
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.  
For want of a horse the rider was lost.  
For want of a rider the battle was lost.  
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.  
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*

Above is an old proverb that some say dates back even to the fourteenth century. It is easy for people to feel like one action won't make a big difference. "If I don't attend this event, work on that project, make this financial commitment; it won't really matter". But God tells us that we do make a difference. Each of us is given different and unique talents and resources, and how we choose to use them, in even the smallest of ways, can have a big impact on our congregation.

So, as we look to a new season of pledging, and a new year of projects, please ask the question, "What is God calling me to do? How can I use my resources and my talents to live out God's plan for me?" It may be as simple as supporting events at the church through attendance or as large as volunteering to head up a major project or committee. Whatever the case may be, please prayerfully consider God's call and your answer.

## FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Friends,

It is time to turn over the checkbook! Earlier this year I announced my decision to end my tour as Treasurer at Christ the King. The experience has been a good one, but it is time to move into new areas of stewardship.

The good news is all things are in order. If you can manage your checkbook, you can manage ours. The duties include paying our vendors (writing checks), filing the payroll report from Checkwriters (They do all the work.), and preparing a monthly report that summarizes the activity of the month.

That is it. Several of you have asked about the "other stuff", but there isn't any. The other parts of what you see me do are not related to the Treasurer's duties.

So I encourage one of you take up this important position within our church. I'd be glad to continue working with you as long as needed to make it easy for you.

Regards,  
Kevin Hinkamper, Treasurer

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## SOCIAL MINISTRY

**Thanksgiving Dinners – donations needed . . .**

It is our tradition to collect **food items** for Thanksgiving dinners and distribute them to the needy. We will use the "Food Bag Shopping List" method of collection that has worked so well in the past. Beginning on **Sunday, November 6**, grocery bags with shopping lists attached will be given out after church. Please take a bag home, fill it with as many of the listed items as you are able, and return it to the church on **Sunday, November 20**.



**Calling All Quilters . . .**

The next quilting session will be **Wednesday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.** If you can tie a knot, you are talented enough to join us. See you there.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY Continues . . .**

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### *Perfect Christmas Gifts!*

Forget the fruit cake, the stuffed toy, and the ugly tie, etc. Give something that benefits truly needy people.



1. Give the gift of a farm animal. God's Global Barnyard lets you choose from chicks to cows and everything in between. Gift cards announcing "Your gift was hard to wrap" are available for you to send to friends and family.
2. Not into animals? The ELCA Good Gifts catalog describes many ways in which you can donate to needed missions. The ELCA Good Gifts catalog has a new look and new gifts, offering more than 50 unique, meaningful opportunities to offer support for ELCA ministries and honor loved ones at the same time. Included among the new gifts is surgery to restore sight to the blind and medicine to treat malaria. Each of these gifts has the remarkable capacity to transform lives -- all in God's name.
3. No crowds, no hassle, just beautiful hand crafted gifts delivered to your house. Check out the LWR Handcraft Project catalog. You'll delight your friends and family and help another family earn income from the sale of their products.

Both the ELCA Good Gifts and LWR Handcraft Project catalogs are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. The ELCA Good Gifts catalog can also be viewed online at:

<https://community.elca.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=607>.

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND AT CALUMET

There will be a group from CTK attending Women's Weekend at Calumet on November 4-5. Please contact Elaine Bredvik, Ellen Henry, or Barbara Fisher, if you are interested in joining us.

Program description from Calumet website:

Women's Weekend offers an opportunity for the women of your congregation to get away for fellowship, relaxation, faith sharing, (maybe some early Christmas shopping too!) and fun. Come enjoy breakfast buffets, yummy lunches and a special Saturday evening candlelight dinner.

Our weekend includes awesome singing and music, inspirational devotions, a Bible study offered by the chaplain based on our theme, "Psalms: Prayers of the Heart", and exciting Sunday morning worship! With free time in the afternoon, some folks head to North Conway for an enjoyable shopping trip, while others go for a refreshing fall hike, and still others curl up with a favorite book in front of our fireplace.

Depending on the date, the Calumet bus has been known to visit local craft fairs too! There is also a featured craft project, led by Calumet's very own Mary Jeanne Luckey, for those who want to get in touch with their inner Monet. And for those who choose it, there is the added amenity of a soothing massage for a small fee. No matter what you choose to do with your time though, the best part is making new friends and re-connecting with old.

## OUTREACH

### *Christmas Tree Trim Potluck Supper* Sunday, December 11, 4:30 p.m.

All CTK members and friends are invited to attend our most popular fellowship event of the year.

This annual celebration begins with a potluck feast, followed by the trimming of the Christ the King Christmas tree.

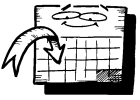
Don't miss this opportunity to get into the holiday spirit and get to know your church family. There is no charge for the event; however, a free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

#### **What to Bring:**

- A main dish, **plus** a salad/vegetable **or** a dessert. (Double recipes, please.)
- Your own paper goods and place settings.
- Coffee, tea, and cider will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

*(We ask that you bring your main dishes thoroughly heated, as we do not have sufficient oven space.)*

## ATTENTION – ALL HERALD CONTRIBUTORS



It is our custom to publish one combined issue of *The CTK Herald* for the months of December and January. If you have an article that pertains to events taking place in December, January, or early February, please submit them to Fran Selva no later than **Monday, November 7**. The deadline is especially crucial this month, as the Herald will be available prior to Thanksgiving, which is November 24. Utilize our e-mail address – [ctkwilbraham@verizon.net](mailto:ctkwilbraham@verizon.net), or place articles in the parish secretary's box in the church office.

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## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

On **Sunday, November 6**, daylight saving time ends. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before retiring!

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## CTK PEOPLE

### *"Happy Birthday to You"*

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 November.

*Gordon Gulbrandsen, Jake Fisher, Tanja Olson, Ann Setnes, Jeff Shank, Brian Person, Kirsten Caster, Jamie Lund, Tom Campfield, and Jane Johnson Vottero*

## Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Lutheran African peace activist

*The following is an excerpt of an article from the website of the New England Synod of the ELCA.)*

October 7, 2011

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Leymah Roberta Gbowee, a Lutheran Libe-

rian peace activist, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The announcement came Oct. 7 from Oslo, Norway. Gbowee, a member of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, is responsible for organizing a non-violent women's movement that brought an end to a 14-year civil war in Libe-

*Remember in your prayers . . .*

**In Sympathy . . .**

**Pastor Nathaniel Anderson and his family**, as they mourn the death of his grandmother, **E. Berniece Andrews**.

**Carolyn Starz and her family**, as they mourn the death of Carolyn's grandmother, **Ruth Starz**.

Cards of condolence may be sent to Pastor Nathaniel and Carolyn at **27 Essex Street, Ludlow, MA 01056**.

**The family and friends of The Rev. Richard E. Lindgren**, former interim pastor at Christ the King in the 1980s and especially his wife **Suanne Williams-Lindgren**. Notes of condolence may be sent to her at **49 Spar Cove Road, Freeport, ME 04032**.

**Recovering . . .**

**The Rev. Daniel Carlson**, a former pastor of Christ the King in the 1990s, is recovering at home after gall bladder and knee surgery. His address is **27 Kickapoo Run, P.O. Post 1199, Charlestown, RI 02813**.

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



**Fran's November Hours . . .**

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, except week of November 20, Monday to Wednesday.

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Gbowee was awarded a scholarship from the International Leadership Development Program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 2006-2007 to support her study in peace building at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va.

**NOBEL PEACE PRIZE  
Continues . . .**

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE Continued . . .



The ELCA and the Lutheran Church in Liberia are members of The Lutheran World Federation -- a global communion of 140 member churches in

79 countries, representing more than 70 million Christians worldwide.

The Liberian women's movement led to the ousting of ex-President Charles Taylor and to the election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as president of Liberia -- the first African nation with a female president. President Sirleaf also has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The war in Liberia began in 1989, but "the women's movement, our protest, didn't begin until 2003," Gbowee said in a Sept. 19 interview at the ELCA churchwide organization.

The starting point of the women's movement was war fatigue, said Gbowee, a mother of six children. She grew tired of watching children die from hunger and "waking up every morning and not knowing whether a tomorrow was possible. You can't plan for the future." Along with thousands of other women from across Liberia, Gbowee wanted to dream of a better community.

She decided it was time to stop the war and called together women of all faiths -- Christian, Muslim, indigenous and others -- from across Liberia to "step out," recognizing that Liberian women can play a critical role in peace building.

"You always see your savior in someone else other than yourself," Gbowee said. "So for us women, having never been socialized to believe that we have powers to interfere in the politics of our country, were waiting for the bold men. (But) every time the bold men rose up, they rose up with guns and other things," she said, realizing that women needed to bring the much-desired peace "for ourselves."

But Gbowee does not take full credit for initiating and organizing the women's peace movement. "There were other women who came before us, embolden

ing us to take a stand," she said. "And we didn't just start from nothing."

Using the experiences of the women before them, Gbowee used prayer, picketing, and silence to further their mission. Despite insults and other behaviors that came their way, Gbowee said, "We kept quiet because we had a sense of purpose and sense of direction." The women also put together statements of peace for African governments, engaged the media and initiated personal, one-to-one conversations with power brokers "to see how we could get the peace that Liberia was searching for," she said.

Gbowee's story is chronicled in the documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell." She has just completed her memoir, "Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War" -- a book that examines "the power of women and the power of faith in getting you (out) from the darkest place in your life," she said.

"Leymah Gbowee's life and leadership are a witness to the power of women to resist forces of violence and domination by creating a movement for reconciliation and peace," said ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson. "In Liberia, I experienced her passionate commitment to rebuilding a nation torn by civil war not by seeking vengeance, but through her faith to encourage dialogue and inclusiveness at all levels of society."



"The ELCA has been blessed by her prophetic voice. Leymah was the keynote speaker at (this) summer's Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering, advocated with ELCA members at the United Nations and in Washington D.C., and inspired participants in ELCA Global Mission events with her vision of God's peace for the world. She embodies a Christian faith that will not keep silent in the face of poverty and oppression," Hanson said.

"She sees the strength that comes when both women and men of different faiths join together in building a more just and peaceful world. When others may say there is no hope in the face of forces that divide and exploit, Leymah Gbowee gives a resounding 'yes' to the way of nonviolence and justice for all," he said. "This is a great day for women, for Liberia, for the world and for the ELCA, so blessed by Leymah Gbowee's courageous leadership and strong partnership."

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> All Saint's Day  6:00-7:30 Outreach	<b>2</b>  Noon Loaves & Fishes  7:00 Parish Choir	<b>3</b>  2:45-4:00 Daisy Troop 5:30 Outreach Supper (Farmer's Market)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <i>Turn clocks back</i>
<b>6</b> All Saints' Sunday  8:30-9:45 Education 10:00 Holy Communion 11:15 Worship & Music  Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>7</b>  6:30 Bell Choir	<b>8</b>  Election Day	<b>9</b>  7:00 Parish Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  5:00 Pastor and Carolyn's Party
<b>13</b> 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  8:30-9:45 Education 10:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Confirmation	<b>14</b>  6:30 Bell Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  9:00 Quilting 7:00 Parish Choir	<b>17</b>  Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483  2:45-4:00 Daisy Troop 7:00 Council	<b>18</b>  Veterans Day	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Christ the King  8:30-9:45 Education 10:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Confirmation Youth-Bible Scav. Hunt 4:00 CTK Concert	<b>21</b>  6:30 Bell Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 1st Sunday in Advent  8:30-9:45 Education 10:00 Holy Communion	<b>28</b>  6:30 Bell Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Andrew, Apostle  7:00 Parish Choir	Thanksgiving Day	Pastor Nathaniel's Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-Noon Tues. 1:00-5:00 By Appointment	



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11/13/11	Kevin Hinkamper	Kevin Hinkamper-reader
11/20/11	Faith Lund	Linda Van Beaver-reader
11/27/11	Dick Oswald	Dick Oswald-reader

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Jenna Bredvik
Jake Fisher
Abby Hakala

**USHERS**

**GREETERS**

11/6/11	The Bredvik Family
11/13/11	Chris & Kory Caster
11/20/11	The Fisher Family
11/27/11	The Dybas Family

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Kirsten Bredvik, Emma Hinkamper
Fran Selva, Angie Mastrodonato

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