

THE KING'S PAGE

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Welcome + Care + Enlighten

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FROM THE PASTOR

I was dozing off during the news one evening around the beginning of the new year, when I woke with a start upon hearing the news that some “so-called scientists” at Johns Hopkins University came up with the bright idea to do away with February the 29th every four years!

By utilizing computer programs and mathematical formulas, Richard Conn Henry, an astrophysicist in the Kreger School of Arts and Sciences, and Steve H. Hanke, an applied economist in the Whiting School of Engineering, have devised a new calendar where each year is identical to the year before it...and the year after.

Dubbed the Hanke-Henry Permanent Calendar, if your birthday was Thursday, May 10th, it would remain Thursday, May 10th for all of eternity. Can you imagine holidays always being on the same day of the week? (For example on this calendar Christmas would always fall on a Sunday.) Weekend dates would always remain the same. It would all be the same..... Always.

Their proposed permanent calendar has a predictable 91 day quarterly pattern of two months of 30 days and a third month of 31 days. So in this system, February would have 30 days every year instead of 28 for three years and then one extra every four years.

Heresy! Heresy! I thought to myself. I was born on February the 29th and this is yet another attempt to gyp me out of my birthday!

I've always liked being born on the 29th of February. It made me special growing up. Kind of like dog years in reverse. You know, where for every year of a dog's life it is the equivalent of seven years, for us Leapers, four years of life is the equivalent of one!

Not only that, but because of my birth date, I would always get mentioned in the local newspaper. In fact, on my 2nd/8th birthday, a photographer from the Marion (Ohio) Star came to our house to take my picture!

I remember that day well. All excited in anticipation of my moment of glory, the photographer came in, set things up,



Pastor Fogle with his sisters Barbara and Ann



took a few photos and then it happened. My sisters - two and three years old - noticed that I was getting all the attention. So, as two and three year olds are want to do, they threw a fit! So to mollify them, the photographer took a picture of the three of us. My sister Barbara (age two) kneeling behind me, and my sister Ann (age three) sitting beside me holding a doll and a can of Band-Aids.

Wouldn't you know it, THAT's the picture they ran!

And now *this* business about doing away with my birthday! Not only that, these yahoos want to do away with all the world's time zones and have everyone adopt Greenwich Mean Time. (Which *I think* means that for us here in metro-Detroit, 12 noon wouldn't be 12 noon anymore, it would be 0700 or 7am! I could be wrong but I'm on a roll here, so don't confuse me with the facts.)

God has blessed the world with a rainbow of differences – different people with different opinions, different looks, different enthusiasms, different approaches to music, art, literature, loving, and life. Do we really need to standardize everything? We've tried it with money and we've tried it with measurements (how's that metric thing working out for you?). What's next? Should we all be born with the same sex with exactly the same features so we can standardize the human population, too? Think of all the money that could be saved from the fashion industry alone! We could standardize food; no need to be wasting perfectly good dishes because one liked it and one didn't. Maybe we all need the same sense of humor so that we can tell standard jokes. Perhaps we could all find exactly the same set of tones agreeable, so one song would do us all.

But then, this standardization might never happen. We revel in the many gifts that our Lord God has given us – including our differences. Celebrate those differences and celebrate what we have in common – that we have all received the gift of grace that comes through the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus who is the Christ. And that makes us all special!

*Be yourself,
Everyone else is taken.*



And besides, do we REALLY want the dark and dreary month of February to have 30 days EVERY YEAR?

Blessings!

Pastor Fogle

LOVE,
FAITH,
PEACE,
HARMONY



Discerning our Purpose for Mission

**The whole Congregation is invited to participate
in discerning our purpose in Christ.**

**Our mission statement, what does it mean, how do we accomplish it, how
do we live it?**

**Saturday February 4th
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Church
Merriman and Cherry Hill**

Lunch and Snacks will be provided

Throughout 2011 leaders from Christ the King met with leaders from St. John's, Prince of Peace, and Timothy. All of the congregations were struggling to continue the ministry of Christ. Working together has been a good way to share ideas and resources.

Key changes which have started with this group in 2011:

- St. John's merger with Christ the King
- Prince of Peace sharing Pastor with Christ the King
- Timothy has decided not to be an active partner with us

All three of these congregations which are now two, have worked to adjust to these new opportunities. We've made new friends and participated in new traditions. I think it's wonderful and I'm very excited to continue.

The next step is to explore our common mission in Christ. These leaders have had some discussions about how to discuss our mission, but we can't determine our mission without the input from the people in the congregations.

So, we have found a neutral location for a joint congregational retreat. On Saturday February 4th, you are all invited to come to Grace Moravian Church at 31133 Hiveley (Merriman and Cherry Hill), at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will bring in a simple lunch, snacks and drinks. We have also asked Pastor Eggleston to lead our discussions, so that all of us can participate.

There is no predetermined outcome, you will determine the future. We need YOU.

Debby Hoepner
Council President
Christ the King Lutheran Church

February

Happy Birthday

- 1 *Christopher Hoepner*
- 3 *Liam Adamus*
Sam Evalt
- 4 *Dick Lieberknecht*
Melissa Frank
- 5 *Janet Noutko*
- 7 *Eva Miner*
- 8 *Al Buchfinck*
Sarah Evalt
Angela Southworth
- 10 *Anna Romano*
- 12 *Phil Sweier*
- 13 *Marilyn Briegel*
- 15 *Erin Barnhart*
Casper Romano
- 17 *Sharon Lee*
Alexa Pierrard
- 26 *Michael Villemure*
- 28 *George Simmons*
- 29 *Pastor Fogle*

Happy Anniversary

- 17 *David and Susan Anderson*
- 25 *Gary and Lori Fernyhough*

Being the typical parent, I never miss the opportunity to brag about my children. I would like to share with all of you a poem my son Nicholas was asked to write for his Language Arts class. The only instruction he was given, was that it had to be written to the same meter as "T'was the Night Before Christmas."

As we enter the season of Lent, let this poem remind you all of what we are remembering.

A Night in the Garden

by Nicholas Reed

T'was the first night of festival,
The savior was sold,
To the high priest of the Jews,
for a few coins of gold.
When out in the garden
Of Gethsemane
The savior was praying,
"Father, spare me."
The disciples asleep,
Instead of awake,
And the soldiers of Rome
With Judas, the fake.
Betrayed our savior had been
Condemned to the cross
We must pay for our sins
Jesus paid the cost.
That we may not have fear
Of sin or of death
Or the powers of the devil
For with his last breath
He asked the Father above
To forgive what we'd done
Preparing to fight Satan,
Devil versus Son
Three days amongst the dead,
Before that bright Easter morn.
What a glorious day!
The savior reborn!

Bible Study

Adult Forum. George Evalt is leading a study based on the book entitled "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Get Out of the Boat" by John Ortberg. The Adult Forum meets immediately following worship. Please grab your coffee and goodies and go across the hall.

Education Hour at Prince of Peace is prior to worship at 10:00 am. The group is currently studying the parables.

Esther Circle is meeting at a new time. Our new gathering time is 1:00 pm on the second Monday of each month in the King's Gathering room. Esther Circle continues the Bible study "To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark" a journey from Jesus' baptism to his resurrection. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study at Prince of Peace meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm and is also using the WELCA Bible study "To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark."

Shirt Painting Class

You will need a dark colored sweat shirt – black, green, maroon, blue, etc. Wash and dry the shirt using NO softener. Shirt needs to be placed on a shirt board and taped securely with masking tape. (Pretend you are putting the board in a straight jacket!)

Shirt board can be made from corrugated cardboard at least 17" wide and 12 to 18 inches long. Cover one side with plastic wrap and tape the plastic down securely. This keeps the paint from causing the shirt to stick to the board. (optional)

We will trace the pattern with white chalk pencil on tracing paper. The pattern is wide so requires 2 sheets of paper then taped together. To transfer the pattern, we place it chalk side down on the shirt and rub over it with a quarter so the chalk transfers to the shirt. Once I know who is committed to taking class I will be sure that you get the patterns. Call or Email if you have questions.

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Happenings Happenings

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship at 9:00 am at Christ the King
(coffee hour fellowship following worship)
Sunday School & Adult Forum at 10:30 (CtK)
Education Hour at 10:00 am at Prince of Peace
Worship at 11:00 am at Prince of Peace
(coffee hour fellowship following worship)

- Feb. 2 Sweatshirt Workshop at 1:00 pm (PoP)
Book Club meets at 1:30 pm
- Feb. 4 Discerning Our Mission Retreat from 9:00 am
until 1:00 pm at Grace Moravian Church
- Feb. 7 The Quilters meet at 9:00 am
- Feb. 8 Sew 'n Sews meet at 10:00 am
- Feb. 9 Book Club meets at 1:30 pm
- Feb. 11 Men's Group meets at 8:30 am
- Feb. 12 6:00 pm Bowling League
- Feb. 13 Esther Circle meets at 1:00 pm
- Feb. 16 Senators meet at 8:00 am for breakfast
The CtK Knitters meet at 10:00 am
Book Club meets at 1:30 pm
- Feb. 18 Mardi Gras Party from 3:00–5:30 pm at CtK
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
Silent Breakfast at Prince of Peace
9:30 am Social time
10:00 am Breakfast (free-will offering)
The Sew 'n Sews meet at 10:00 am
Worship at Christ the King at 7:00 pm
Worship at Prince of Peace at 3:00 pm
- Feb. 23 Book Club meets at 1:30 pm
- Feb. 25 Men's Group meets at 8:30 am
- Feb. 28 The Quilters meet at 9:00 am
- Feb. 29 Soup and Bread Supper at 6:30 pm (CtK)
Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm (Christ the King)
Lenten Worship at 3:00 pm (Prince of Peace)



*February Bell Choir
rehearsals are at
Prince of Peace*

Social Ministry

After our successful Christmas Collections of gifts for the Angel Tree and the Warming Tree, we started our regular ministries again.

Sandwiches were made and donated for the Ja'Noah Sandwich Project on January 8th. This was also "Bring One Sunday," and our focus was on tuna and other protein sources. We collected 45 cans of tuna, 2 cans of salmon, 4 cans of chili, 4 cans of Great Northern beans, kidney beans, baked beans, 2 cans of smoked ham, 2 canned hams, 2 cans of Treet, 4 (48 oz.) jars of peanut butter, and 4 (16 oz.) jars of peanut butter. In addition, we collected canned vegetables, cereal, Ramen noodles, ravioli, barbeque sauce, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, canned yams and gravy. We also had a monetary gift for the Food Pantry, and Marilyn Briegel donated eight beautiful handmade quilts for them to distribute to those in need of a warm blanket.

Thanks to Marilyn Briegel, Pat Patzer, Lori Fernyhough, Karen Meier and Bob Vuichard for helping sort, pack and deliver the items to Good Hope.

Our next "Bring One Sunday" is February 12th. We are collecting boxed goods and canned fruit.

Dear Nancy and Christ the King parishioners:

Thank you so much for thinking of us once again this Christmas! I really appreciate all the gifts you provide for our Day House community.

Wishing you lots of New Year blessings.

Tom Lumpkin

Food Pantry News. . .

Did you know that during 2011 we distributed over 2400 boxes of food to people in need? It is through the generosity of donated food and money and the time and effort of many people that we are able to continue this important ministry to the community. This help comes from a variety of sources...Good Hope and other churches, especially Christ the King and Faith. The program would not be possible without Carol Napier and Lorinda Scott who donate many hours each month to make it all a reality. Just gathering two hundred plus empty boxes sounds like a major project, let alone buying food, organizing it and packing the boxes in preparation for the distribution every other Saturday. We thank them and all of the volunteers that gave of their time and generously donated to this worthwhile cause.

We also thank our generous members and the generous members of Faith Lutheran and Christ the King who donated coats, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, trees, decorations, food, etc. to our Food Pantry Christmas giveaway here at Good Hope. A special thank you to Mr. Smith who so selflessly delivered all of the generous donations from Faith. One hundred ninety-two (192) families left here with food boxes and gifts on December 17th.

We thank you, ask your continued support and send wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

Anyone interested in helping with the Food Pantry, please contact the Church office (734 427-3660).



Mardi Gras Party

You don't need to go to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras, you can stay right here! We will be having a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 18th, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. There will be beads, masks, games, crafts, and perhaps even a parade! Adults and children are invited to join us.

In the true spirit of Mardi Gras, we will be celebrating the coming of the Lenten season. For those of you who may not know this, the term "Mardi Gras" refers to events of the Carnival celebrations, beginning on or after Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. It is also, French, for Fat Tuesday, commonly known as the period in which people consume large amounts of richer, fatty foods in preparation of fasting for Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, which of course means there will be plenty of good food to eat. Dave Anderson has agreed to cook up some Jambalaya and Shrimp Gumbo.

So put on your purple, green, and gold, or maybe you prefer a costume, whatever you chose and join us in the Fellowship Hall, February 18th. If you have any questions or would like to help in preparing for this fabulous celebration, contact Jodi Reed at 734-421-0749 or e-mail her at officeadmin.ctliv@sbcglobal.net.

Come And Celebrate With us!

Feb. 18th

3:00—5:30 p.m.

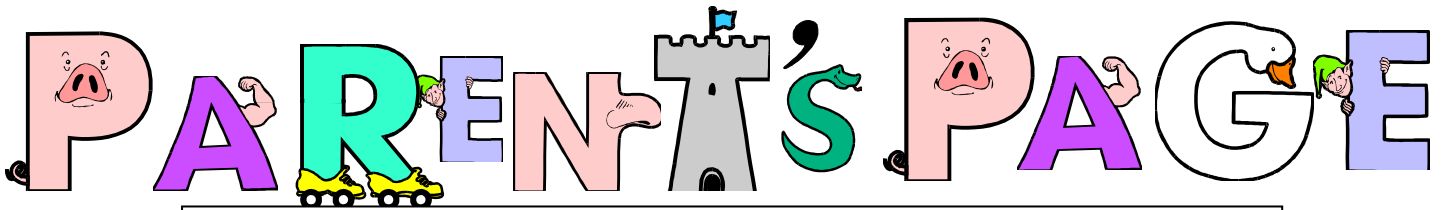
Christ the King Lutheran Church

9300 Farmington Rd

Come dressed in gold, purple, or green!

All ages are welcome.





Information and ideas dedicated to helping you raise your children in a Christian home

A few years back I read one of the Oprah Book Club selections, and one of the passages in it really struck me. It was: "Always learn poems by heart. They have to become the marrow in your bones. Like fluoride in the water they'll make your soul impervious to the world's soft decay."

I have to admit, it was the word "fluoride" that caused me to re-read the passage. But as I re-read it, I substituted the words "Bible verses" for the word "poems". As a Christian, it seemed to fit better. I have found that Bible verses, prayers and hymns that I learned by heart (often as a child), come back to me during times of rejoicing, struggle, and especially during moments of doubt. These words remind me of God's love and become reassurance of God's constant presence, even in times of difficulty. I am never alone. Words of God that I am able to call up from memory definitely help to "make my soul impervious to the world's soft decay".

Do you have verses that help you get through your day? Why not pass them on to your children so they, too, have verses to pull from their memory as they go through life. If you are rusty, here are some appropriate Bible verses to learn:

Psalms 118:1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Matthew 9:2 Take heart, son, your sins are forgiven.

1 John 1:7 The blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Matthew 28:20 And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God.

John 6:37 Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away.

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd...

What is Lent?

Lent is a time of preparation, prayer, quiet reflection, sharing what we have, and fasting. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days. This year Lent begins on February 22.

Lent gets its name from the Latin word for "lengthen". The days get longer as we begin Lent in winter and complete it in spring. The 40 days recall the 40 days and nights Noah spent on the ark, the 40 years of Israel's wandering in the wilderness, and the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the medieval custom of having the sign of the cross placed on your forehead. The ashes are traditionally made from the previous year's palms (from Palm Sunday) that are burned, cooled and ground into a powder into which a little olive oil has been added.

Ashes are a biblical sign of sorrow and repentance. They symbolize our mortality and utter dependence on God. As you receive the mark of the cross on your forehead the pastor will say, "For dust you are and to dust you will return" (Genesis 3:19).

Lent is a great time for families to recommit themselves to a practice of prayer at dinnertime and bedtime. Lent is our welcome to return to those spiritual practices that give us life and keep us centered in God's love.

LENT

Should I Fast for Lent?

While not a requirement of Lent, fasting helps us remember the sacrifice of Jesus and our need for God. Fasting may be the giving up of specific foods, habits or pastimes. Fasting should never be done if it becomes a legalistic or thoughtless obligation.

When Christians use imagination and careful thought, fasting may help your spiritual life. It helps to more fully focus on the sacrifice of Jesus and on our call to serve one another.

It is good to consider that some traditions “break the fast” after sundown each day, or on Sunday (sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday). In addition, Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent. That is because each and every Sunday of the church year is considered a “little Easter” when we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead.

A fast during Lent does not necessarily need to be something you decide to give up. It can be an activity that you add to your Lenten observance—visiting the sick, preparing a meal for others or any activity which would benefit another.

Sign by an Old English Church

*Every time I pass this church,
I pay a little visit
So when at last I am carried in,
The Lord won't say "Who is it?"*

Harold Helfer

Notes

from the December 8th Council Meeting

The minutes of the December 8th Council meeting were approved.

Gail Grigg has resigned as treasurer effective April 1st.

Beginning with the March issue, the newsletter will be a combined publication with Prince of Peace. Luan Purcel will be the editor.

Pastor Fogle will be training volunteers to visit the ill and homebound.

A Continuing Resolution to the Constitution regarding the Consolidation Fund Board was approved as amended (see December, 2011 minutes to view resolution).

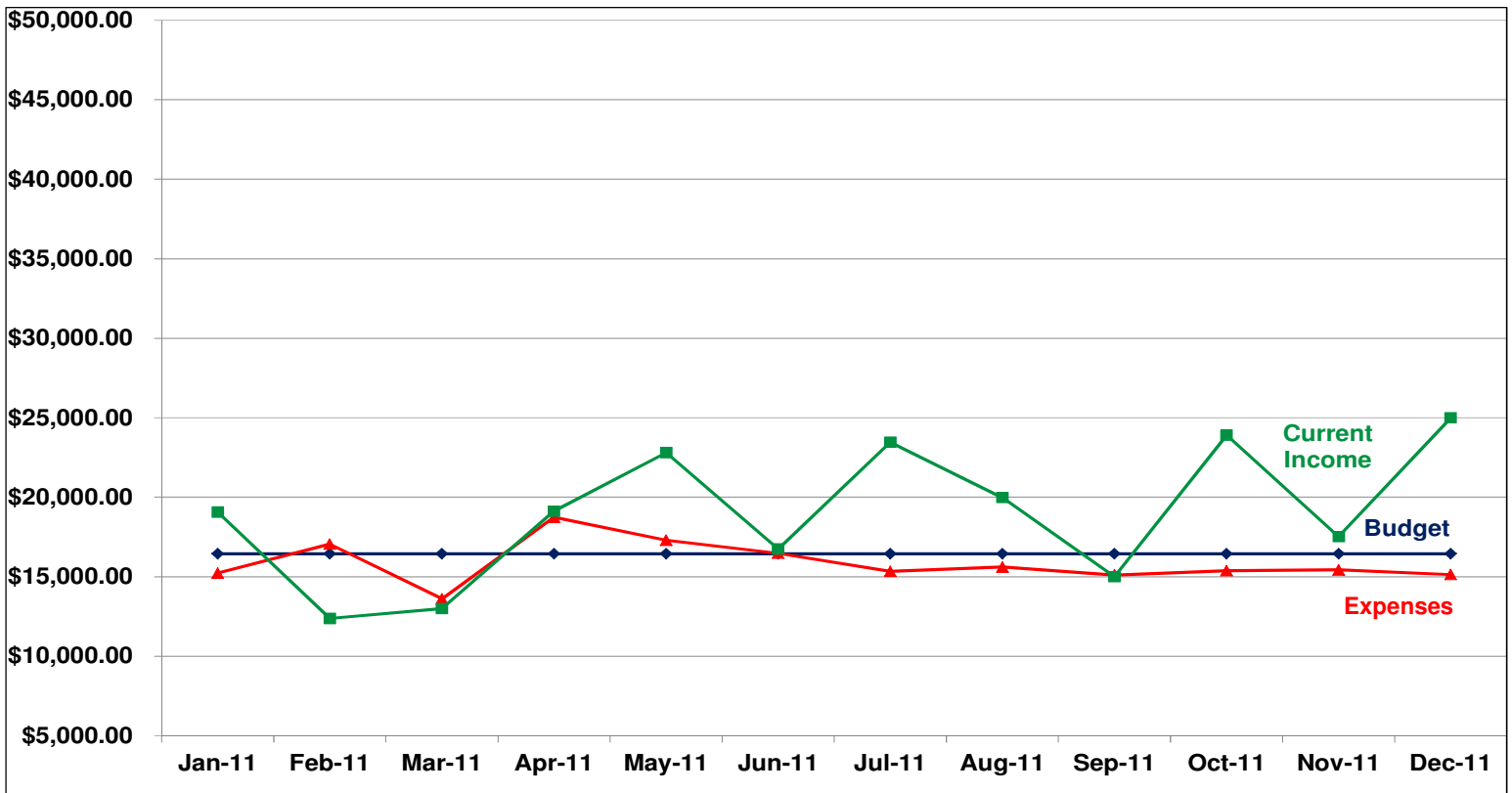
Marilyn Briegel is donating two quilts to a silent auction to be held at Little Christmas. The money will be donated to the Gleaners.

Brian Goodkoontz stated that there is a need to get programs and groups of the Church organized and publicized to let members know how to get involved.

The Council minutes in their entirety along with all reports are available in the King's Gathering Room.



Current Fund Income vs Total Expenses



Month	Total Current Income	Expenses	Excess / (Deficit) [Income - Expenses]	% Income Short/Over Expenses
Jan-11	\$19,081.85	\$15,226.48	\$3,855.37	20.2%
Feb-11	\$12,372.76	\$17,046.66	(\$4,673.90)	-37.8%
Mar-11	\$12,991.42	\$13,606.69	(\$615.27)	-4.7%
Apr-11	\$19,119.75	\$18,735.20	\$384.55	2.0%
May-11	\$22,798.65	\$17,291.21	\$5,507.44	24.2%
Jun-11	\$16,747.21	\$16,470.29	\$276.92	1.7%
Jul-11	\$23,462.70	\$15,335.60	\$8,127.10	34.6%
Aug-11	\$19,974.39	\$15,604.08	\$4,370.31	21.9%
Sep-11	\$15,003.85	\$15,101.68	(\$97.83)	-0.7%
Oct-11	\$23,903.30	\$15,377.92	\$8,525.38	35.7%
Nov-11	\$17,516.22	\$15,423.41	\$2,092.81	11.9%
Dec-11	\$24,990.81	\$15,130.25	\$9,860.56	39.5%
2011 Total	\$227,962.91	\$190,349.47	\$37,613.44	16.5%
2011 Monthly Ave	\$18,996.91	\$15,862.46	\$3,134.45	16.5%
2010 Total	\$173,079.09	\$191,815.33	(\$18,736.24)	-10.8%
2010 Monthly Ave	\$14,423.26	\$15,984.61	(\$1,561.35)	-10.8%

Note:

- Starting in April 2011, Expenses reflect increase in Pastor's compensation package as a result of his increased responsibility with St. John's and Prince of Peace
- April - June 2011: Income reflects the sharing of Pastor's compensation package among Christ the King, St. John's and Prince of Peace
- Starting in July 2011 Income reflects the sharing of Pastor's compensation package between only Christ the King and Prince of Peace following the merger of Christ the King and St. John's
- Chart does not reflect the transfer of funds from St. John's in August as a result of the finalization of the merger of Christ the King and St. John's. The chart also does not reflect the repayment of Memorial Fund loans in August.

Sunday Helpers

PLEASE NOTE: All worship times are at 9:00 AM	Feb. 5 2012	Feb. 12 2012	Feb. 19 2012	Feb.26 2012	March 4 2012	March 11 2012	March 18 2012	March 25 2012
Greeters	Marge Gask Laureen Preston	Jan Frank Melissa Frank	Linnea Price Janice Taylor	Joan Berry Helen Brown	Mark & Mary Wludyka	Judy Dauss Gladys Gooding	Dave & Susan Anderson	Judy Hallman Rosie Schalk
Ushers	Al Buchfinck Bill Lee	Steve Frank John Gambotto	Steve Grigg Phil Sweier	Bob Magill Spencer Pierrard	Nicholas Reed Rick Reed	Jim Gerhardt Meghan Gerhardt	Mike Kelley Mark Wludyka	Greg Trapper Bob Winn
Acolytes	Elizabeth Reed	Chris Kolhoff	Nicholas Reed	Linnea Price	Zach Stark	Elizabeth Reed	Chris Kolhoff	Nicholas Reed

Please notify Dick Lieberknecht (734 422-0415) by **February 5th** if you would like to be scheduled more **often**, or if you prefer **not** to be scheduled for any particular Sunday(s) in **April**, 2012.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, **please arrange for a substitute** and **notify the church office at least one week prior** to the designated Sunday. **Thank you very much for sharing your gifts.**



February, 2012 Events and Meetings

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:00 am OA Meeting 6:00 pm Bell Choir	2 8:00 am AA Meeting 1:30 pm Book Club 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	3	4 9:00 am Discerning Our Mission Retreat
5 9:00 am Worship- Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	6 7:00 pm Banner Committee	7 8:00 am AA Meeting 9:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Property Committee 8:30 pm AA Mtg.	8 8:00 am OA Meeting 10:00 am Sew 'n Sews 6:00 pm Bell Choir	9 8:00 am AA Meeting 1:30 pm Book Club 5:00 pm Worship & Music Committee 7:00 pm Council	10	11 8:30 am Men's Group
12 9:00 am Worship- Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School Bring One Sunday 6:00 pm Bowling	13 1:00 pm Esther Circle	14 8:00 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	15 8:00 am OA Meeting 6:00 pm Bell Choir	16 8:00 am Senators AA Meeting 10:00 am CtK Knitters 1:30 Book Club 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	17	18 3:00 pm Mardi Gras
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