

# MINISTRY NEWS AND UPDATES

## RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 -CATCH THE SPIRIT!

**FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**—Family Fun, from 9:30-10:30, Mission Hall. The Parish Education Ministry team has an hour of Family Fun planned. Bibles for new nursery and for 2nd graders during the Sunday worship of your choice..

**FOR YOUTH**—Annually wiffle ball and fun in Christ Hall.

**FOR THE REST**—Learn about ministries of CTK at displays in the Gathering Area.

### **CALLING MINISTRY TEAMS AND GROUPS—**

*Quilters, Men's Bible Study, Mission teams, Music Groups, Property Management, Hunger Breakfast, Operation Christmas Child, Family Life, Prayer Ministry, "Circles," and MORE!*

If you wish to have a display for Rally Sunday (September 12), please phone or email the office (or drop in a visit!) and let us know. We want to have enough tables and signs ready for you.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **SUNDAY MORNINGS WILL SOON BE A POPPIN!**

It's the time of year to get Sunday School and its staff ready for the children here at Christ the King.

Choose to teach for the whole year or to team up with someone and share the awesome experience of sharing God and His word with His children.

- Here are areas you can participate in!
- Nursery and Pre-K Sunday School teachers.
- Rotational Teachers for Kindergarten and First grade.
- Rotational Shepherd's for Second – Fifth grades.
- Rotational Station Leaders for Second – Fifth grades.
- Substitutes and assistants for all areas of Sunday School.

Check out the churches web site at or stop by the Parish Education table in the Welcome area in front of the Library window. The bright orange "How can I help sheets" are available for you on the table also. Just check the area that interest you and drop in the Parish Ed box on the table or indicate on the Registration Form that you are willing to help. Please feel free to call the education office as well for additional info. 587-2776 ext. 6 or e-mail [ctkedu@hutchtel.net](mailto:ctkedu@hutchtel.net).

### **HOW DO I ENROLLED MY CHILD/CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?**

If your child/children was in Sunday School last year we move them up automatically into the next grade level. Parents please notify us if there is a change.

If you are new to Christ the King, we would love to have your child/children be part of our exciting Sunday morning programs. Give Sheila a call at 587-2776 ext. 6 or email [ctkedu@hutchtel.net](mailto:ctkedu@hutchtel.net) and we will get you child/children registered.

### **NURSERY ENROLLMENT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

All children who are 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup> have the opportunity to start Nursery Sunday School this fall.

Parents watch for your letter in the mail this week with all the details. If you do not receive a letter please call Sheila, Parish Education Director 587-2776 ext 6 or e-mail [ctkedu@hutchtel.net](mailto:ctkedu@hutchtel.net) for details. We are setting up classes and do not want to miss anyone.

### **KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL Stacey Schumann: Director/Teacher**

(320) 587-2776 ext. 5 [ctkkids@hutchtel.net](mailto:ctkkids@hutchtel.net)

We are currently collecting UPC labels from Sunny D containers. When we collect 20 labels, we can get 20 free books for our school.

There are only 7 spots left for fall. Call the preschool if you are interested or know of anyone who is.

## **THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS**

Heartfelt thanks from CTK wedding coordinator who let us know of the hardship situation of a couple recently married here at Christ the King. The coordinator and the couple were overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity and empathy from members.

Hugh thanks to those who are stepping forward to accept the challenge of new ministry opportunities at CTK. It is such a day brightener to get the Registration Forms, phone calls, emails, and drop-in visits from people who are willing to serve our church's ministries in new ways!

## **SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIPPERS**

If you attend the Saturday night worship service, please consider assisting with worship and/or hospitality in any of the following ways:

Coffee Host: see that coffee is made and cups, napkins, cream & sugar, and treats are set out.

Greeter: Welcome folks to worship!

Reading scripture: The scriptures can be provided for you midweek so that you may familiarize yourself with the reading.

Those who are faithfully participating in making CTK an inviting and warm worshipful experience want you to join them! Thanks to those who assist us now, have done so in the past, and particularly to those who will respond to this offer to take part in our Saturday night worship in this way.

## **CALLING ALL....CALLERS!!**

We are seeking about 10 folks who are willing to try their hand at making about 35 phone calls (each) in the next couple of weeks to simply let our members know about special dates in the near future—Rally Sunday, start of Sunday School, the Annual Hayride, the Annual Pork Feed, and the 20th Anniversary Celebration of our King's Kids Preschool. Staff members and council members have stepped forward, but a few more folks to assist would be great. A binder with phone contacts and a script will be provided; along with a phone if you want to come and tackle this from the church! Check the Registration Form if you are willing to give some time in the next couple of weeks. Those who have made the calls found it to be enjoyable and "do-able."

**Aug.22—Aug. 29**

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### **ECONOMIC SURVEY BY GUIDESTAR**

GuideStar USA, Inc. is an information service specializing in U.S. [nonprofit](#) companies. It provides information on more than 1.7 million IRS-recognized nonprofit organizations. Christ the King provides information to Guidestar, and as a result we get informational reports and other services from them. We recently received this summary of an economic survey they completed....

*“More than 7,000 people responded to our (Guidestar’s) June 2010 economic survey, which measured the impact of these difficult economic times on the nonprofit sector. Among respondents, nearly half were CEOs, executive directors, or presidents—leaders in the nonprofit industry. The results are compelling:*

- *Some 40 percent of participants reported that **contributions to their organizations dropped** between January 1 and May 31, 2010, compared to the same period a year earlier.*
- *Eight percent indicated that their **organizations were in imminent danger of closing.***

*Sixty-three percent reported a **total increase in demand for their organization’s services** between January 1, 2010 and May 31, 2010, compared to the same period a year prior.”*

How does this compare to offerings at Christ the King? During that period, comparing 2009 to 2010, our offerings were actually greater by nearly 4% in 2010; so **contributions to CTK increased** between January 1 and May 31, 2010, compared to the same period a year earlier.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the financial decisions our church, as well as our own households, and for the ministries of Christ the King. Let us also remember in prayer the work done to serve people through the non-profit sector; feeding, clothing, providing support. The survey results show what seems logical; during challenging economic times, needs for services increase, while resources are on the decrease.

### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS – HELP CHOOSE WHERE THRIVENT “GIVES BACK”**

If you are a Thrivent member you may be able to participate in directing the distribution of benevolence funds to qualifying organizations. Christ the King is one of these organizations! Go to [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) or call 1-800-847-4836 and have your Thrivent ID ready. You will be led through steps to help you designate where your “choice dollars” can go; you may select Christ the King or another Lutheran organization.

### **UPCOMING DATEDS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Sept 12—Rally Sunday—”Catch the Spirit”

Sept. 19—first day of Sunday School; mission presentation by Laura and Lexy Lansink during worship

Sept 25—Hay Ride at Butch and Karen Olson Farm

Oct 3—Pork Feed and 20th Anniversary celebration of King’s Kids Preschool!!!

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