

Mid-Summer 2011 Newsletter



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Financial Update

Offerings needed each week to meet our expenses for the year: \$5,030

As at June 30, 2011

Offerings expected: \$130,780

Offerings received: \$107,226

Shortfall in offerings: \$ (23,554)

Operating deficit (expenses over revenues): \$ (19,753)

Please ensure that you continue to do your best in your offerings to help us reduce this deficit.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

Matthew 11: 28-30

On Thursday, July 21st, our Ladies' Group met once again to come together to enjoy delicious food, warm fellowship and God's Holy Word. Despite the record-breaking heat of the day, we still kept cool in the church's basement where we enjoyed a hearty meal of chicken cordon bleu, salads and a refreshing summer dessert. Every month we are spoiled as our cooks delight us with their culinary skills! What a blessing!

After our meal we then enjoyed some funny and serious short stories where we were reminded of the importance of “sisterhood” – our sisters, daughters, mothers, girlfriends and other women who play an important role in our lives. After some reflection, we then dug into God's Word and learned from our readings of the many promises that God gives to us in our greatest times of need. From Hebrews 6: 17-18 we learned that God will never lie and will also not change His mind. His promises remain true and He delivers us from sin and death by Jesus' blood shed on the cross. This gives us great comfort, for we are assured that nothing can or will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In the book of 2 Corinthians 11, we also learned how the apostle Paul endured many hardships, trials and tribulations, yet his faith never faltered. He affirms that in adversity he can rely only on God and His love. Paul reminds us Christians of Jesus' words to him, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”* What a source of strength and comfort for us to know that our good and gracious God will always be there for us, and when we are at the end, often ready to give up, God is there to take over!

Our next Women's Group get-together will be on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH** starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Barb Jurgens. Barb has graciously offered us the use of her home and pool for our event, so please bring along your swimsuit if you wish to have a swim before dinner. If you are still around and would like an evening out with some really great sisters of the faith, then please come out and join us. See this as an opportunity to invite a friend or two! We always love to have newcomers join our group.

Hope you can make it out on the 25th!

In His service,

Donna Prusha and Wendy Chant

Beloved in Christ Jesus,

In Isaiah 55:1-3, the prophet gives us this invitation from our God and Saviour:



"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.

How thirsty are you? Do you long for the water of life? Are you hungry for the promises contained in God's Word? Is devotion and prayer time high on your agenda, or do the last days of summer get in the way? Are you eager to come to the Lord's house for worship, that your soul might be fed.

Here's a perfect picture of zeal. While we vacationed up at our cottage earlier in July, we had our dog, Abby, along. She's a six year old black Lab and to say she loves the water is an understatement. She adores the water. She lives for the water. She dreams in aquamarine. When we open the door to go down to the lake, she bolts off the porch and runs for the stairway down to the dock. Before you can get down the three steps to the lawn, you can hear her splashing in the cool shallows. That's what she loves to do. She lives for the lake. It energizes her.

Two or three times a day she waits by the door for someone to come with her to the big blue wet place. Heaven forbid that you try and go down there without her!

We tried that once. Some friends were there and we wanted some adult time at the beach without the dog, so we left Abby in the cottage. We had dog-proofed as much as we thought necessary. We put all the food away where she could not reach it. We locked the sliding glass door (yes, she can open it all by herself if it's not locked). We weren't down at the lake for five minutes, when guess who showed up? It was Abby. Can dogs smile? She was smiling! Then she was down in the water.

We had to wonder how she got out of the cottage? Had she figured out how to unlock the door? Probably. What else could explain it? We went up to check the house and the doors were all still closed. We went upstairs to check the second floor bedrooms. Abby had pushed out the window screen in one of the bedrooms, and gotten out on the porch roof. Then, by design, or most likely by misadventure, she slid down the fibreglass roof, and fell



**Canadian Lutheran
World Relief®**

Christian Service in Relief, Disaster, Settlement and Development

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) issues emergency appeal for East Africa drought victims

July 25, 2011 –Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is appealing for funds to provide relief for drought-affected people in East Africa. The lack of rain in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya has created food and water shortages that threaten the lives of 11 million people. The World Food Program reports that tens of thousands of Somalis have died from starvation. Thousands more Somalis suffering from malnutrition, dehydration, and exhaustion arrive in Kenyan and Ethiopian refugee camps every day seeking aid, swelling the camps far beyond their capacity and causing a major strain on resources.

CLWR is providing support in the region in four different ways.



*An adult helps an infant drink water in Borena, Ethiopia
ACT/DCA/Binyan Mengesha*

We are distributing over \$1.5 million of food (1,900 tons) in Ethiopia in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Ethiopia. This large-scale emergency food aid project is responding to immediate needs for relief in the drought-stricken district of Goro, a district in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. Over 18,000 people will benefit from the distribution.

CLWR, also through our partnership with the LWF, is supporting refugee camps in the region. The LWF-managed Dadaab camp in Kenya is hosting over 1,300 new arrivals per day, most from Somalia. LWF camp interventions include the distribution of nine tons of flour mix for supplementary feeding of children and the elderly; the distribution of clothes, slippers, and sanitary wear for women; and regular water deliveries using a 7,000-litre truck.

We are also providing assistance to people still in Somalia, specifically to newly displaced people in Mogadishu and to those affected by drought in the Gedo region. This support is administered through our partnership with the ACT Alliance and will include the distribution of food, water, sanitation, and shelter.

“We have extreme confidence in our experienced partners on the ground in East Africa,” says Robert Granke, CLWR’s executive director. “We know every donation sent to CLWR will be used wisely.”

CLWR has worked in Africa for years on food and water security projects and will continue to work toward sustainability in the region. Our five year development goal in our Africa programs is to provide safe water supply, storage capacity and/or irrigation to over 150 communities in Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Zambia. We train African farmers in sustainable agriculture and livestock management, and provide them with the tools they need to feed themselves and their families. CLWR’s ongoing development work in the region helps to mitigate the effects of crises such as drought and famine by building food and water security that lasts.

You can donate:

1. By making a designated offering donation at any Lutheran Church congregation in Canada.
2. Online at www.clwr.org/donate. When completing the form, you will come to a pull-down menu that allows you to designate a specific project. Choose “2011 East Africa Drought.”
3. By calling our toll-free number: 1.800.661.2597 or locally at 204.694.5602.
4. By sending a cheque made payable to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6. Please indicate that you wish to contribute to East Africa drought relief.

Christ Our King Creation Photo Challenge

God Created our world over the course of six days. On the seventh day, He rested. This is the history of our creation and we want you to think about these important days while you enjoy your summer.

Our challenge to you is this: Take photographs that reflect on the days of creation, including the day of rest. Submit them to us (photos@christourking.com) or leave them in the “Creation Photo Challenge” mailbox at the church. Please label the photograph with the day of creation (1-7) and your name.

We will be posting the pictures at the church for everyone to enjoy. In September, we’ll start judging the photos and will be announcing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each day.

What are the days? Take a look in Genesis – it’s all right there.

Here are some ideas to get you started.

Day 1 – Light



Day 2 – Ocean and Sky



Day 3 – Land and Vegetation



Day 4 – Sun, Moon, Stars



Day 5 – Fish and Birds



Day 6 – Animals and People



Day 7 – Day of Rest



**Use Your
Imagination!**

Christ Our King Lutheran Church
Financial Reports
June 30, 2011

The financial statements included in this report consist of the following:

1. Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, and Changes in Congregational Resources.
2. The Balance Sheet.
3. The Income Statement which includes a comparison to the annual budget.
4. The Designated Funds Statement.

Highlights are as follows:

• **Assets**

Date	Total Assets	CEF Funds	Chequing Account	Petty Cash	Total Cash & Cash Equivalents
June 30, 2011	\$1,610,701	\$21,231	\$15,726	\$100	\$37,057
December 31, 2010	\$1,584,920	\$20,264	\$36,360	\$100	\$56,723
Difference	\$25,781	\$967	\$(20,633)	\$0	\$(19,666)

The increase in Assets is a result of including the cost of the new organ, \$45,448, less the decrease in cash equivalents of \$19,666 from the December 31, 2010 balance of \$56,723. The Chequing Account balance decreased from \$36,360 at December 31, 2010 to \$15,726 due mainly to expenses exceeding revenues by \$19,753 for the year.

• **Designated Funds**

	Amount		Amount
Balance at January 1, 2011	\$37,362	Balance at June 30, 2011	\$46,076
Source of Increases		Source of Decreases	
Donations from congregation	\$18,317	Designated Projects	\$22,179
Fundraising – Euchre Nights	\$435	Transfers & Corrections	\$200
Transfers & Corrections	\$12,342		
Total Increase	\$31,093	Total Decrease	\$22,379

Net Increase in the Designated Funds from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 was \$8,714.

• **Revenues (Offerings & Interest revenues)**

Date	Total Year-to date	Vs. Budget	Vs. Prior Year
June 30, 2011	\$107,431	-\$20,919 (under)	-\$3,155 (under)

This table shows that, as of June 30, actual revenues of \$107,431 were significantly under the budgeted amount of \$128,350, by \$20,919. The comparison to last year shows that our revenues are under by \$3,155.

• **Expenses (Board expenditures excluding disbursements from Designated Funds)**

Date	Total Year-to date	Vs. Budget	Vs. Prior Year
June 30, 2011	\$127,185	-\$5,490 (under)	\$7,744 (over)

Expenses incurred by the various boards total \$127,185, which are under budget by \$5,490, and are \$7,744 over last year's expenses of \$119,440 at this time. Most of the boards are operating near or under budget.

• **Net Income**

Date	Total Year-to date	Vs. Budget	Vs. Prior Year
June 30, 2011	-\$19,753	-\$15,428 (lower)	-\$10,900 (lower)

Our Net Income (Revenues less Expenses) shows that we are operating at a deficit of \$19,753 as of June 30. This deficit amount is \$15,428 lower than the budgeted deficit amount of \$4,325, and is greater than the prior year deficit amount of \$(8,854) by \$(10,900).

The results for the year to June 30, 2011, as highlighted above, shows that our cash position continues to decline significantly, mainly due to offerings being substantially lower than what was expected, and to expenditures by boards, excluding those from designated funds, exceeding these revenues by \$19,753. Since revenues from offerings are continuing to come in at a much lower rate than we expect, we ask that you please continue to pray to God to grant us the financial resources that we will need to reduce the growing deficit we are running, and be able to meet the needs of His church for 2011. We encourage each and every one of you to pray also for His guidance in your own individual stewardship in giving of your treasures to help the church to meet its goals. *Note: If you will be away from the church during this summer for extended periods of time, we humbly ask that you consider giving an upfront offering to cover those weeks in which you will be away.*

**Christ Our King Nursery & Kindergarten
Financial Reports
June 30, 2011**

The financial statements included in this report consist of the following:

1. The Balance Sheet.
2. The Income Statement which includes a comparison to the prior year.

Highlights are as follows:

• **Assets**

Date	Total Assets	Cash & Cash Equivalents
June 30, 2011	\$8,505	\$8,505
December 31, 2010	\$ 12,598	\$ 12,598
Difference	-\$4,093	-\$ 4,093

The decrease in Assets is due to a decrease in cash of \$4,093 from the December 31, 2010 balance of \$12,598. This balance of \$8,505 is \$1,750 less than the balance of \$10,255 at May 31, 2011, mainly due to expenditures exceeding revenues by \$1,750 for the month of June.

• **Revenues**

Date	Nursery	Kindergarten	Other	Total Year-to date
June 30, 2011	\$18,885	\$11,525	\$21,560	\$51,970
June 30, 2010	\$21,722	\$20,684	\$18,353	\$60,759
Difference	-\$2,837 (under)	-\$9,159 (under)	\$3,207 (over)	-\$8,789 (under)

The results above show that revenues to date of \$51,970 are \$8,789 lower than last year's revenues of \$60,759 at this time. Included in Other Revenues is the subsidy of \$13,729 from the church, of which \$1,129 is from the Lutheran School Designated Fund. A grant to upgrade school equipment in the amount of \$5,959 was received from the Region of Peel, and is included in Other Revenues. The church subsidy amount of \$13,729 is \$2,507 less than the amount of \$16,236 provided at this time last year.

• **Expenses**

Date	Nursery (Staff)	Kindergarten (Staff)	Other	Total Year-to date
June 30, 2011	\$22,732	\$25,064	\$7,948	\$55,744
June 30, 2010	\$23,200	\$24,543	\$2,924	\$50,667
Difference	-\$468 (under)	\$521 (over)	\$5,596 (over)	\$5,077 (over)

Expenses to June 30, 2011 total \$55,744, which are \$5,077 over last year's expenses of \$50,667 at this time. The major portion of the expenses is salary and benefit expenses of \$47,796. Expenditures on new equipment purchased with the grant of \$5,959 received from the Region of Peel are reflected in the increase of \$5,596 in Other Expenses over last year.

• **Net Income**

Date	Church Subsidy amount	Net Income With subsidy	Net Income Without subsidy
June 30, 2011	\$13,729	-\$3,774	-\$17,503 (deficit)
June 30, 2010	\$16,236	\$10,092	-\$6,144 (deficit)
Difference	-\$2,507 (under)	-\$13,866 (under)	-\$11,359 (under)

Our Net Income (Revenues less Expenses) shows that we completed June 2011 with an operating deficit of \$3,774, which is \$13,866 less than the amount of \$10,092 earned last year to June 2010. Without the subsidy from the church, the school would be operating at a deficit of \$17,503.

The results to June 2011, as highlighted above, show that the school is operating at a deficit of \$3,774, which is smaller than it would be without the subsidy it receives from the church. Revenues, mainly due to fewer Kindergarten students, are down from last year by \$8,789, while expenses are \$5,077 greater, resulting in a decrease in Net Income of \$13,866 compared to last year.

Please continue to keep the school, the staff, the children and their families in your prayers, and pray too that we will have greater success in registering children for September, 2011 as we move ahead with plans to continue with both the Nursery and Kindergarten classes. Our goal is to continue to offer early childhood Christ-centered education so that more families and children may benefit from this approach to education.

Thanks.

FIRST EVER: District Retreat for the entire family . . . Time with God at Home and On-the-Go. Family Day Retreat for all families with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews (you get the idea) aged 0-18. Bring your entire generational clan!

When: September 10, 2011 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Family Life Education Committee of the Department for Parish Services of Lutheran Church-Canada, East District is planning a retreat on Saturday September 10th, and would like you and your family to attend! It will be held at Christ Our King Lutheran Church in the Erin Mills area of Mississauga. This is the first of what we hope will be more retreats, possibly full weekend ones in the future, to encourage family time centered in God's Word whether we are at home or wherever we may be.

This retreat will feature the Rev. David Gallas, a family man himself, having five children. He and his wife and Karen and family live in New Hamburg, where Pastor Gallas shepherds the people of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

The day will consist of an opening devotion, followed by a presentation by Pastor Gallas: "Life Together: The Family Devotion" During this time, the children will be kept busy, or they may stay with their parents for the presentation. We'll enjoy lunch (provided) and fellowship, then in the afternoon we'll split into three groups and take part in three different games/activities involving the entire family. Another short devotion and an evaluation will end the day.

We hope that you shall set September 10th aside for your family to come and meet other faithful Lutherans who wish to bring their children up in a Christian home where God's Word is very important in their day to day lives. The cost for the day is only \$20 per family, no matter how many children you bring! All children welcome. Bring your grandchildren, nephews, nieces, etc.

Please see the following registration form containing more details. You may also access this form online at www.lcceastdistrict.ca/events2011.htm

You may mail the form to Ruth Klages, Box 115, Clarksburg, On. N0H 1J0, or fill it out on your computer and email it to cmjoanne@rogers.com.

Cost: Only \$20 per family no matter how many children you bring (includes lunch, beverages, snacks). Registration form attached or go to: www.lcceastdistrict.ca/events2011.htm.

Complete now and return to cmjoanne@rogers.com or snail mail to Ruth Klages, Box 115, Clarksburg, ON N0H 1J0.

Where: Christ our King Lutheran Church, Mississauga, On.

What: A first district retreat for families. Come for a morning devotion, a presentation by Rev. David Gallas, "Life Together: The Family Devotion", lunch, and an activity filled afternoon with your children.

Registration form: Time with God at Home and On the Go

Christ Our King Lutheran Church
2150 Dundas Street West
Mississauga 905-822-8931

Saturday September 10, 2011
Cost: \$20 per family
Presenter: Rev. David Gallas

- 9:30 to 10:00 – Registration (coffee, juice, tea, muffins)
- 10:00 to 10:30 – Morning devotion
- 10:30 to 11:45 – Presentation by Rev. Gallas: "Life Together: The Family Devotion"
(activities provided for children at this time)
- 12:00 to 12:45 – lunch
- 1:00 to 1:40 – first game (games-activities are for whole family,
- 1:40 to 2:20 – second game in a rotation)
- 2:20 to 3:00 – third game
- 3:00 to 3:15 – snack
- 3:15 to 3:45 – closing devotion and evaluation

Family Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Children attending: Please list names and age below:

Contact information (phone & email):

Ph: _____ Email: _____

Make it a weekend!

If you are interested in having a family weekend away, here are links to various nearby hotels.

www.homewoodyyz.com/Oakville/index.html

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=XOKCNHX>

http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Hotel_Review-g154996-d184062-Reviews-Comfort_Inn_Meadowvale_Mississauga-Mississauga_Ontario.html

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yyzms-courtyard-toronto-mississauga-meadowvale/>

<http://www.admiralinn.com/>

<http://www.deltahotels.com/en/hotels/ontario/delta-meadowvale/>

Sunday morning worship at Christ our King is at 8:30 and 11:00 with Bible class and Sunday School at 9:45

Mail to: Ruth Klages, Box 115, Clarksburg, On. N0H 1J0 *or* **Email:** cmjoanne@rogers.com

Older Adults Ministry – Annual Event

2011 Older Adult Ministry Event

Date: Wednesday, October 5
Location: St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
115 Cambria Street, Stratford

Morning Topic: Dementia & Alzheimers

9:00 Refreshments & fellowship
10:00 Worship – Rev. John Obeda
10:45 Housekeeping and future events
11:00 Topic: Dementia & Alzheimers
“Aging with Vitality” (Heidi Wagler)
12:00 Roast Beef Luncheon
2:00 Festival Theatre Matinee: “Camelot”

Cost:

Morning Program and lunch: \$18
Matinee Performance: \$72
Total Cost: \$90

Registration Details:

42 excellent seats have been reserved in the balcony for our use — *first registered, first served*. If you need handicapped seats behind the orchestra, perhaps arrangements could be made—simply make your request.

A driver may claim a \$10 rebate if (s)he drives 40+ km one-way from home to Stratford, \$20 if driving 80+ km, \$30 if driving 120+ km. \$40 if driving 160+ km and \$50 if driving 200+ km. as long as the seed money holds out. Make your request with your registration.

Send name(s) and telephone number of contact person along with a cheque make out to “Lively Lutherans” at:

Ron Fischer,
#401 - 40 Long Drive,
Stratford, ON N5A 8A3
Email: fischer.40@rogers.com
Telephone: 519-271-9577

2011 Older Adults Ministry Event Wednesday, October 5, 2011 Registration Form

Keynote Speaker: Heidi Wagler
Topic: *Aging with Vitality*, Dementia & Alzheimers

Registration Deadline: August 5, 2011

Please print name(s)

will attend the Older Adult Ministry Event in Stratford on Oct. 5th for the morning program and roast beef dinner only at a cost of \$18 each. Add an extra \$72 for each “Camelot” ticket required. (\$90 each for full day)

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Enclosed is a cheque for \$ _____
(made out to “Lively Lutherans”)

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Mileage Rebate:

As a driver, _____ will

claim a rebate of \$ _____ in Stratford for

driving _____ km one way to the event.

Flowers in the Desert

Her desert will blossom like Eden, her barren wilderness like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found there. Songs of thanksgiving will fill the air.

Isaiah 51:3

Imagine cracked, dusty earth. As you survey the desert wasteland, you discover a single flower standing alone, somehow defying the incredible odds against it by growing and blooming in the face of desolation.

Are you ever overwhelmed by the state of the world and your perceived powerlessness to change it for better? We become immobilized by the defeating odds against making a difference, but God wants us to take a stand and trust him for the results.

Just as a lonely flower in the desert blooms, fades, falls, and scatters seed so that more beauty can be created, God starts with something small and makes it grow beyond our expectations. Abraham lived as God's friend. He trusted God and took his stand despite his pervasively godless society. From the seeds of Abraham's faith grew a great spiritual heritage.

God controls all things, so take your stand! Go out of your comfort zone and invest your life for the benefit of others. The seeds of your beauty and love will nurture the spirits of many.

Bloom where you're planted.

God Calls You

You love me, Lord?
That truth is impossible to fathom.

Sometimes I'm happy with myself.
But many, many times
I'm disappointed, discouraged, disgusted.

How could You love me?
You are perfect!
How can You go on loving
and forgiving?

Why did You lay down Your life for me?
Grace! Undeserved love!
But why me?
Me of all people!

Dear Jesus,
You didn't call me
just to sit and try to comprehend the mind of God.
You call me to follow You,
to go, to be a witness,
to be salt, light.

You expect me not to understand Your love,
but to believe it,
to share it with others.

You promise to be with me always,
to empower me with Your Spirit.
Mold me, Lord, into an instrument of Your love.

You love me, Lord!
That truth is impossible to fathom.
But it warms my heart! It lights up my life!

God Loves You

God always loves you.

When you're glad,
mad,
sad,
bad,
God loves you.

God's love does not depend on how you feel.
When you feel great and the world is your apple,
God loves you.
Though you feel miserable, discouraged, frightened,
God loves you.
Even when you don't feel His presence,
bring Him shame and grief,
ignore or hate Him,
God loves you.







When you think He doesn't love you,
and bitterly cry out, "Why?"
because you've lost the dearest and best,
God loves you.

God doesn't love you because you are valuable.
You are valuable because God loves you.
He loves you with a love that gives, forgives.

Why?

Because God is love.

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Civic Holiday 	2	3	4	5	6 
7 10:00 Worship Service	8	9	10	11 	12	13
14 10:00 Communion Service	15	16 	17	18 6:30 Men's Group at Mark Verlinden's	19	20 Pastor on vacation until Aug. 27 th
21 10:00 Worship Service	22 Pastor on vacation this week -----	23 -----	24 -----	25 6:30 Women's Group at Barb Jurgen's -----	26 -----	27 
28 10:00 Communion Service	29	30	31 NSK Set-Up	September 1 10:00 – 2:00 NSK Registration 7:15 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting		



Sunday School and Bible Class resume on Sunday, September 11th at 9:45 a.m. when we return to our regular service times of 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

2011