

SYNOD CONTACT REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – November 2nd, 2008
Andrew Peart

1. **Together** is the title for a bi-monthly official news summary of WELS from the office of our new synod president, Mark Schroeder. It's emailed to our members, and paper copies are always put in the back of church. Did you notice how our congregation was highlighted in an article a few weeks ago regarding our plans for taking part in the Year of Jubilee celebration?
2. **The WELS Connection Video** will be played each month after church, normally on the second Sunday of the month. This video always does a great job of reminding us of the blessings that we enjoy as part of our fellowship in the WELS.
3. **Forward In Christ Magazines** Be sure to take your copy of **Forward In Christ** home each month. This is our synod's official monthly magazine and it's always loaded with faith building, informative articles!
4. **Year Of Jubilee** We begin our celebration with four special Sundays, beginning November 23rd! Our Synod hopes to eliminate its debt of \$22.4 million by next summer. Remember, we want to do our part. We are suggesting that every CTL member consider a gift of \$56. Of course, some may give more – others may decide to give less. There will be three giving opportunities – one in December, another in late March and a final offering in late May. One idea – give \$19 each time. Everyone will receive special envelopes.
5. **Congregational Mission Offering** At our last meeting I had good news! Through the first six months of 2008 CTL had given 48% of our 08 annual commitment of \$9900. However, this last quarter wasn't a good one for CTL and our CMO. At the end of October we have given so far in 2008 \$5,280 – only 53% of our commitment. Let's pray and encourage one another. It's important that we fulfill our commitment to the Synod.



CHRIST THE LORD

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Christ The Lord Lutheran Church
November 2nd, 2008
9:15 a.m.

CTL'S VISION 2012 Mission Statement

Our Church exists to give glory to God as each member grows in faith and knowledge of God's Word and as we go to others with the message of reconciliation.

I. Opening Prayer

II. Call to Order

III. Presentation of Agenda & Acceptance

IV. Presentation of Minutes & Acceptance

V. Signing of the Constitution by Eligible Voters

VI. Membership Changes for the First Quarter

A. Receive by Adult Confirmation: Janet Niosi; Chris & Tara Niosi

B. Receive by Youth Confirmation:

C. Receive by Confession of Faith: Joel Besemer

D. Receive by Baptism: Eller Niosi

E. Receive by Transfer from Another WELS Congregation: Tim Martin
(Resurrection Lutheran in Virginia Beach, VA); Delores Shantry (Our Redeemer Lutheran in Madison, WI).

F. Receive as Baptized Member:

G. Transfer out to Another WELS Congregation: Timothy Walsh (St. John Lutheran Church in Lewiston, MN)

H. Transfer to Church Triumphant: Claire Stephens; Lucille Teske; Esther Schleier

I. Release from Membership: Matt Kenagy (moved away)

J. Release from Membership to Non-WELS Church:

VII. Reports for the First Quarter

A. Pastor page 5

B. Board of Lay Ministry page 6

C. Board of Education, Principal & Teachers pages 7 & 8

D. Board of Adult Discipleship

E. Board of Evangelism pages 9 & 10

F. Board of Properties

9. **Connecting to Communities** The WELS Commission on Evangelism invites our church to a new seminar planned for January 31, 2009 in St Petersburg, FL. This workshop will help us learn how to connect with more people in our community to gain a greater audience for the Gospel. This Saturday workshop will be followed by Evangelism Sunday.

10. **Prayer Ministry** A "WELS Prayer Institute" will be held at Bay Pines Lutheran Church on Nov 21 & 22. I plan on attending and I would love to have another CTL member join me.

11. **WELS Mission Connection** "Power of the Written Word"

12. **Evangelism Book** Pastor and I will continue to meet monthly as we move chapter by chapter through the book and keep fresh and updated on the CTL Evangelism ministry.

13. **Building Bridges** On Saturday, November 15th, we're invited to Northdale Lutheran for a Building Bridges evangelism seminar led by WELS pastor, Ed Schuppe. If anyone is interested in attending, talk to me.

14. **Encourage Each Other** We encourage all willing and able members to prayerfully consider helping support this important ministry

BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

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Charles Slaysman, chairman

(Board Members:)

1. **Service Day** One is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st. We hope to build the storage cabinet up in the balcony. We also hope to cut down a tree.

2. **Lighting** I ordered a light for the parking lot and Kris Kindt is going to help me. He works for Progress Energy. When the lights came he said they weren't strong enough to do the job. So he bought one light and we put it up. The church bought another one and we put that one up, too.

3. **Landscaping** I bought some landscaping logs to make another flower box out front.

4. **Inside Work** I have 6 boxes of tiles for the boy's bathroom in the school building.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – November 2nd, 2008

Wally Mayne, chairman
(Board member:)

1st Quarter Highlights

1. **GO! GO!** The Saturday morning CTL Outreach was moved to October the 4th. Pastor, Andrew, Miss Berger, and I met at the church at 09:30 AM for doughnuts, prep and prayer. We paired off and went door to door from 10:00-1130 AM through the local Becket Lake Estates community. We used a survey approach to meet our neighbors and share CTL words of encouragement. The goal for this canvass was to invite the unchurched to CTL Friendship Sunday and if the opportunity presented itself to share the Gospel. While most people appreciated our friendly approach, unfortunately many expressed very little interest in participating in the survey. Apathy! On a positive note many Friendship Sunday flyers were passed out and several people acknowledged that they knew Jesus as their Savior. We plan to continue this important face to face outreach. Let's pray that the Lord will bless this outreach effort. Thank you Pastor, Andrew, and Miss Berger!

2nd Quarter Highlights & Goals

1. **Friendship Sunday** was planned for Sunday, October 26th. We had one service at 10:00 a.m. CTL members were encouraged to invite unchurched neighbors, friends, family, and coworkers to this "visitor friendly" service. We passed out flyers to surrounding neighborhoods in advance.
2. **Christmas Programs** We want to continue to use these programs for outreach. Flyers will be passed out to surrounding neighborhoods to advertise the Christmas For Kids program as well as our worship services on Christmas Eve.
3. **Christmas Parade** We plan to continue our involvement in the city of Dunedin's holiday parade.
4. **Baptism Seminars** We plan on having a Baptism Seminar sometime this quarter. These seminars have proven to be very successful in the past, and we would like to continue them. We will keep you posted on the times and dates.
5. **A Bible Information Class** on Monday evenings currently has 4 adults attending. This Bible training is the heart and soul of our evangelism ministry. A big thank you to Pastor Mahnke!
6. **Computerized Contact Follow up.** It is critical that we implement a system to move CTL visitors and unchurched prospects from paper to a computer database. Steven is working on a simple cost effective way to do this.
7. **CTL and Northdale Lutheran golf outreach outing** is scheduled for Saturday morning November the 8th. This event will be held at the Countryway Golf Course in the Westchase area of Tampa. The cost will be \$19. I will be coordinating this event with Bill Stocker and the Northdale evangelism chairman. Start spreading the word. All ages and levels of play are encouraged to participate.
8. **Good News!** Our request for College Helpers was accepted. They will be coming in March of 2009 to help our school ministry by passing out flyers and possibly also doing door to door canvassing regarding private, Christian education. Volunteers will be needed to help with food, lodging, and entertainment.

G. Synod Contact page 11

H. Southern Lutheran Academy – no report

I. Financial Secretary separate handout

J. Treasurer separate handout

VIII. Old Business

A. Is there any old business?

IX. New Business:

A. Congregational Mission Offering (CM)) to WELS for 2009: the Church Council recommends **\$10,675** (the number in our 08-09 budget).

B. Recommendations from the Nominating Committee for Church Council service: **Treasurer:** James Leipski (2 year term); **Chairman of Adult Discipleship:** Joshua Renner (2 year term); **Chairman of Properties:** Rick Heise & Dwayne Spedden (2 year term); **Chairman of Education:** Dave Walsh & Derek Kahrs (2 year term). The congregation will need to vote for the positions of chairman for Properties & Education.

C. Pastoral Vacancy

D. Vision 2018 – Task Force

E. 07 Financial Audit

F. Is there any other new business?

X. Adjourn Meeting – Lord's Prayer

XI. Next Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, February 1st, 2009

Minutes From Last Quarterly Meeting – August 3rd, 2008

1. **Opening Prayer** by Ethan Kahrs
2. **Call to Order** by chairman Ethan Kahrs. 26 confirmed CTL members were counted when the meeting began, including 15 men with voting privileges.
3. **Presentation of Agenda & Acceptance** Motion made, seconded & approved
4. **Presentation of Minutes & Acceptance** Motion made, seconded & approved
5. **Signing of the Constitution by Eligible Voters** CTL member Rolf Lanz signed it.
6. **Membership Changes for the Fourth Quarter** Motion made, seconded & approved
 - a. **Receive by Adult Confirmation:** Denise Schoonmaker; Ingrid Carr, Brenda Martin
 - b. **Receive by Youth Confirmation:** Brooke Henriques; Timothy Walsh
 - c. **Receive by Confession of Faith:**
 - d. **Receive by Baptism:**
 - e. **Receive by Transfer from Another WELS Congregation:** Derek Kahrs (Calvary Lutheran Church of Thiensville, Wisconsin); Karen “KJ” Seiser (Peace Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania)
 - f. **Receive as Baptized Member:** Rocko Schoonmaker
 - g. **Transfer out to Another WELS Congregation:**
 - h. **Transfer to Church Triumphant:**
 - i. **Release from Membership:** Rick & Lynn DeShaw; Tyler DeShaw; James & Amy Willis and their children: Cody, Dylan & Rebekah; Alex & Leah Rivera and their children: Angelina, Emilio and Giovanni.
 - j. **Release from Membership to Non-WELS Church:**
7. **Reports for the Fourth Quarter** – written reports provided.
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Board of Lay Ministry
 - c. Board of Education, Principal & Teachers
 - d. Board of Adult Discipleship
 - e. Board of Evangelism
 - f. Board of Properties

3. **Walk-a-thon** CTL students will soon be handing out information about the Walk-a-thon in Seminole to assist the Children’s Hospital. This walk is a great opportunity for the students to experience the joy of helping others as well as fellowship with other Lutheran students from Bay Pines and Northdale schools. The walk is scheduled for November 21st.
4. **Thanksgiving Dinner** November 26th The students of CTL will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 26th. If you would like to volunteer your time and help the students put together the meal that day, please contact one of the faculty. You are also welcome to take part in the meal. Expenses will be covered by donations. The meal begins at 11:30 AM.
5. **Christmas Service** Plans are already being put together for the children’s Christmas Eve Service at Christ the Lord. The school will be sharing the message of Christ’s birth with the WELS congregation in Zephyrhills on December 19th, and then with the our congregation on December 24th.

BOARD OF ADULT DISCIPLESHIP REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

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Joshua Renner

(Board Members: currently none)

1. **Sanctification** Back in September a new teen and adult Bible Class began on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. on “Sanctification”. This is a 10 lesson study and will finish in mid November. Attendance on Sunday mornings has been consistently between 25-35 people.
2. **Book Fair** In October for three weeks we had in the Fellowship Hall a book display from Northwestern Publishing House. A number of members took advantage of this opportunity to purchase good reading materials.

PRINCIPAL'S, TEACHERS' & BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

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Principal Jonathan Ross, & Chairman Dave Walsh

(Board Members: Dwayne Spedden / Teachers: Beth Walsh, Jeannie Berger)

1st Quarter Highlights & Goals

1. **CTL School's 25th Year!** We have entered the 25th school year of Christ the Lord Lutheran with 32 students. Our God is gracious, blessing the congregation with a steady history of preparing students to be well-equipped, educated citizens ready to share God's saving Word with all people. We thank Him for His love and protection in these many years, and pray for his continued guidance and grace in many years to come!
2. **South Atlantic District Teacher's Conference** The faculty of CTL joined SAD teachers in three days of spiritual and professional growth in Beverly Hills. Mr. Ross attended a class on school relationships; Miss Berger learned about the intellectual, social, emotional development of children; And Mrs. Walsh participated in a class exploring art media. Both Mr. Ross and Miss Berger received credit for their courses that will assist in persuing state licensure.
3. **Friends of Christian Education (FOCE) Meeting** The FOCE held their first meeting on September 16th at 7:00 PM. This was the first meeting run by our parent president, Beth Walsh. The group discussed several ways in which the parents and friends of the school can help support and involve themselves in the education of their children.
4. **Field Trip** On September 19th, the school visited Florida's Heritage Village in Largo, FL. Not only did the students have opportunities to view the historical buildings on the grounds, but they also participated in some of the process of making food like the early explorers.
5. **LPS Visit** On Monday, September 29th, Pastor Scharf, recruitment officer of Luther Preparatory School, gave a presentation to the grade school students about the school that proved to be informative and entertaining. The children learned a great deal about our WELS high school that helps prepare students interested or curious about serving in the public ministry.
6. **Kickball Tournament Results** On Friday, October 10th, in Bradenton, Christ the Lord played in a district-wide kickball tournament. Out of the 14 teams who competed, our CTL teams placed 6th and 8th. Way to go Eagles!

2nd Quarter Highlights & Goals

1. **Academic Bowl** The Lutheran Schools in the South Atlantic District will be competing in the Academic Bowl on November 7th. Due to it's location in West Melbourne, the 5th-8th graders of Christ the Lord will be leaving early and returning late. The students this year will participate in an Art Fair, perform either a piano or forensic piece, and compete in Spelling, Math, and Knowledge Bowl competition.
2. **Sport Seasons** Soccer season will end on October 30th this year with a home game against Bay Pines Lutheran. We hope to finish our season strong as the team's improvement is evident in every game they play. Boy's basketball season will begin with practice on November 11th with the girl's season beginning after Christmas. The 5th-8th grade boys and girls basketball players are entered into a District Basketball Tournament in Doral, FL, schedule for January 30th-31st.

- g. Synod Contact
- h. Southern Lutheran Academy – no report
- i. Financial Secretary
- j. Treasurer

8. Old Business

- a. There wasn't any old business.

9. New Business:

- a. The voters approved the Church Council's appointment of Steve Barnard on the Church Council to serve as the financial secretary. Motion made, seconded and approved.
- b. The Church Council presented to the congregation the Nominating Committee: Bill Albrecht, Gene Hoffmann and Andrew Peart. The following names were given to the committee for consideration for possible service on the Council: Tim Sinclair, Steve Donovan, Steve Donaty, and Don Liesener.
- c. Andrew Peart, CTL's synod contact, gave a presentation regarding the Year of Jubilee Celebration and how CTL planned to participate. A motion was made, seconded and approved to participate wholeheartedly as outlined by Andrew.
- d. There wasn't any other new business.

10. Adjourn Meeting – Lord's Prayer

11. Next Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, November 2nd, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Recording Secretary
Andrew Peart

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	9-14-08	6-08-08
<i>Baptized Souls:</i>	161	158
<i>Communicants:</i>	136	134

FIRST QUARTER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (previous year)

- July: 82 (76)
- August: 80 (99)
- September: 111 (109)

FIRST QUARTER PASTORAL ACTS

1. **Infant & Youth Baptisms:** 1 (Elliot Steven Sinclair)
2. **Adult Baptisms:**
3. **Adult Confirmations:** 3 (Janet Niosi, Chris Niosi, Tara Niosi)
4. **Youth Confirmations:**
5. **Memorials & Funerals:** 3 (Claire Stephens, Lucille Teske, Esther Schleier)
6. **Weddings:**

1st Quarter Highlights & Goals

1. **Pastors' Conference** CTL was privileged to host the fall pastors' conference on September 29th & 30th. We definitely put our best foot forward as a congregation! The October Courier had an article thanking all those who helped out. Way to go, CTL! I was very proud of our church.
2. **Meditations Writing Assignment** I completed and submitted a week's worth of devotions for an upcoming Meditations (WELS devotional booklet) this past quarter.
3. **Divine Call Received** On Sunday, September 21st, I was informed that St. Peter Lutheran Church of Schofield, WI., extended a Divine Call to me to serve as one of its pastors. Receiving a Call is always very humbling. It's also a blessing to be able to evaluate one's ministry.

2nd Quarter Highlights & Goals

1. **CTL's Vision 2018** On Sunday, October 12th, our worship service was modified to allow time for a special presentation and discussion about our church's future goals and plans. I thank all who came to church that day to be part of CTL's Vision 2018. Your input as a member of our CTL family is very important. The Church Council is now seeking to establish a Task Force or Vision Committee (3-6 people) to help digest the information and input received and establish goals and timelines for our future ministry. If you are interested in serving on this committee please speak to myself or a Church Council member. Let's keep the ball rolling!
2. **Divine Call Accepted** After a few weeks of deliberation and prayer I have accepted the Call to St. Peter in Schofield, WI., and made an announcement on Sunday, October 19th. Plans are now being made for a transition and move (after Christmas). I'm a better person and pastor because of my CTL experience. God will provide, in time, another faithful shepherd for this flock.
3. **Filling Our Ministry Boards** It's always important to have strong boards and committees for a church's ministry, and especially so when there is a pastoral vacancy. One of my goals this quarter is to see to it that our boards (lay ministry, evangelism, adult discipleship, properties & education) have men serving under and with the chairman. Ideally, each board should have 3 men.

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

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Tim Vanderburgh, chairman

(Board Members: Frank Doutre, Gene Hoffmann)

1st Quarter Highlights & Goals

1. **A Connecting Members In Christ** seminar was held on Saturday, September 6th, from 9:30-2:00 p.m. This 5 part, action packed and fast moving seminar is primarily intended for our newer CTL members to help assimilate them into our church's mission and ministry. 2 CTL members attended it: Ingrid Carr and Janet Niosi.
2. **Hymnal Supplement Intro Workshop** On Saturday, September 20th, Beth Walsh, Rachel Schmiede, Jon Ross & Jeannie Berger attended a workshop at Living Savior in Valrico. This workshop introduced the new hymnal supplement from our Synod that is coming out. We trust this supplement will be a wonderful tool and help as we worship God together! Monies given in memory of Lucille Teske will be used to purchase an electronic copy of the supplement when it's available so we can print the hymns directly into our service folders.

2nd Quarter Highlights & Goals

1. **Another Connecting Members In Christ** seminar has been scheduled for Sundays, December 7th & 14th, from 12 noon to 1:45 p.m. Sessions 1 & 2 will be covered on the 7th, and sessions 3-5 on the 14th. A light lunch will be provided both days. The last year or two a fair number of new members haven't been able to attend a new member seminar so we'll make an extra effort to invite them to this one which will be held a few weeks before Pastor Mahnke leaves.
2. **The Ministry Of The Ushers** The Board of Lay Ministry continues to oversee the important ministry of our ushers. We recently put together a schedule for the months of November and December. All CTL men in good health are expected to regularly take their turn.
3. **Encouraging One Another** We hope to continue making house & phone calls to encourage weak members to worship with us on a regular basis, as God desires and commands. Members who have to work on Sundays will continue to receive encouragement to come to the Saturday services, or to contact either Pastor or an elder for private communion.
4. **Pastoral Vacancy** In light of the decision made by Pastor Mahnke to accept the Call to St. Peter in Schofield the elders will do all they can to assist with the upcoming pastoral vacancy. It's our prayer that this vacancy will be a blessing and bring our church family even closer together in Christ as we worship and serve together.