



## Koinonia Krier

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"Amen, Amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12:24

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## Winter 2010

### Reflection Corner

As we begin a new year it is a good time to reflect on state of our spiritual life and where we need to make new resolutions. We are in a season of celebrating the birthday of our Savior. We spend so many days in the secular world buying, baking, decorating, etc. but when we come to the actual Christmas season of the church, everyone has torn down the decorations that should be enjoyed at least until the Baptism of Jesus on January 10th.

As far as our spiritual life let us look at a few points that may need some attention:

- Have we really let our Koinonia weekend help us with the situation we needed to let die or do we relive it by letting it creep back into our hearts or rehash it in the presentation we do for a candidate weekend?
- Do we try to force our own views on others and put a damper on the retreat weekend others have come to for healing and renewal?
- Have we truly prepared for the weekend we are to partake in by praying for the candidates and those who are assisting as staff for the weekend?
- Do we let the true experience of the Koinonia weekend truly change our lives so we begin anew, moving forward, letting past hurts and pain behind?

Let us all resolve to let this be the Christmas season be the true light of the world for every day of lives on this earth as we journey to the kingdom of eternal life.

May the light of Christ shine in our minds and hearts from this day forward so we can live in joy.

Fr. Glenn Krystosek

### CMK #176 Lord of the Dance

Candidates: Natasha Clayson, Linda Midas, Mary Jensen, Brittany Leibfried, Abby Benner, Vonnie Moore, Sarah Curfman, Becky Curfman, Dustin Schlenker, Sharon Anderson, JoAnn Perish, Stacy Steinborn, Stacy Kruse, Barb Goth, Roxanne Gilbertson, Julie Fernow

The Lord is so good and blessed CMK #176 with 16 candidates and a very special gift of Fr. Ernie Martello as first time Spiritual Director for the weekend. Fr. Ernie is not new to CMK as he has been here for the Sacrament of Reconciliation almost every Friday since he has been back to the Crosier Community after returning from his mission work of many years in the Congo. A lot of healing took place, and we all had the opportunity to walk and dance with the Lord. Our theme song was "Lord of the Dance" and we were very thankful to have Jeff Maciej and Shari Streit lead us in music ministry for the weekend. Blessings in Christ. LeRoy and Mary Lou Raden

## CMK # 177 Only a Shadow

Candidates: David Norton, Jeanette Johnson, Donna Benson, Randy Heibel, Judy Hedlund, Claudette Moran, De Eberle, Diane Koehn, Mary Ann Neu, Steven Dosch, Colette Selby, Terry Andrew, Hollis Richbeil, Bonnie Johnson, Beth Telander, Jim Malone, Shelly Kalthoff, Elaine Messer, Michael Mayock, Sandy Dingman, Pam Riley, Rachel Lee, Mike Buck, Victoria LaBelle, Scott Roessler, Brandon Benner, Pam Salzl, Cody Andrew, Terry Sibert

CMK 177 was special in many ways. First of all it was Lent and we had a great Theme Song, "Only a Shadow". I enjoyed directing with Renee Lofgren for the first time. We had a wonderful team of 50% men and 50% women. It is always nice to have a balanced team. Our priest Fr. Jimmy Joseph did a great job on his very first Koinonia, he gave very inspiring homilies! Our other first time team members did a really good job on their talks. We had Bruce Bond from Wisconsin back in Minnesota for the first time in years and also Keith Stangler back on team for the first time in years. It was so good to see them. Our 29 candidates experienced a personal encounter with Christ through the sharing, laughter and tears and hugs. Our wheat team lead by Les Bertram and Virgil Schmidt prayed us through and served us well. Thank you to everyone who was involved!

Shari Streit and Renee Lofgren

## Announcements

Fr. Omar Guanchez ordained to priesthood on June 6, 2009

Pat and Michelle Socha were blessed with the arrival of their son, Isaac James on June 14, 2009

Fr. Richard Leisen retired on June 30, 2009

Darlene Clasemann and Greg Brand were joined in marriage on October 10, 2009

## Deaths

Mike Rausch, candidate on CMK #2, husband of Irene Rausch

Elegia Johnson, mother of Sheryl Kardong

Gene Ingelbritson's father

Linda Kirk, sister of Nick John

John Korteum, father of Kris and Jenny

Dave Rossman, son of Jackie Aune

Kandy Krieger-Bauman, daughter-in-law of Paula Bauman

Jack, brother of Diane Berscheit

Nancy Lipinski, sister of Mary Mathies

Brother Joe De Louw, Crosier Community in Onamia and candidate of CMK #127

Jean Hafner, candidate on CMK #39 and mother of Pat Ahlschlager

Nettie Robling, candidate on CMK #33A

## Donations

Two \$500 donations for expenses and scholarships.

## CMK #178 Lead Me Lord

Candidates: Kathy Carlson, Brenda Engnell, Ryan Malone, Ken Trettel, Shannon Fahey, Betty Rae Birkholz, Kim Bunke, Eric Benner, Sheryl Kardong

We were truly blessed this weekend. The Holy Spirit's light shown everywhere and in all of the candidates. There was such a sense of love and peace about the whole weekend. Our daily lives fall back into our routines, but we feel the Lord's presence leading us and we feel the love and support of our Koinonia family. We hope you continue to feel the presence of Christ in your life and your forth days continue to go well. He is present with you, in all your decisions. Thank Him for all that is in your life and remember his grace is always there to help through the rough times. The service and the Prayer Power of our Wheaties was amazing and we are truly thankful for their presence. Thank you to everyone who served on the weekend. We truly appreciated the presence of Fr. Bob Pierson, and a special thank you to our reunion musicians. With all of you, our weekend was able to become a spirit-filled community that has become the foundation of Koinonia. We look forward to serving with ALL of you again. Blessings in Christ.

Lori Buckentin & Anita Goth

## Upcoming Weekends

CMK # 181 January 22-24, 2010.

Lay Directors- Mary Lou and LeRoy Raden with Spiritual Director Fr. Ernie Martello

CMK # 182 March 12-14, 2010.

Lay Directors- Shari Streit and Rita Vogt

CMK # 8 April 16-18, 2010.

CMK #183 May 14-16, 2010 (we need one more director).

CMK # 184 September 17-19.

CMK #185 November 12-14, 2010.

Fr. David Maciej's new  
address is:  
PO Box 38  
Lastrup, MN 56344

## CMK #179 Here I Am Lord

Candidates: Joyce Salzer, Darla Gould, Michael Hoffarth, Laurie Engesser, Sue Stone, Elaine Messer, Patty Keeling, Tara Thielman, Leah Johnson, Clare Fulton, Carol Schiebold

Eleven candidates surrendered themselves to the Lord on CMK 179. We were led by the faith-filled Fr. Tony Kroll. The team was filled with experienced God-loving people. A special thanks to Shari Streit and Jeff Maciej for leading us in song. The weekend couldn't have happened without all our wonderful candidates and the support of our hard-working Wheaties.

Sherri and Dorie Reiter

## CMK #7 Jesus mi Fiel Amigo

Candidates: Oscar and Aracely Hernandez, Dolly Lebron, Martha Casillas, Francisco Viera, Diego Arias, Refugio Viera, Monica Hasselius, Mario Mancilla, Dianira Cotto Diaz, Teresa Soto, Manuela Gonzalez Soto, Monico Espinoza Jr., Maria Montanez, Carlos Valdez, Nancy L del Angel Garcia, Santos Torres Jr., Araceli Franco, Max and Maria Basurto, Juana Moremo, Alejandra Mancilla, Karina Chavez, Beatriz Hadler

Our CMSK #7 was wonderful. I got 24 candidates, few couples included. We saw big change in some of them from Friday to Sunday. I think we are going to count on many of them for the next Spanish Koinonia in April (18-19). I was afraid about a few things before the retreat but God taught me that I have to trust in His plans which always are far beyond our understanding. I saw the acting presence of God that weekend! Happy New Year to all of you! May all of you have a Blessed 2010! Thanks for your valuable ministry.

Fr. Omar Jose Guanchez

## CMK #180 All That We Have

Candidates: Heather Juetten, Kim Bunke, Rae Siebenaler, Fran Meierhofer, Jolen Koopman, Bill Schlangen, Joyce Ingebritson, Joan Gehrts, Lisa Albrecht, Bryon and Diane Schlagel, Deacon Chuck and Sharon Kampa, Gene Ingebritson, Sory Michael Sidime, Elmer Schwinghammer

We were blessed yet again with CMK #180. In His usual fashion, God presented us with 14 candidates and 13 team members who came together for the weekend to share their plentiful experiences of God's remarkable love and mercy in their lives. In our first time as lay directors together, Nancy and I had one goal, to Let Go and Let God, keeping in mind that it is His weekend, and we are merely willing vessels answering His call to serve. What a wonderful thing it is, to know without doubt, that every detail, every blessing, every setback, every single thing is in His hands and He wants to give us good things! It was truly one of the most peaceful weekends we have ever had the pleasure of enjoying. God hand picked an awesome group of people who chose to come as they were, give all that they had, and offer it all to God. Many found the weekend to be one of the best weekends of their lives. One thing you can always count on when sharing God's love with others is that you will definitely receive a blessing!

Please keep inviting others and keep coming back yourself! It just gets better and better. We can not out give our wonderful Loving Father. And remember, you ain't seen nothing yet! We Love You!

Jodi Bialke and Nancy Krump

## Evaluation Comments

This weekend made me more conscious of my need to be more involved in my church community. My Koinonia experience opened a door for me to become more of a servant of the Lord. It changed my life and I am forever grateful. **Anonymous**

It was very eye opening and it was exactly what I needed to bring me closer to God. I would love to thank you for allowing me to attend with a scholarship. I would not have been able to attend without that. Bless you. **Kim Bunke**