



The King's Herald Christ the King Lutheran Church Universal City, Texas

OCTOBER 2016

In all we do...
growing disciples for Christ



GERMAN POLKA SERVICE

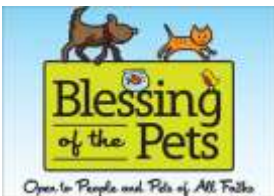
Join us for a night of Polka Worship and German Food on **Saturday, October 1**, beginning at **5:30 PM**. Musicians from United Dr. Martin Luther Church in Shiner will lead the Worship and Holy Communion Service. A free will offering will be taken during the Service for the Polka Spirit Musicians in thanksgiving for their gift of music and to help with their travel expenses and for Christ the King General Fund. Immediately following the Service there will be a Sausage Supper in the Parish Hall sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Group. The menu will include sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, German potatoes, bread, coffee, tea, and dessert. A donation of \$7.00 per plate would be appreciated. The Women of the ELCA will be selling cards and crafts in the Parish Hall.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, OCTOBER 30, from 4:00 TO 6:00 P. M.
JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND CANDY!

This year's event will begin with hotdogs, chips and other food and fun for the WHOLE family. We will serve dinner from 4:00—5:00. We will also have games and prizes. At 5:00, we will have our door prizes and other announcements. Cars need to be ready and in place by 4:30 p.m. at the latest. Each car needs to have candy for 75 - 100 kiddos. Trunk or Treating will begin promptly at 5:15 and run until 6:00. Sign-up sheet for car spots may be found on the What's Happening Bulletin Board. We want to fill the parking lot with AT LEAST 30 CARS! We would love for ALL AGES to participate in this fun outreach to our church and community.



PET BLESSING

Come and join us for a celebration of our pets on **Saturday, October 1** at 10:00 a.m. at the Universal City Animal Shelter sponsored by Homes for the Homeless. The blessing will be near the shelter. Pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.

OFFICIAL NOTICE!

The Congregational Meeting of Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1129 Pat Booker Road, Universal City, Texas, for the purpose of adopting the 2017 Budget will be held on **Sunday, October 23, 2016, at 9:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary.**



At our Intergenerational Sunday School event on September 4th, we unveiled our theme for the year. In case you didn't hear about it, we have a theme that we will be using to help guide and focus all our ministries throughout the year. Our theme is **"We have blessings as many as the stars ... to be a blessing for the world!"**

In Genesis 15:1-6, God tells Abram, "Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able. So shall your descendants be." Abram was blessed with a multitude of descendants as well as many other blessings. And just like Abram/Abraham, we have blessings as many as the stars. With these blessings, we are called to be a blessing for the world. So as we go about the work and ministry of Christ the King this year, we are keeping that theme in mind to help us do our part in growing the Kingdom of God.

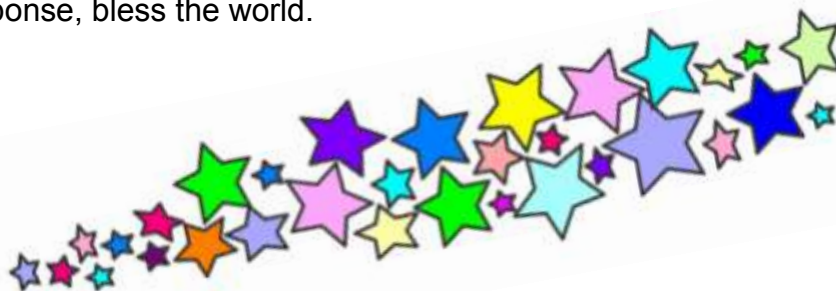
Along these lines, I shared a great example of counting our blessing to be a blessing for the world in my sermon from Sunday. A retired pastor, in a previous church I served, had a very creative way of giving thanks for the blessings of birthdays and wedding anniversaries for he and his wife as well as for their children. They would give thanks to God for the blessing of another year by giving a dollar for each year they were celebrating. So for instance, if they were celebrating a fiftieth birthday, they would give \$50 over and above their normal offering for that week. If they were celebrating their son's 32nd wedding anniversary, they would give 32 additional dollars in their offering. This was their way of giving thanks for God blessing them with another year in either their life or in their marriage.

This is a great example of using our blessings to bless others. Pastor Beckman and his wife received great joy in recognizing another year of blessing given to them by God as they gave their offering so that the work of the church could happen and God's Kingdom would grow.

I invite you to consider also using Pastor Beckman's idea of counting blessings to be a blessing to the world. Give an additional offering to church for the birthdays and anniversaries you celebrate. I also invite you to think about what other ways you can recognize the multitude of blessings in your life and in response, bless the world.

Shalom y'all!

Pastor Mike



Baby Grand Piano / Chancel Flooring Update

The donations and memorial fund contributions given to the cost of the Baby Grand Piano and chancel flooring project totals \$30,311. The actual cost for the flooring was more than we estimated, but thanks to your generous contributions, we have over half of the flooring cost paid. Thank you so much for your gifts, which will further glorify God in our worship services!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fall is upon us and that means change! Changes like lower temperatures (I hope), pumpkin flavored everything, kids in school, and football only to name a few. Sometimes I think God created the different seasons to remind us that things changes. Or, maybe he created the seasons to remind us that things need to change.



For some, fall is a time of slowing down and settling back into a routine. For others it's all about the hustle and bustle of new beginnings. That's where I am right now... As some of you know my daughter is getting married at the end of October. We're extremely busy with the wedding plans and making sure that everything is perfect for their day. But it's much more than that. We're also trying to make sure that the happy couple is ready for their new life together – a life together not just as husband and wife, but as a ready-made family living in God's grace and mercy.

Look around you – where are you? Are you slowing down and settling back into a routine? Is your life filled with new challenges or twists and turns in old ones? Wherever your life is at the moment, take time to bask in God's glory! Remember He is always there for us. Need direction? Ask Him and He will provide an answer. Looking for something new? Ask Him and He will provide an answer. Confused about which path to take? Ask Him and He will provide an answer. We just have to be receptive to His answers.

Change is upon us here at CTK too. The nomination committee will soon be looking for members to serve on our church council. We have several positions to be filled. As you are asking God for direction, something new, or clarity, ask Him about serving Him through the church council. Any member can serve on the council – whether you're working a full-time job or you're retired – whether you're in school – whatever you're doing.

As you pray about serving on our church council, pray also for our church, our congregation, and our country.

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Blessings,
Susan



REFORMATION 500 BOOKSTORE

In 1517 Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses sparked a conversation about reform in the church that continues even today. October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the evangelical reform movement that was based on learning and fueled by publishing. You are invited to learn about the reformers and the writings that sparked a world-changing renewal in the church.

Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all bookstore titles.

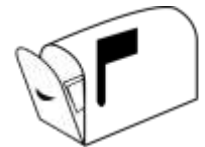
Stop by the Church Lobby (Narthex) from October 23 through November 6 to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family. Our bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From Carl and Carolyn Taylor, Our new address and phone number is as follows:

2321 E. Common St. #98
New Braunfels, Texas 78130
830-358-1464

Please change in your church directories! Thank You.



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE NEWS

We would like inform everyone at CTK that there have been magnets placed in your church mailboxes. One magnet is for you and the other for you to give to a friend. The Evangelism team would like to give you more magnets (if you wish) to provide to family and friends. Also we would like any input from our congregation on how our Evangelism Committee can assist in getting out the word about our church, Christ the King.

Thank you and God bless!



RACAP THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS

On Sunday, October 2, Outreach Committee will pass out grocery bags with a list of food items needed for the RACAP Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. In order to meet RACAP's deadline of November 4, all items must be returned to the church narthex by October 30. Thank you!

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, October 18, at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for breakfast. Please sign up on the bulletin board so that we know how much food to prepare.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

October 9 - 2nd Sunday Breakfast - Pancakes and Sausage - Please join us!

October 21 - Friday Night Fellowship at Bubba's Burgers on Pat Booker Road - Sign up on bulletin board!

November 6 - Harvest Sunday Potluck - Fellowship will provide the turkeys. Bring a side dish to share!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult faith formation is just as important as when we were children. Therefore, we have a number of opportunities here at Christ the King for you to get involved. **These are open to everyone. So come join the discussion and bring a friend!**



ADULT BIBLE STUDY – meets in the Choir Room

Sunday at 9:15am –We will begin a new plan for Sunday mornings based on the Lectionary readings. The Scripture texts we use in worship are based on a rotating three year cycle of selected readings and this is call the “Lectionary” (or more formally the “RCL” or “Revised Common Lectionary”). In the Adult Sunday School class, we will be looking at the Lectionary reading for the upcoming Sunday. (So we’ll be a week ahead of the worship readings.) We will be taking a deeper look at ALL four readings instead of just focusing on one as Pastor Mike does in the sermon. Everyone is welcome and all you need to do is bring your Bible.

Every second Sunday of the month, we will discuss a story from the Living Lutheran magazine (available in the narthex/church lobby). So grab some food from the Parish Hall and bring it to the choir room to join the conversation on those days.

Wednesday at 10:30am – We are looking at “The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church” by Reggie McNeal. This curriculum invites us to look at the new realities that churches must face as we move/ look into the future. Everyone is also invited to join us for lunch following the Bible study at La Fiesta Patio Mexican café on Pat Booker.

SALT – Spirited Adults Learning Together

Dip into the Word of God for spice in your spiritual life. Join us Wednesday evenings at 6pm in Room 2 of the Parish Hall building. We will also be looking at the Lectionary as mentioned above. So, bring your Bible and a friend to see how it impacts our lives. This is an opportunity for adult conversation and study; to be “salty” Christians in our life and in our world. No need to RSVP, just show up—but bring your bible. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Soulful Conversations – Library every Sunday at 9:15 with Joyce Lucas



This month I am sharing a meditation from the online “3-minute Retreat” presented by Loyola Press. “Imagine the amount of time in a single day as water in a large jar. Every day you use this water to fill a certain number of cups, each cup representing something you devote your day to. Some of the cups are large and some are small. Which cups do you fill first, which ones do you fill last? Which cups cannot be filled at all because there is no water left in the jar? How much water is devoted to God? Jesus’ words remind us that our primary responsibility is to God alone.” For conversation how much of your day do you devote to God and what are your distractors?

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

October will be a busy month for us! The German Polka Service is October 1. The next week, Oct. 7-9, will be the Southwestern Texas Synod WELCA Convention right here in Universal City. I am so proud of our ladies: Dinah Ryson is President; Margaret Vogt and Dawn Young organized every detail of the convention. We have 14 ladies attending (a record number for our group) and a number of us are involved in presentations. Way to go CTK!



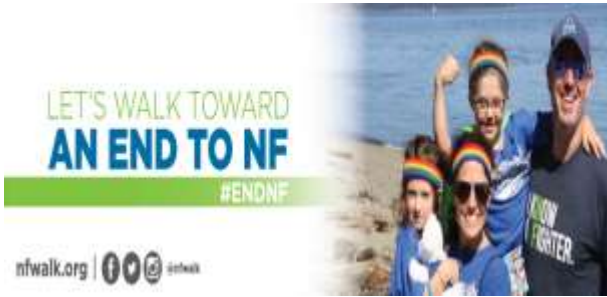
The next Sunday, October 16, will be our Thankoffering Service. Please be gathering all your coins (dollars) and remembering God’s many blessings as we present our offerings. Pastor Bonnie Claycomb will be leading our service and many ladies will be serving in various capacities so don’t forget what you signed up for!

Carol Bearce, President



October 2 — Confirmation youth will travel to New Braunfels for an elective learning event. Meet at church after late service and we will grab food on our way there. We plan to return by 4:00 PM.

October 22 Confirmation youth will head to Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville for a day of fun and learning about the sacraments with Mariesa and Pastor. This year, we are joining up with Macarthur Park and Peace Lutheran in New Braunfels for special learning opportunities. Please let us know by October 2 that you will be attending (but please realize that if you miss this event, you will need to make up the lesson).



On October 15, anyone interested will be joining together for a Neurofibromatosis Walk. Both Mariesa and Cade Robbins have this genetic disorder. The money raised on this day will go to Children's Tumor Foundation to help with research on life changing treatments and hopefully to one day find a cure. The cost of the walk is \$20. We can also raise extra money as a team. If you would like to donate toward Team CTK for our NF walk, please talk to Mariesa. #EndNF



Sunday October 16 will be a Youth Event for 3rd thru 6th graders. We will eat pizza, play minute to win it games and watch Wreck it Ralph. RSVP to Mariesa. Cost for the day of fun will be \$5. Bring friends. Event starts at noon and will run until 4pm.



October 23 High School youth will meet at Laser Legend for an afternoon of laser tag. Bring \$15 to cover 2 games and pizza. RSVP. Bring friends. **We will meet there at 12:30.**

Two photos from the Outreach Karaoke and Talent Show



THANK YOU!

Christ the King is the best! At the Outreach Karaoke/Talent Show you made it possible to send \$700 to the Shrine Burn Hospital for Children in Galveston. Then \$300 will go to Outreach Committee to "Serve neighbors near and far". But, wait, we received a check on Monday morning for another \$1,000. \$800 to Galveston Hospital and \$200 to Outreach. A grand total of \$1,500 was raised for the Shriner's Hospital and \$500 for Outreach.

God bless you for your generosity!!

Stewardship Report - October, 2016

***"Not what we give but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare,
He who gives of himself feeds three,
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and Me".***

“STEWARDSHIP” This word immediately conjures up the notion that the concept of money will follow—without exception. We hear about giving very often and how much we give as a church and receive praises for our generous gifts of money. But, STEWARDSHIP has other meanings and I will share with you the STEWARDSHIP OF SELF. We sing about this TYPE OF STEWARDSHIP each Sunday as our Offertory. “Take my life, etc., Take my hands, etc., Take my voice, etc., Take my intellect, etc., Take my will, etc., and Take my love, my Lord . . .” (Note: I left out part of verse 4 of Take my silver, etc.). In the other five verses of this Hymn: Take My Life, That I May Be” we offer ourselves to the Lord. Perhaps we don’t think about what we could offer when we sing these verses, but there are so many good suggestions in this piece to guide us in being Stewards of Self.

In 2008, when Joyce and I taught school in Tanzania, East Africa, at the Maasai Girls’ School, an offering was taken each day at their daily morning worship. While watching the girls descend on the offering plate at the front, some placed coins in the plate and others just made a hand gesture. Later, when I asked about the routine, I was informed that this was a symbolic gesture of giving without a coin, the giving of self, a form of Stewardship Giving. Remember the other Offertory verse we used to sing: “We give thee but thine own whatever the gift may be, all that we have is Thine alone, a Trust (or gift) O Lord from thee.” This verse alone reminds us that we don’t have to give material things, we can do a million other things to give to the Lord. We just need to be thinking about our role in society and how we can help others.

A very long list of items of what we can do could be generated, but not here. There are so many ways to help others and do things which comprise the Stewardship of Self. When was the last time we did something for someone else without being asked to do so? Our society too often requires us to do service work for others. Why do we need to be asked to help others? As children of God, and following his word, we just need to do what is needed at home or for a friend or neighbor. Sometimes a neighbor will offer to help if needed. That is intended Stewardship and a generous offer by that neighbor. Where do we fall in the realm of Stewardship of Self? “We Give Thee But Thine Own, Whatever The Gift May Be . . . !

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee

Don Nellermoe

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

To Sheri Boos for serving as pianist for worship services on September 11 and 18!

To Barbara Kovacich, Kathy Staley, and Don and Margaret Vogt for taking care of serving food for the Synod Pastors' Boundary Training on September 15.

To everyone who contributed to the LWR school kits. We met our goal of 120 kits again this year.

Check out the bulletin boards in the hallway along the sanctuary to see other community thank you notes.



THANK YOU!

My heartfelt thanks to the members of my CTK family for your prayers, cards, encouraging words, and patience during my recovery from hand surgery in June. (It could be said I didn't do anything RIGHT all summer!) Special thanks go to: Carol Bearce, who did double duty until her own health concerns made it impossible for her to do so; Sheri Boos, Matthew Goodson, and Dawn Young and Yvonne Riske of the Chicklets, who graciously filled in when they were needed; members of the Outreach Committee for the lovely Sunshine Bag. If all goes as planned, by the time you read this, I should be only days away from returning to my post at the organ (not to mention the new piano!) to help lead the congregation's song. Soli Deo Gloria!

Louise Cruz



Many thanks to all who have prayed for me, sent cards, gave me rides, and shown concern over the past few weeks while I was ill. I especially want to thank Sheri Boos for filling in as pianist in my absence. Thank you all.

Carol Bearce

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6TH

We will have a display of candles in remembrance of those who have died in the last year on All Saints' Sunday. If you would like a candle added for someone who was NOT a member of Christ the King, but died in the past year, please call the church office before November 1st. We will also have votive candles available during the service for everyone to light remembering anyone who died.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Filling a box with gifts, love and prayer is an opportunity to share Christ with children worldwide. Each box can bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to a child in need of hope. To make this easy for everyone, a special shoe box and a brochure is available for you to pick up in the narthex. All you have to do is fill the box and return it to the narthex. Please prayerfully consider participating again in this worth-while project. If you have any questions, please call Mary Petermeier at (210) 244-3442.



We remember in prayer:

If you would like to include a prayer request in an upcoming bulletin, please contact the church office. Typically, a prayer request will be included for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.



THOSE WHO ARE DEPLOYED:

Randy Smith

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS:

Alfrieda Anderson	David Bartley
Darlene Christiansen	Sally Cooke
Melba Davis	Alma Geyer
Ernie Gohlke	Rosalie Laxton
Margaret Morgan	
Collin Matthew Baumann	Phyl Bethke
Daniel Bullock	Howard Carlson
Veronica Carlson	Amanda Chapa
Mary Dickey	Joe Dougherty
Maidie Ferrell	Carroll "Butch" Fries
Kelly Fuller	Jerry Gates
Lupe Godoy	Chris Gohlke
Janie Hoepken	Janice Jones
June Kerkow	Bill Kermavner
Steven Lee	Alice Massey
Savannah May	Darren McArdle
Ron Meyer	Jim Miller
Paul Miller	Yvonne Miller
Emily Morse	Erica Mowles
Michael Murphy	Dennis O'Donnell
Lou Paliani	Ben Sears
Janet Spears	Cheryl Starr
Sandra Theis	Blair Todd
Kyle Wagley	Kurt Weinelt
Claude Wherring	Travis Wilchar
Easton Zane Zunker	



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Raven Taylor	3
Sally Walters	3
Ann Faulkner	4
Laila Roehrig	5
Lola Roehrig	5
Ashley Vialpando	5
Russell Christiansen	9
Renee Wilfert	9
Alma Geyer	10
Darlene Christiansen	12
Gene Bielke	14
Lisa Carlson	14
LaVerne Lyons	15
Annette Gohlke	17
Kermit Theis	18
Anna Harman	19
David Bartley	20
Mary Donlea	26
Susan Hines	26
Mark Wilfert	26



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dale & Patsy Meyers	15
Tim & Sally Walters	15



NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the November 2016 newsletter are due **NO LATER THAN the 20th of October** and may be sent to Margaret Vogt at ctkadm@sbcglobal.net or brought to the church office.

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office no later than 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

RACAP PANTRY NEEDS

RACAP is in need of the following Pantry items: Boxed Meat Helpers, Canned Fruits, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tomato Products (paste, sauce, diced, etc.), Dry Beans (pinto, black-eyed peas, etc.), Bags of Rice, Shampoo, Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toiletry Items but **NO Toilet Paper**. We are in desperate need of **JELLY!**

SUNDAYS	LITURGIST	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	USHERS	OFFERING COUNTERS
October 2 8:00 AM	Kathy Staley	Sherry Bielke	Lisa Lopez Barbara Kovacich	Matthew Parrish	Gene & Sherry Bielke	Team 4	Glen Anderson Jill Schulz
	Mary Petermeier	Justin Craig	Dinah Ryson Joyce Lucas	Kaidon Mattison	Carl & Carolyn Taylor	Team 7	
October 9 8:00 AM	Rich Patterson	Cindy Patterson	Susan Abbey Robert Robeson	Enzo McClelland	Linda Dowda	Team 4	Leonard Geyer Cindy Hatzel
	Lana Marthijohni	Jan Rittiger	Desiree Alvarado Mary Petermeier	Alyssa Teteris	Mary Petermeier	Team 7	
October 16 8:00 AM	Lisa Lopez	Ana Ofsdahl	Joy Brown Linda Dowda	Margaret Vogt	Sally Walters	Patsy Meyers Cindy Bonaccorsi Erika Robeson Kathy Hanley	Susan Abbey Lisa Lopez
10:30 AM	Joyce Lucas	Susan Abbey	Bobbye Dorow Lana Marthijohni	Chloe Barden	DJ Schultz Joanne Swansiger	Marion Weishaar Joyce Nellermoe Dinah Ryson Leona Hietala	
October 23 8:00 AM	Kathy Staley	Leonard Geyer	Barbara Kovacich Susan Abbey	Cade Robbins	Ray & Lisa Lopez	Team 5	Thomas Hawkins Jay Shuler
	Logan Lane	Sheri Boos	Jan Rittiger Al Boos III	Avre Boos		Team 8	
October 30 8:00 AM	Rich Patterson	Glen Nordin	Robert Robeson Kathy Staley	Brandon Berisha	Don & Margaret Vogt	Team 1	Joy Brown Dinah Ryson
	Al Boos IV	Maggie Boos	Joyce Lucas Joy Brown	Sophia Alvarado Mackenzie Alvarado	DJ & Kent Schultz	Team 9	

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DATED MATERIAL

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Staff and Ministry Team Leaders

Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Michael Widner
Director of Youth Ministries / Parish Administrator	Mariesa Robbins
Administrative Assistant	Margaret Vogt
Organists	Carol Bearce & Louise Cruz
Choir Director	Sally Walters
Nursery	Ariana Berisha
Custodians	Reinaldo & Irene Diaz
Bookkeeper	Suzanne Schroeder
Financial Secretary	Leona Hietala
Treasurer	Dale Meyers

Church Council

President	Susan Abbey
Vice-President / Property, Building, & Grounds	Mike Roehrig
Secretary / Fellowship	Sherry Bielke
Education	Thomas & Carmen Hawkins
Evangelism	Kathy Hanley
Finance	Jay Shuler
Mutual Ministry	Rich Patterson
Outreach	Mary Petermeier
Worship	Stacy Heston

Ministry Team Leaders

Dominoes	Leona Hietala	Stewardship	Bill Maddox
Men's Group	Don Vogt	Women of the ELCA	Carol Bearce
Prime Time Lutherans	Leonard & Alma Geyer	Via de Cristo Reunion Group	Mary Petermeier/ Chris Markulin
Soulful Conversations	Don & Joyce Nellerhoe Joyce Lucas		