

# Tower Strike

In early June, the KNGN AM tower received a large dose of high-voltage electricity, most likely from a direct lightning hit. The voltage traveled down the tower and into the building, bypassing all safeguards and effectively rendering our transmitter inoperable.

In the world of radio, we are no stranger to the effects of severe weather and, most especially, lighting strikes. When you built a tall metal antenna and stand it way up in the air, it would be foolish not to anticipate lightning strikes. Therefore, every tower is built with lightning strikes in mind. The KNGN tower has three spark gaps situated in the line from the tower to the transmitter that, when voltage reaches a dangerous level, bleed-off excess electricity into the ground. These gaps work 99% of the time; but, in the case of a direct lightning strike, the voltage is simply too much to bleed and a high dose of unwanted voltage funnels itself into the transmitter, overloading electronics as it goes.

As of mid-June we were back on the air at full capacity. We are now trying to figure out how to cover the approximate cost of \$8,000 in expenses.

Before I get into the nuts and bolts, I need to establish the fact that we are a faith-based organization, operating under the direct provision of the Triune God. He provides for us all things in every need. And we know that this strike wasn't out of His control. We know, and firmly believe, that all our needs will be taken care of according to the will of our Lord. The numbers simply show either how He does it, or just how miraculous it is that everything came out fine in the end. We rely on Him for all of our wants and needs and know that He will provide all that is necessary for the furthering of His will. This lightning strike is no exception.

With that, here is where we are on the financial frontier. We filed an insurance claim that is currently pending. We are hoping the insurance will cover the bulk of the cost when the whole ordeal is all said and done. Our current deductible is \$1,000. This means no matter what, we are responsible for that amount. We don't know, however, just how much insurance will cover, as the claim hasn't been finalized. We, so far, have received a good deal of giving for the tower through the loving generosity of our supporters. That amount is hovering somewhere in the \$2,000 range right now.

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## Memorials

Ethel Bernard	Harlan Marlin
Eunice Bodeman	Marra McBee
Roger Calvin	Lloyd Nellor
Joni Clapp	Ron Nielsen
Eldon Earley	Don Polly
Beverly Fritz	Wayne Reiners
Edity Gloy	Lucille Solko
Harvey & Ramona Hofman	Blanche Weider

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June 18	Peace McCook
June 23	Tom & Charlene <b>Alberson</b>
June 29	Dennis & Donna Gockley
June 30	Gene & Karen Meints
July 1-2	St. John's Ash Creek
July 3-4	St. Paul's Wauneta
Sept. 22	Rudy & Judith Evers
Dec. 23	Ron & Connie Barger
Apr. 15, '15	St. Paul's LWML Wauneta
xxx	Jim Reiners

## Financial Information

YTD Givings:	\$ 12,432.00
YTD Expenses:	22,632.00
Balance:	- 10,200.45

## THE WATER PROBLEM

Because of KNGN's location, our water source needs to be tested. The results indicate a highly-corrosive, non-potable water source. This causes several problems. First, we can't drink the water; therefore, we have to purchase all of our drinking water by the gallon. This incurs a higher weekly expense just so we can drink when we're thirsty. Second, because of the highly-corrosive nature of the water, it does a hefty deal of damage to the plumbing and fixtures. This corrosiveness significantly reduces the life and function of our toilets, sinks and even our pipes.

As the years move on, it is becoming more and more evident that we need to find a better solution than we are currently using.

Initially, we figured that we needed to simply drill a new well connecting us to a better water supply. As we've conversed with well-drillers around the area and with local water-treatment professionals, it has been resolved that the water we have is the water we get. It's highly risky to drill all around hoping for better water. Because of where we're situated and due to our small plot of land, drilling a new well will probably render the same water yet again, making it a waste of time and money.

But, in these conversations, it was indicated to us that we simply need to treat the water that we already have. Our well is in great shape (after last year's repair) and in no danger of collapse or running dry. And, because of the break last year, it has new casing, wiring, and plumbing. The only issue now is the water quality.

And so, the solution that we are currently working toward is a two-prong effort. To remedy the drinking water situation, we are quoting reverse osmosis systems, and to deal with the corrosive nature of the water, we are quoting a water softener installation. Right now, the cost is most likely going to be a monthly rental fee of approximately \$70 each month.

Associated with this project, but not nearly as urgent, is the need to replace the existing well equipment and pressure tank, and move them to a new well pit. The current equipment is housed in the old schoolhouse, and will need to be moved to a different location.

If you would like to help fund these projects, please feel free to help us out! All you need to do is send a donation with a note indicating that you wish to help fund the water treatment renovations. Again, all donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated!

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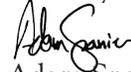
Beyond the current giving and insurance coverage, we have a donor that is willing cover costs beyond \$6,500. Once we know for sure just how much the insurance company is going to pay out, we will know better how much more we will need. However, as of right now, we are sitting at zero from insurance and bills are due. Any help is very much appreciated!

If you would like to hold a fundraiser at your church to help benefit the KNGN Tower, we would appreciate it more that we can express. Whether it be a dinner, free-will offering or individual donations, every bit helps! I am also available to provide more information at any time about the status of the fundraising and cost. Just give me a call at 800-710-1360.

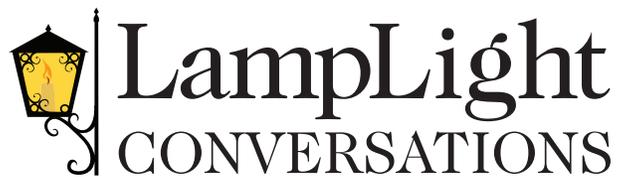
Again, we know and acknowledge that our God provides for us in every need. As we are a ministry operating in the spreading of the Good News of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we know that everything that happens to us is, indeed, for the best of those who believe. We also know that he provides through the generosity and love of his body, the church, and we pray that you would consider helping us out. As always, we never want you to go beyond your means, but help is needed!

If you can't give financially, continue to be in prayer for KNGN and our radio ministry! And don't forget about us. Tell everyone you know who and what we are so that we can continue to grow in our mission in spreading the glorious Word of God to all the nations.

Thank you so much and God Bless,



Adam Spanier, KNGN Station Manager



**airing Tuesdays @ 9am,**

**Thursdays @ 5pm, Saturdays @ 9am**

**and Sundays @ 9am**

# KNGN Share-a-Thon Recap

The 2014 Share-a-Thon was an incredible event! With more interviews than we've ever had before (well over 20 interviews), a broad worldwide listenership, and incredible giving, the Share-a-Thon was an incredible blessing for us at KNGN.

For those who don't know, Share-a-thon is an annual fundraiser for KNGN Radio's operating expenses. Its main function is to raise funds and awareness for KNGN and its continuing mission. Since it is our primary yearly source of income, it's quite an important piece of the puzzle as we operate day-to-day here at KNGN.

With that in mind, the amount of donations that comes in through Share-a-Thon also plays a factor in what we can and can't do as we plan for the future of KNGN. If giving and support is awesome during Share-a-Thon, it helps us see that we can grow and expand in the coming year. Since it's also packed with public engagement, it also helps us get a feel of what our listeners and supporters are needing from us as a ministry.

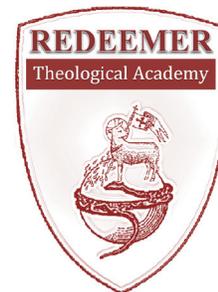
When we look at Share-a-Thon, the financial outcome is important to us. However, it's not the only factor that shows whether the event was a success or not. As the economy has turned down, and as the world goes from bad to worse, giving tends to follow the pattern. In times of lean, the giving changes from finances to activity. And we can see by activity and support whether we had a great Share-a-Thon, or whether we need to do more for the next year.

The results of the year, financially, stand at \$19,623.13, just a pinch shy of the \$20,000 mark. This is an incredible amount and we are thankful for every cent! However, it's important to note that our annual budget now stands at a bit over \$100,000. In a day and age where most radio ministries and radio stations operate on half-million to million dollar budgets, we are glad we can streamline our operation to keep it within the giving abilities of our supporters. But, it also shows that Share-a-Thon is just a piece of the pie, not the whole thing.

With that said, we need to encourage you to continue helping KNGN's operating expenses! Just because Share-a-Thon is over, doesn't mean we don't need help anymore. We operate on a tight budget, and we do our best to keep costs down, as we acknowledge that whatever is given is not ours, but our Lord's. And so, we strive to best use the funds we are given to further the Kingdom with the most impact possible. But, since our budget is lower, each dollar counts more! We need you to continue helping us out in our mission.

For all who donated to the Share-a-thon this year, thank you so much! We appreciate your support and help so much, as we endeavor forward in the expansion of the Kingdom.

 **LampLight**  
CONVERSATIONS



*steadfast*  
**throw  
down**



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# KNGN Radio Program Guide (All times CST. Program times change monthly.)

## Weekdays (MTWThF)

7:00 A	News/Music
7:30 A	Music
8:00 A	Morning Worship
8:30 A	Music
9:00 A	MWTh: Truths that Transform T: Lamplight Conversations (60 minutes) F: Adventures in Odyssey
9:30 A	MWThF: Focus on the Family
10:00 A	The Bible Study
10:30 A	
11:00 A	M: Steadfast Throwdown (60 minutes) TF: Cross Encounters / Music W: Family Shield Th: Table Talk Radio (60 minutes)
11:30 A	TF: Straight Answers W: Table Talk
12:00 P	News at Noon
12:30 P	Announcements / Music
1:00 P	Music
1:30 P	MoneyWise
2:00 P	Revive Our Hearts
2:30 P	Family Talk
3:00 P	Issues, etc.
3:30 P	
4:00 P	Issues, etc.
4:30 P	
5:00 P	MTWTF: Adventures in Odyssey Th: Lamplight Conversations (60 minutes) MTF: Table Talk W: Focus on the Family
6:00 P	MWTh: Daily Devotions/Cross Encounters T: Table Talk Radio (60 minutes) F: Steadfast Throwdown (60 minutes)
6:30 P	MWTh: Straight Answers
7:00 P	Focus on the Family
7:30 P	Music

## Saturday

7:00 A	Adventures in Odyssey
7:30 A	Kids' Corner
8:00 A	Paws & Tales
8:30 A	Adventures in Odyssey
9:00 A	Jonathan Park
9:30 A	The Pond
10:00 A	Lamplight Conversations
10:30 A	
11:00 A	Steadfast Throwdown
11:30 A	
12:00 P	Table Talk Radio
12:30 P	
1:00 P	White Horse Inn
1:30 P	Wrestling with the Basics
2:00 P	Redeemer Theological Academy
2:30 P	Parenting Today's Teens
3:00 P	Countdown Magazine
3:30 P	
4:00 P	Countdown Magazine
4:30 P	
5:00 P	Homecoming Radio
5:30 P	
6:00 P	Issues in Education
6:30 P	The Pond
7:00 P	Paws & Tales
7:30 P	Kids' Corner

## Sunday

7:00 A	Christian Working Woman / Science, Scripture & Salvation
7:30 A	The Lutheran Hour
8:00 A	Sing for Joy
8:30 A	Hour of Hope
9:00 A	Lamplight Conversations
9:30 A	
10:00 A	Face to Face
10:30 A	Peace Lutheran Service
11:00 A	Table Talk Radio
11:30 A	
12:00 P	News / Afterglow
12:30 P	The Lutheran Hour
1:00 P	Radical Grace
1:30 P	
2:00 P	Table Talk
2:30 P	Truths that Transform
3:00 P	Higher Things Radio
3:30 P	
4:00 P	Steadfast Throwdown
4:30 P	
5:00 P	The Lutheran Hour
5:30 P	White Horse Inn
6:00 P	Radical Grace
6:30 P	
7:00 P	Table Talk
7:30 P	Science, Scripture & Salvation / Face to Face

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