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THE KING'S FINGER (ON BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD)

Planning is crucial. You could call it living with purpose. In all the parts of our lives, from the commute to the grocery store to the beach to the retirement party, and all the points in between, planning is needed. Like it says in *Matthew 7:24-27*, the wise build their house on the rock, not the sand. We really are like this. We stick hard to instructional stories from the Bible like *Luke 14:28-32* ***"which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"*** We are pretty good at this. We stick to this part, cling to "planning" and "preparation" as if those will save us, and don't leave room for God to change the plan.

The beginning of a new year is a good time to set some goals for the coming year. We call them resolutions. I even have a couple of friends who maintain "life lists." Like global "to-do" lists they set goals and make plans for the year based on their "life list." If for no other reason than being good stewards of the things that God has blessed us with, planning is important. BUT... (pause for the effect of the big but) God's plan is usually different than our plan. God's plan usually includes things that make us nervous and uncomfortable, and we hate to be uncomfortable. God doesn't need us to formulate an academically convincing position from which we can defend our faith. God simply wants us to trust. ***"So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words"*** (from *Luke 21:12-15*). God wants us to use our heads, but not at the expense of following faithfully. Our planning can also cause the kind of busyness that leaves no time for reflection. When we become so consumed with filling our days and minutes with productivity, we lose sight of the "still small voice" that speaks to us. God wants us to be good stewards, but God also wants our undivided attention. In Psalm 46 God says, ***"be still and know that I am God."*** (*Psalms 46:10*). God is God, and we are not. With our planning and our many activities we seldom take time to be still and listen for God's voice.

During the post-Christmas season, in the midst of mid-winter travel plans, and at the beginning of a new calendar, may we resolve ourselves to plan purposefully, and pause often, to be still, and to listen for the voice that calls us to follow.

Peace in all places,<><
Pastor Jeff



"Be still and know that I am God."

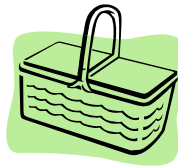
Psalms 46:10



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

DON'T MISS IT!

Sunday, January 29, 2006,
following the worship
service



ANNUAL FOOD AND GIFT

BASKETS PROVIDE SUPPORT

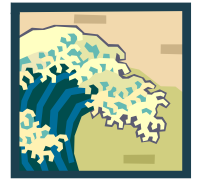
Our **ANNUAL FOOD & GIFT BASKET** Ministry provided 56 families with food and gifts for their children. We thank you for your generous support in this very important ministry. The following is a letter of thanks received from one of the recipients of a Christmas Food Box:

"To all at your church, Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. Your gifts are truly appreciated. To all have a wonderful and a very merry Christmas. Take care,"

The Brown Family:

*Charles, Kimberly, Wesley,
Abigail and Elijah.*

Thank you, Marge Papke, for all of the work you do and time you spend coordinating, organizing, shopping and preparing in order to make this ministry happen!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HELPS TSUNAMI VICTIMS

Did you know that Lutheran World Relief efforts in response to the Asian Tsunami resulted in the following:

- ✝ Distributed 148,197 relief packets
- ✝ Constructed 1,425 temporary houses
- ✝ Provided health care for 45,051 patients
- ✝ Helped restore livelihoods for 14,766 fishing families
- ✝ Distributed 431 fishing boats to over 2,000 families.

Thank you for your generous donations. Your Stewardship Helped!



ALTER GUILD NEEDS

MEMBERS

The Altar Guild is looking for people interested in serving the congregation by being involved in setting up for communion and taking care of the linens and robes. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Dora Birkeland, 503-625-60603 or Leanne Klein,

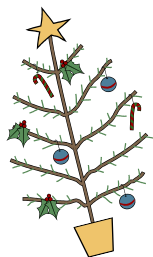
ELCA DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL



Recently, the worship and music committee coordinated an auction and brunch for the benefit of the ELCA Disaster Relief fund. Many of you were there and know that it was a very fun event and a tremendous success financially. We raised over \$3,500 and were matched with \$3000 more from a wonderful CTK family leading to a contribution of over \$6500.

Thank you to all of you who donated items, bought them, helped to pull the auction together and cleaned up afterwards. It was a very painless way to raise funds, yet yielded so much. Thank you again.

The Worship and Music Committee



HELP NEEDED

Help is needed on Sunday, Jan. 8, following the worship service, to take down and box up all the beautiful Christmas decorations. Plan to stay after the service that day to



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Good Neighbor Center is sponsoring an After School Program at CTK. This program will run Mon.-Fri. from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to staff the program; approximately 3-4 volunteers will be needed daily. We are hoping to begin the program five days a week on January 3, 2006 when school resumes.



If you are interested in volunteering, please obtain an application from Pastor Jeff.

SIGN-UP TO BRING FLOWERS

A flower chart is available on the kiosk for you to sign-up for altar flowers given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special event. Flowers are a \$35 donation. If you have any questions, call Leann Klein, 503-692-7997.



NOTICE TO COMMITTEE LEADERS

help out!



**PASTOR JEFF, LINDA
AND CRAIG WOULD
LIKE TO WISH YOU
AND YOUR FAMILIES A
BLESSED NEW YEAR!**



BRIDGE MINISTRY

The purpose of the bridge ministry is to cover the CTK youth with prayer and encourage relationships between youth and non-youth. Saying "yes" to this ministry means making a commitment to pray daily for a youth of our congregation.

For more information or to sign up see Patti Risdal or Pastor Jeff. If you are currently involved, let Patti know if you would like to continue. Together, we are building bridges between believers.



OREGON SYNOD GLOBAL MISSION EVENT PLANNED

All are welcome to attend the Global Mission Event, "Sent by God's Grace for the sake of the World", Saturday, January 28, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, Newport, Oregon. This event is for everyone, all ages, to encourage awareness of what it means to live as people whom God has claimed, gathered and sent for service in the world. Hear mission stories, learn global songs, shop in the Fair Trade Market. Nursery care is provided (up to age 4) and lunch will be served.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN PEACEMAKING



A regional workshop to extend the impact of peacemaking in the real world, from violence to wholeness, and Equipping for Peacemaking process of the ELCA will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, Newport, Oregon, February 17-18. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the best in peace leadership. You can register online at www.atonementlutheran.com or call 541-265-2554. We also have registration forms

LIBRARY NEWS



Twenty eight new bright and beautiful pictures books have been added to our library. We are pleased that these books are already being checked out and used. In addition, the preschool will begin their weekly check-outs in January. Besides being chosen for cheery illustrations and lively texts, picture books selected for our library can be used to positively instruct children of Christian values, character traits, and to illustrate God's love.

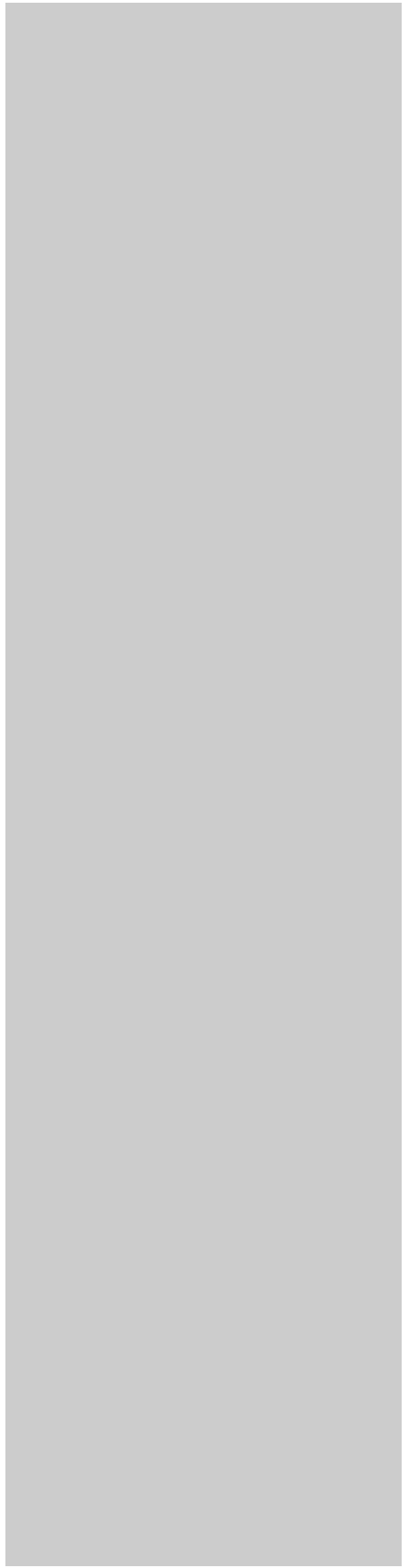
I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem by Jamie Lee Curtis, I Like Me! By Nancy Carlson, On the Day You Were Born by Debra Frasier, and God Believes in You by Holly Bea promote self-esteem in little people.

Books that foster caring and friendship include I'm Sorry by Sam McBratney, That's What Friends Are For by Valeri Gorbachev, and That's What Friends Do by Kathryn Cave.

Brave, Brave Mouse by Michaela Morgan gives gentle encouragement to stand up to pressure from friends.

Odd Velvet by Mary Whitcomb and Stellaluna by Janell Cannon promote appreciation of differences. Stellaluna also offers many facts about bats for budding scientists.

We welcome the requests given to us for additions to the library. You can find the forms





- 2 Karen Larsen
- 2 Steven Larsen
- 3 Maynard Holter
- 6 Joy Cunningham
- 7 Katie Leon
- 7 Erin Rieke
- 9 Clyde Sloan
- 9 Christine Heikens
- 15 Jacob Stollberg
- 15 Annika Stollberg
- 16 Valerie Briggs
- 16 Cindi Peterson
- 16 Avis Brustuen
- 17 Craig Lhotka
- 18 Tim Larsen
- 19 Elijah Kruger
- 20 Jeanne Durbetaki
- 20 Mark Henninger
- 22 Craig Jones
- 23 Andie Andeen
- 24 Carolyn Snow
- 27 Amanda Cunningham
- 30 Greg Conrad



- 1 Fred & Kris Field-Eaton
- 5 Stephen & Marion Dahl
- 26 Victor & Molly Trejo
- 31 Al & Ingrid Meyer

CTK OFFICE HOURS:
Monday—Friday
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
10:00 am Wed. each week

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
Sunday, January 22

Special Note: If you have any photos relating to newsletter articles, please submit them for inclusion in the newsletter. Photos can be digital or printed and will be returned, if needed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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SYMPATHY



We want to extend our sympathy to **Jan Aamodt** and family on the death of her brother, **John Allstead**, and to **Ken & Alice Nilsson** on the death of their granddaughter, **Lauren Forkner**.

Please keep both these families in your prayers and may they feel comfort and peace at this time of loss.



A special thank you needs to be said to the **choir, youth and Sunday School teachers and children** for their wonderful Christmas programs. Much work goes into these presentations and we appreciate their willingness to take time to practice and present these programs to us for our enjoyment. We also want to thank the committees and those who provided soup for the Advent dinners.

TRANSFERS



The following have transferred their membership from CTK:

Bob & Gerry Grover to St. James Lutheran Church, Portland, OR.

Nancy Pettit to Christ the Vine Lutheran Church, Clackamas, OR.

We pray God's blessings to them in their new church home.



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10:00 AM Worship
8:45 Sunday School & Adult Ed.
Nursery Provided

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church is to:

WELCOME

All people with God's unconditional love

CELEBRATE

Jesus Christ and each other

GROW

In faith through the Holy Spirit

SERVE

Human and community needs

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