

THE CROWN ICLE

A Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church

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

Living a life of faith is not easy. Many people seem to think that living a life of faith should be easier than not, but they are mistaken. Many people even live lives of faith for many years and are surprised when they discover that their lives are not made easier because of their faith, but clearly they are not. The more we live a life of faith, the more we discover that there is real work to do, real expectations, real boundaries, and real consequences. And, even further, the more we read scripture the more we discover these things too. When we discover these realities we often respond in the same way our children respond to reaching the boundaries in their lives (as a new middle school parent I am discovering this all too well). We formulate questions that are complicated and complex, and believe that if the authorities are unable to answer our complicated question, which leads to no real answers, then how can they enforce the rules on something so simplistic as curfew? We believe that, if we are able to muddy the water, make every issue complicated, and add confusion rather than clarity, then we are far more able to do what we want without attracting attention, judgment or consequences. Or so we think.

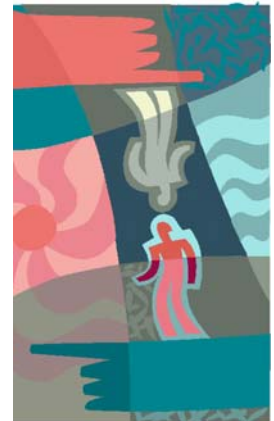
Here's another way of looking at it. When we start out, we are in good shape looking at John 3:16. This is easy, I can handle this. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."** And that is fine for a while, we can live with that, "eternal life" – good, "perish" – bad. Then as we read on, and as our life of faith continues, we find John 3:36 (note: the very same chapter) **"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath."** Here we have two choices. 1) We can focus on the first part, because that is what our life of faith is about, and not have to worry about the second part. OR 2) We can react defensively and start acting out our discomfort at the idea that we might be held accountable and have to face consequences for our actions.

Usually we choose the second, and we freak out! We come up with questions like *"Who wrote this, and how do we know we can trust him anyway?"* And we come up with arguments like *"If God is such a loving God he can't also be an angry God, because 'wrath' and 'anger' are the same thing!"* We struggle. But struggle as we may, the basics stay the same. God made us, God loves us, God sent Jesus to show us this love, and we can turn away and reject God's love. If we turn away, we live outside of a relationship with God and the consequences of living our life that way are eternal.

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2 Timothy 4:3-4

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While this may not be the most up-beat message you've ever heard from me, it may help us to talk about some of our struggles in the world. Asking questions is not a bad thing, and even struggling in our faith is not a bad thing, but we need to keep our bearing and stay grounded. Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy warns us ***"For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths."*** (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Paul's invitation here, I think, is to struggle and test each other, and even our teachers, using scripture as our guide. And, when we focus on the first part, what our life of faith is about, then we don't have to worry about the second part.

Peace in all places,<><

Pastor Jeff



LENT SOUP LUNCH

AND SUPPER PLANNED

During Lent, each Wednesday following the 11 am service (noon) and preceding the 7 pm evening service (6 pm), we will have Lent Soup Lunch or Supper. This is a time for fellowship and sharing. You are invited to share your favorite soup recipe by volunteering to bring your specialty to an upcoming Lent Soup Lunch or Supper beginning the Wednesday following Ash Wednesday on March 8, 2006.

Each Lent Soup Supper will be hosted by one of CTK's committees, with Altar Guild hosting the first Supper on the March 8th. Other committees will be identified shortly. Lent Soup Lunches are sponsored by individuals.

If you don't have time to cook prior to coming to the service, there are other opportunities to volunteer such as bringing bread or after meal treats. We are looking for approximately 4 volunteers to bring soup and 3-4 to bring bread and sweets each Wednesday evening. For lunches we are looking for 1-2 volunteers to bring soup and such.

If you would like to share your cooking talents, please contact one of the Committee members for that Wednesday night, or check the Kiosk for the signup sheet for the Wednesday that fits your schedule.

Thank you, and we're looking forward to seeing you Wednesdays, either for the 11 am service with lunch following or for the 6:00 pm Lent Soup Supper followed by 7:00 pm service.

SOUP LUNCH/ BAKE SALE PLANNED



On Sunday, February 12, following the worship service a Soup Lunch/Bake Sale to benefit Lutheran World Relief Quilts will be held in Haven Hall. We need volunteers to bake their favorite recipes (cookies, cakes, pies, breads) and donate them to be sold during the lunch with proceeds to benefit LWR. A Silent Quilt Auction will also be held to support CTK's quilting group.



PRESCHOOL WILL HOST OPEN HOUSE

CTK Preschool Open House for 2006-2007 school year will be Saturday, February 4, 10 am – 12:00 pm in the preschool room. Church members can enroll their children the week before the Open House by contacting Cathy McLean or calling the church office to get registration forms. All church members and prospective students are invited to the Open House.



CHILDREN CELEBRATE FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, January 22, 2006, we welcomed to the Lord's Table the following children: Adam Klein, Samuel Meier, Jacob & Annika Stollberg and Sarah & Hannah Peterson. We celebrate with them as they received their First Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



OFFERINGS HELP THOSE IN NEED

Since September the Sunday School kids have collected \$95.81 to be donated to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund for the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Now they are collecting for a local charity, to be determined, to help people whose homes have been flooded with the saturating rains we have had. Again, our kids are wonderful and so tuned in to the communities needs!! Please continue to support our Sunday School children and let them know how great they are!



**The CTK Kids will
be singing in
church on February
5th.**

CAMP



LUTHERWOOD EVENTS SLATED

February 10-12, please join us for our first ever Couple's Retreat. Pastor Mark Beatty, our guest speaker for the weekend, will be leading us in discussions about how our relationships with each other can help our relationship with God.

Spend the weekend relaxing as a couple in our beautiful setting and enjoy the chance for local wine tasting, a visit to the Oregon Coast, hiking in the mountains, and just some time to be together. The weekend starts 7 pm Friday night and ends around noon Sunday morning. Cost is \$100 per couple. To register call our office at 541-998-6444 or send in an application from our brochure, a packing list and information about housing will be sent to you after we receive your registration.

March 3-5, MS and HS Youth can join us for our 30 Hour Famine. We will be partnering with Lutheran World Relief, India Partners, and Food for Lane County as we learn about hunger in our communities, our country, and our world, and then do something about it. We'll fast from noon Friday until 6 pm Saturday, ending with a celebration feast. Cost is \$30 for one night, \$40 for two. To register, please call our office at 541-998-6444 or send in an application from our brochure. We hope to see you there!

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TRANSFERS

The following have transferred their membership from CTK:

- Clyde Sloan** transferred to Prince of Peace Lutheran church, Portland, Or.
- Brian Liebenstein** transferred to First Lutheran Church, St. Helens, Or.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
10:00 am Wed. each week

MARCH NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
Sunday, February 19

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.



The following are letters and cards of thanks to CTK:

To the Congregation at Christ the King:

Thank you from the girls at Al-sea Good Shepherd Group Home for the movie, movie gift certificates and tasty McDonalds gift cards. They really had fun going out to eat and to the movies. They had a great Christmas!

Julia Hernandez, Program Manager and Suzann, Cheri, Janice, Brenda and Virginia

Dear Pastor Kallevig and other Friends,

On behalf of the faculty, students, staff and leaders of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, we are sincerely grateful for your gift of \$1,000 in support of Travis Larsen. It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we receive your gift.

It is a "new day" at PLTS as we gather our resources to grow into our future. Being a young and vibrant ELCA seminary in the West, we are encouraged by the support of donors like you who strengthen our ministry of educating church leaders for our world.

We encourage your prayers and invite your continued commitment to PLTS in 2006!

Grace and Peace,
the Rev. Jack Niemi, V.P. for Development

Holiday Food Baskets Appreciated:

Thank you for your generous support sponsoring families in need this past holiday season. You were one of the vital sponsors that Oregon Food Bank Holiday Basket Program matched with low-income families in Washington County.

With the support of community partners like you, we matched sponsors to a total of 6,750 families.

Best Wishes for the New Year,
Denise Russell, Manager,
Oregon Food Bank, Washington County Services



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SUNDAY SERVICES

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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